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U.S. Army photo The Army is conducting an online survey

through May 24 to gather feedback about life in privatized RCI housing.

Army to conduct survey gauging resident satisfaction with privatized housing

By Assistant Chief of Staff for **Installation Management**

WASHINGTON - The Army is conducting a Residential Communities Initiative resident satisfaction survey through May 24 to gather feedback about life in privatized housing.

An online survey link was emailed April 23 to more than 80,000 residents living in privatized family and unaccompanied housing at 49 locations. Completing the survey takes about 10 minutes. Residents have 30 days to complete the survey.

Army family and unaccompanied housing residents can rate their satisfaction with services, property and the overall housing experience through the online survey. Feedback plays an important role in helping the Army maintain a high quality of life for Soldiers and families.

Privatized housing locations include Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Camp Parks, California; Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; Fort Carson, Colorado; Fort Detrick, Maryland; Fort Drum, New York; Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia; Fort Gordon, Georgia; Fort Greely, Alaska; Fort Hamilton, New York; U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Huachuca, Arizona; Hunter Army Airfield, Geoi gia; Fort Irwin, California; Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Fort Lee, Virginia; Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington; Fort Meade, Maryland; Moffett Federal Field, Camp Parks, Presidio of Monterey and Naval Postgraduate School, California; Picatinny Arsenal, Maryland; Fort Polk, Louisiana; Redstone Arsenal, Alabama; Fort Riley, Kansas; Fort Rucker, Alabama; Joint Base San Antonio-Sam Houston, Texas; Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Fort Stewart, Georgia; Joint Base Little Creek-Fort Story. Virginia; Fort Wainwright, Alaska; Walter Reed National Medical Center. Maryland; West Point, New York; White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico; and Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona.

Army housing officials expect to announce survey results by July. Survey results will guide the decisions the Army makes today about future housing and will affect generations of Soldiers and

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A Soldier with Company C, 1st Bn., 37th Arm. Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st AD, conducts a security detail during an assault on a mock village, April 8 at Orogrande, N.M. "When I first meet with a new Soldier, I give them an initial counseling where I explain to them what I will expect from them," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Sylvester, squad leader for Company C. "I have a 'new guy' packet which contains materials that they will have to know and comprehend. And on each day they are here, we'll test their knowledge on it. Just to see where they are at, knowledge-wise, and to determine where I will place them on the team." For more images of these new infantry Soldiers kicking down doors on the Fort Bliss Training Complex as they worked on individual and team Soldiering skills, turn to page 3A.

Keeping up the fight

WBAMC cancer facilities mark 65 years of accreditation with advancements, innovation

By Marcy Sanchez

William Beaumont Army Medical Center Public Affairs

Over a half century of experience in providing cancer care is evident today at William Beaumont Army Medical Center.

Since 1954 WBAMC has maintained its accreditation as a Commission on Cancer program, through the American College of Surgeons, the longest running cancer program of its type in the Department of Defense and the

'We have a full complement of highlytrained staff, offering expertise in various specialties of cancer care," said Maj. Daniel Nelson, surgical oncologist and director of the Commission on Cancer at WBAMC. "We can provide the full spectrum of care to our beneficiaries. We have every resource that could be expected at most major cancer centers."

According to the ACS, the Commission on Cancer program recognizes cancer care programs for their commitment to providing comprehensive, high-quality, and multidisciplinary patient centered care.



Marcy Sanchez / WBAMC PA

Maj. Daniel Nelson, surgical oncologist and director of the Commission on Cancer program at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, instructs medical residents during a bilateral mastectomy at WBAMC

"We want to be better than the standard, we want to make sure we are doing everything that the commission has asked us to do, and then elevate our program to the next level," said Deborah Pinedo, supervisor, Cancer Reg-

Annually, approximately 300 patients receive care for cancer at WBAMC, with procedures at the Military Treatment Facility ranging from major complex surgical operations to state-of-the-art minimally invasive and inter-

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Soldiers conduct unique airlift prior to Bayonet Focus

By Sara Morris and Maj. Joseph Siemandel Washington National Guard

CAMP MURRAY, Wash. - Standing behind the massive tail wing of the Boeing C-17 Globemaster III, Command Sgt. Maj. Alfonso Cadena could only say one thing.

"If I had to do it all over again, I would think about the Air Force -- this is impressive," said Cadena, a 37-year Army veteran



Maj. Joseph Siemandel / Washington National Guard A Stryker Fighting Vehicle from 3rd Battalion, 161st Infantry Regiment is loaded into a C-17 Globemaster III, operated by the 62nd Airlift Wing, at Gray Army Airfield, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., April 4.

and command sergeant major of the Washington National Guard's 81st Stryker Brigade Combat Team. "Flying places seems much easier."

Cadena and leadership from 3rd Battalion, 161st Infantry Regiment took time April 4 to observe as Stryker Fighting Vehicles from Attack Company were loaded into the massive plane on Joint Base Lewis-McChord before departing for Grant County Airport, in Moses Lake, Wash., en route to the battalion's weeklong training exercise at the Yakima Training Center.

"We are constantly challenging the status quo and looking for new and exciting opportunities that exist within our state," said Capt. Jeremy Catob, commander for Attack Company. "Driving Strykers or prepositioning them and using buses for transit is what everyone else does. The Dark Rifles and Attack Company are constantly striving to separate ourselves and demonstrate our capability for greatness."

Catob and company 1st Sgt. Tim Englund came up with the idea, and both gave a lot of credit to their battalion commander, Lt. Col. Matt James, for getting the idea off the

"Lieutenant colonel James is the type of leader that challenges us not to accept 'no' for an answer and never allow frustration to reach apathy," said Catob. "I left that conversation and started leveraging contacts, existing relationships, making calls and sending emails."

Once they found the right contacts, they began putting the plan together. However, the Soldiers of the company didn't buy in right away to the command team's plan.

"There were mixed reactions when we first pitched this mission to the company," said Catob. "Once our Soldiers drove their Strykers to Gray Army Airfield though, they showed their excitement."

Loading the nearly 19-ton, 22-foot long Strykers though was just the start; getting two in the aircraft, strapped down safely for takeoff and landing took work and a lot of expertise. Crew members from the 62nd Airlift Wing from nearby McChord Field provided expertise as they showed the infantrymen the right way to secure the load.

"The Air Force crew was exceptional in this process and allowed our Soldiers handson training to chain down the Strykers on the aircraft," said Catob.

Catob said even though it was a lot of work he believes the experience was well worth the process.

"We were learning every step along the way -- through personnel requirements to producing actual products to move equipment this way," said Catob. "I listened to my Soldiers tell me their stories with excitement, which tells me that it wasn't a waste of their time and added to the week of training."

Once on the ground and unloaded, Attack Company Soldiers joined the rest of the battalion for a weeklong training exercise, leading up to the 81st SBCT's Exportable Combat Training Capability (xCTC) rotation in June at the training center.

The battalion was able to qualify Stryker crews firing from the vehicle and squads on a dismounted infantry live-fire exercise. This familiarization will be put to the test during the xCTC, Bayonet Focus.

During Bayonet Focus, the platoons will conduct a live-fire exercise that integrates the infantry squads with the Stryker vehicles, mortars, snipers and medics where together they assault an enemy objective, both day and night, firing live rounds from all weapons systems.

"To conduct the platoon live-fire exercise at bayonet focus, squads and Stryker crews had to certify or qualify at their level," said Maj. Nick Stuart, 3rd Battalion, 161st Infantry Regiment's operations officer. "We build live-fire proficiency starting with the smaller pieces (teams or squads) and once they demonstrate proficiency, integrate them into larger formations (platoons, companies and so on) to build into larger scale collective live fire."

All rifle squads and 95 percent of the Stryker crews were able to qualify on their platform. The Stryker crews had to deal with high winds and bad weather, and they will get the chance to qualify in June before the start of Bayonet Focus.

Stuart observed tremendous growth in the capabilities and confidence of the Soldiers

"The biggest challenge is often just building the cohesion one weekend a month," Stuart said. Conducting a six-day 'drill' allowed for our Soldiers to not only train but develop that cohesion at all echelons. We are postured well to attack the platoon and company operations at bayonet focus."

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housing experience," said Lt. Gen. Gwen Bingham, the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management. "Feedback concerning your experience is very important to us. The information residents provide annually continues to guide the Army and RCI companies in future improvements to our privatized housing facilities and services, thus providing a better quality of life for all residents and families.'

The Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, the sponsor of the survey, provides program oversight and expertise for services and installation infrastructure to enable Total Army readi-

Privatized housing residents who do not receive the survey notice email should contact their local housing offices. CEL and Associates is the company conducting the resident satisfaction survey for privatized residential communities across Army

Using the Congressional Military Housing Privatization Initiatives Authorities of 1996, the Residential Communities Initiative was established as the Army's publicprivate venture to privatize housing on Army installations. Privatized housing comprises 98 percent of the Army's Family housing inventory in the United States.

Fort Carson was the first installation to convert to privatized housing in November 1999.

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ventional techniques. But these professionals don't strictly rely on current capabilities as they are constantly performing research, looking for new trial opportunities and implementing the latest technological advancements into plans of care.

The hospital is capable of managing care for patients diagnosed with everything from breast cancer and colon cancer, to more complex cases such as pancreatic and liver cancers, even soft tissue sarcomas and other rare tumors can be treated at the MTF, according to Nelson.

The unique relationship with the El Paso VA Healthcare System provides an assortment of cases not normally found in younger, active-duty beneficiaries. This wide array of pathology and complexity of cases seen at WBAMC goes a long way to benefit the readiness of surgical residents.

"It is a tremendous honor to care for service members, their dependents and retirees. Thankfully, we don't see a lot of cancer in active duty Soldiers. Generally, cancer is a disease of the elderly. Having the opportunity to care for VA beneficiaries is definitely a strength, not only for my own professional growth and that of our (surgical) residents in training, but also creates the opportunity for these patients to receive excellent care close to home" said Nelson. "We have a full complement of medical oncologists, we have a great relationship with the community, (a local area) medical director is on our Commission on Cancer committee here and participates in our weekly tumor boards, so it's really a collaboration not only between WBAMC as an institution but as a community across El Paso."

Recently, surgeons at WBAMC introduced new capabilities as part of cancer care including robotic-assisted minimally-invasive surgery, state-of-the-art imagery systems, and even new minimally-invasive outpatient radiation treatments such as yttrium-90, more commonly known as Y-90.

As a testament to the program's commitment to top care, Nelson, who completed surgical oncology fellowship training at the John Wayne Cancer Institute in California, is the only board-certified surgical oncologist



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Maj. Daniel Nelson, surgical oncologist and director of the Commission on Cancer program at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, and Deborah Pinedo, supervisor, Cancer Registry, WBAMC, lead the right on cancer at WBAMC and consistently research and present cutting-edge procedures as the ion gest continuously-accredited cancer facility in the Department of Defense.

in El Paso. While there are other board-certified general surgery and medical oncology providers in the area, Nelson has the distinct honor of being the first to become boardcertified in the surgical oncology specialty. Furthermore, local hospitals pursuing Commission on Cancer accreditation seek out Pinedo due to her expertise in the accreditation process and the program overall.

Outside the hospital, staff participate in medical conferences to include medical and research presentations to help advance their respective fields.

"Not only are we treating patients to the best of evidenced-based guidelines, but we're also doing research to answer unknown questions and to continue improving care," said Nelson.

Additionally, Cancer Registry staff aim to raise awareness through monthly events, participation in local awareness events and have even incorporated pre-intake distress screening tools to help identify patients who may benefit from additional support, whether that support comes through local support groups or behavioral health

"It can be extremely anxiety-provoking to be told you have a diagnosis of cancer,' said Nelson. "Identifying those patients who may need additional assistance and support to deal with the gravity of their diagnosis and managing the intensive care they are going to require over the next few months is extremely beneficial."

Because one of WBAMC's primary focus is maintaining the medical readiness of service members, survivorship care plans were implemented after all patients complete their treatment to help patients, and their future providers identify necessary tests and other measures to continue surveillance.

"Some of our patients, if they are active duty, may go to other institutions," said Pinedo. "If they have their survivorship care plan, it informs other providers what type of treatment was rendered, and information regarding follow ups."

"The biggest takeaway is (WBAMC) is as good as it gets for (cancer) care in El Paso," said Nelson.

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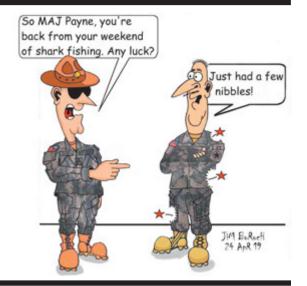
the mock village and overcome the opposing force.

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Sgt. Jordan Gary, right, an infantry Soldier with Company C, 1st Battalion, 37th Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, provides his squad leader a situation report of his team. Gary had to maneuver his team through certain buildings and adapt with the company as the battlefield changed.

Young volcanoes

Focus on teamwork, education helps 1-37 Armor troops build a squad

By Sgt. Brandon Banzhaf | 24th TPASE

OROGRANDE, N.M. - A squad leader watches his new infantry Soldier show up to his first unit and greets him.

The young infantry Soldier is told what will be expected of him and given detailed material on what he will have to know as an infantry Soldier in the 1st Armored Division.

Fast forward a month: during his brigade's major training exercise, that Soldier is kicking in doors alongside his teammates - clearing rooms and operating synchronously with his new family.

"I think the biggest thing for me is that my Soldiers are not compromised or shot in the process," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Sylvester, squad leader for Company C, 1st Battalion, 37th Armored Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team. "That's what I have been focusing on lately with my squad because this is a new squad with new teams

cility located in Orogrande, New Mexico, April 8. The two squads dismounted from their M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicles and made their way to buildings predesignated

this training was getting to the buildings," Sylvester said. "We had a really long sprint and once we got there, getting in (was the next obstacle). One door was too secured, and we had to find a secondary entrance to

rooms through cracks in the window shutters and under doors, forcing the Soldiers' eyes

make sure his team leaders and their Soldiers know every role in the squad and can take control if the leadership is taken down, he

the camaraderie and train the squad efficiently, he's not just building a unit, he is building a family. With the extended hours that they spend with each other and sometimes in confined spaces, they learn to care for each other and ensure their battle buddies are physically, mentally and spiritually ready before they kick in doors.

"I ask them what is going on in their lives, not just during their counselings with me or their team leaders, but daily," he said. "If they ever come into work and seem down, we are quick to ask what is wrong. Even if they don't want to tell us, we make sure they know that we are here for them and are more than willing to help."

He knows that the first time he learns of a problem a Soldier may have shouldn't be on the battlefield. When they are entering rooms, their minds shouldn't be at home.

"Whenever we have white space, or open time during training, I want my guys studying," he continued. "I push them to go to boards and compete against their peers, to take college courses and put them into situations they are uncomfortable in. That's how they grow into a better Soldier but also mentor them to be great leaders."

With the squad watching out for each other, studying and working together, they become a lethal force their command team can rely on.

"The squad and fire team leaders are the last positions where [noncommissioned officers] can interact with a Soldier on a oneon-one basis and actually see the impact of their training and mentorship," said Capt. Jacob Risinger, commander of Co. C, 1-37 AR, 2nd ABCT. "This is even more so at the dismounted level due to the high physical rigor the squads are put through during their training."

The physicality can break an ill-prepared squad. But this squad performs a physical training session two to three times a day. This allows them to fully surprise the opposing force, attack them and push forward during their training.

"They performed the best out of all the units that conducted dismounted training during Strike Focus 19," said Risinger. "The platoon sergeants and squad leaders proved they were 'thinking' leaders by reframing the plan into a course of action for their echelons that was far simpler yet, had more audacity that led to a successful

mission and clearing of Zamineah." Putting into practice what the squad trained for, they used the time to refine their procedures and identify how they could do

"My goal for our squad, what every squad's goal should be, is to be the best squad in the whole brigade," Sylvester said. "I want our leadership, all the way up to the sergeant major and the colonel, to know who we are and that we are reliable at any given



Sgt. Jordan Gary, a team leader with Co. C, 1st Bn., 37th Arm. Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st AD, directs a Soldier April 8 at Orogrande, New Mexico.





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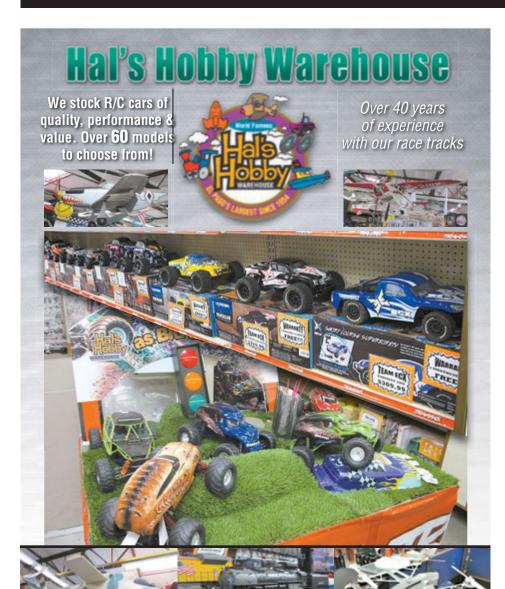
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- In An M1 Abrams battle tank belonging to 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division participates in a training assault during exercise Strike Focus at Orogrande Range Camp, N.M., April 5.
- 2 Sgt. Alfredo Chavez, left, and Sgt. Ryan Heaton, cavalry scouts assigned to 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 2nd ABCT, 1st AD, secure a rooftop while acting as the opposing force during exercise Strike Focus.
- Soldiers assigned to 1st Sqdn., 1st Cav. Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st AD, observe an incoming Bradley Fighting Vehicle while acting as the opposing force defending a village during exercise Strike Focus.
- Sgt. Ryan Heaton, a cavalry scout with 1st Sqdn., 1st Cav. Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st AD, observes a training area with binoculars while acting as the opposing force defending a village during exercise Strike Focus.







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WBAMC program offers immediate, 'head-to-toe' support for sexual assault survivors

By Marcy Sanchez | William Beaumont Army Medical Center

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, selfharm, dissociation, and various physical and behavioral disorders, these can be just a handful of effects for survivors of sexual assault.

Throughout April, sexual assault awareness was emphasized to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate on prevention. Many service members attend Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention training on an annual, quarterly or even monthly basis.

But what happens once the crime is committed? Should you go to the hospital? If you do, does the sexual assault become an unrestricted report?

To help individuals understand the process of the Sexual Assault Forensic Examination, William Beaumont Army Medical Center's sexual assault medical management program discusses the process once the crime is committed and a survivors chooses to seek medical treatment.

"We're trying to inform our public so that if they have to come to the emergency room for sexual assault, it's the most efficient experience for the survivors," said Letty Sprinkle, program manager and forensic nurse with WBAMC's sexual assault medical management program. "Every Soldier gets a lot of SHARP training, there's a lot of focus on prevention and resources, but they never know what to expect if they come here."

First, survivors of sexual assault should find a safe location, away from harm.

Although DOD total strength has remained about the same, in September 2008 total active duty personnel was estimated at 1,058,587 while the active duty total in December 2018 was estimated at 1,166,375, according to Defense Manpower Data Center, sexual assault cases have risen significantly. At the end of fiscal year 2008 a total of 3,109 cases were reported, including restricted and unrestricted, while fiscal year 2017 saw 6,769 cases, both restricted and unrestricted, both figures involved service member and their dependents as either victims or subjects, according to Department of Defense reports.

"Survivors undergo a medical exam first, (forensic examiners) don't just go in and collect evidence," said Sprinkle. "We do a head-to-toe assessment, all the (forensic) examiners are still nurses."

Sprinkle emphasizes survivors should seek medical treatment, regardless of their intention to provide a restricted or unrestricted sexual assault report, so they may



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get any needed medical treatment, to include a forensic examination should a survivor choose it

If possible, survivors should preserve any evidence of the assault by avoiding bathing, brushing teeth, eating, smoking, or going to the bathroom and should bring in the clothes worn during the assault.

"During the evidence collection, which is a very crucial part of these cases because that's what is going to be taken to the crime lab and used in court, there are some things that are important like the sooner they come the better," said Sprinkle. "Sometimes survivors don't come in (to receive medical treatment) because they are thinking about (reporting the sexual assault), but they may not have all the information they need to make those decisions. We will brief them on everything that is available."

While survivors are advised to be evaluated within seven days of the crime for evidence collection, it's recommended to be seen as soon as possible, or at least within 72 hours.

"Once survivors receive any medical care they need, we can treat for possible (sexually transmitted diseases) with a prophylaxis to prevent the some of the most harmful STDs," said Sprinkle.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, compliance with follow-up visits is poor among survivors of sexual assault. As a result, the prophylaxis, and if necessary an emergency contraceptive if the assault could result in pregnancy.

"The emergency contraceptive only has 72 hours to be effective," advises Sprinkle. "It's not an abortion pill, if the survivor is pregnant before the sexual assault they'll continue to be pregnant."

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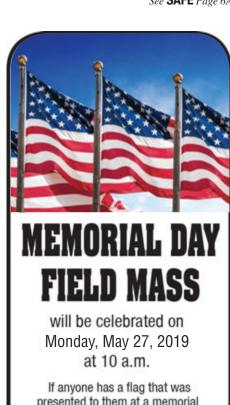
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Time is also significant if the assault involved any loss of consciousness or drugging.

"Even if survivors don't remember what happened, they don't know what they would say because they don't remember, that is very normal," said Sprinkle. "They just need to understand that something happened, if they have a feeling that something happened, or somebody tells them they saw something happen, that is a time-sensitive issue because drugs are metabolized in the body and these drugs may leave your body very fast. What doesn't help is not knowing, it messes with your head."

Providing evidence that a survivor was drugged may help them with the healing process.

"We'll contact law enforcement if they want but if they want a restricted report then we don't," said Sprinkle. "Their choice of reporting is honored here, so we don't call the chain of command or law enforcement and they still get all the other services."

The only alibi is if a weapon was involved, then medical staff are required to report the assault

"Sometimes survivors may not want to come in because it will be part of their records," said Sprinkle. "As far as the sexual assault forensic examination, none of that goes to their electronic health record, it's kept in a physical chart to protect survivors, for their privacy and they have a right to a copy."

Sprinkle warns the exam does take anywhere from one to four hours, so survivors should understand it is a long procedure, but it should not stop them from coming forward.

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>> Letty Sprinkle

post or off post, even pediatric cases," said Sprinkle. "Survivors don't have to have forensic evidence collected to come in and get medical treatment, they can stop (treatment or exam) any time they want. They are in charge of the visit, if they don't want medicines, pictures or something to be collected, they are in charge, and nothing is forced."

Additionally, Sprinkle extends resources to those affected by the assault on a family member after each exam.

"It is a very stressful situation for the survivor and the (family member), they are also victims themselves," said Sprinkle. "I know. I know how it is to go home, there is fear, spouses don't want to talk about it, and they have a hard time addressing the circumstance."

Currently, a total of nine forensic nurses are employed at WBAMC, and remain on call 24/7. If a sexual assault does occur, survivors are urged to call the Fort Bliss 24 Hour SHARP Hotline at (915) 245-8991. For more information on the forensic examination, contact Letty Sprinkle at (915) 742-



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NG's Task Force Cavalier providing sustainment in Iraq

By Sgt. Connie Jones | National Guard Bureau

CAMP TAJI, Iraq - Army sustainment is made up of a lot of moving pieces, literally. Vehicles, personnel, and equipment all moving to keep the mission going. A big part of the sustainment mission in Iraq is provided

by 529th Support Battalion, currently serving as Task Force Cavalier at Camp Taji.

"529th Support Battalion is an Army National Guard battalion headquartered in Virginia Beach, Virginia and we provide general sustainment support in Iraq, Jordan, Syria, and Kuwait," said Lt. Col. Dennis Rohler, the battalion commander.

The battalion aids these installations in several ways, said Capt. Patrick

Cooper, the officer-in-charge of the Counter-ISIS Train and Equip Fund for the 529th.

"Our unit provides a variety of different sustainment functions. Some of the key functions that we provide here in here in Taji, specifically, we are the DEERS and RAPIDS station for the installation. For the S6, they have a unique challenge in trying to get several different locations to be able to communicate with each other more effectively."

Perhaps the most important mission the

unit has is the one Cooper is in charge of.

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"CTEF is the shipping, receiving, storing, and ultimately issuing, or divesting U.S. Government-bought property to the government of Iraq units for them to perform their mission to combat ISIS. The equipment is

also used to facilitate the training of various numbers of Iraqi units," he said.

The divestment of these government materials assist the country and arms them with the means to protect themselves, said Sgt. 1st Class James Taylor, who is the noncommissioned officer in charge of CTEF.

"With this program, the United States government is proving equipment to Iraqi secu-

rity forces to combat ISIS, make sure that their borders are secure, and maintain their independence."

While this is a sustainment battalion, there are specific obstacles to be faced with this sort of mission, said Cooper.

"Considering that there is no doctrine behind fielding a foreign military with the U.S. bought equipment, the challenges are unique with regards to sustainment and overall logistics fundamentals; however, we're overcoming those challenges by building



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Lt. Col. Dennis Rohler, right, and Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Coleman, the Task Force Cavalier, 529th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion commander and command sergeant major respectively, uncase the 529th CSSB colors Jan. 7.

relationships with every partner who has a stake in this mission. We're taking a big step

The team will continue to make strides throughout their rotation, but they already have much to be proud of, says Rohler.

"I have a remarkable team that's come to

gether. Our team is made up of Guard, Reserve, and the active component. The fact that we can take all three components, put them together and operate at the level that we're executing is phenomenal to me. I'm proud of the organization that we have."

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Sill's 1-14 FA teams with airmen for Phantom Flight

By Sgt. Dustin Biven | U.S. Army

FORT SILL, Okla. - Using four C-130J aircraft, airmen from 19th Airlift Wing from Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, and 317th Airlift Wing from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, transported High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems nearly 250 miles in order to execute a series of strategic and precise

As part of the joint exercise, the Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 14th Field Artillery Regiment, 75th Field Artillery Brigade, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, loaded multiple M142 HI-MARS onto these separate U.S. Air Force C-130J Super Hercules to conduct Operation Phantom Flight, an air and land raid exercise, April 12.

Operation Phantom Flight is a joint service operation where both Soldier and Airmen worked alongside one another to successfully mobilize and transport the "Steel Warrior battalion's" HIMARS from Henry Post Army Airfield, Oklahoma, to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas.

"In the Army, we train as we fight and that's exactly what we did here," said Staff Sgt. Brandon Laureano, launcher chief assigned to 1-14 FA. "Executing missions like Operation Phantom Flight helps us simulate, as closely as we can, what it will be like to perform an air/land raid in a deployed environment. Conducting operations like this,

learning through repetition and perfecting our skills contributes greatly to the overall mission readiness here at 1-14 FA. It provided Soldiers with a valuable experience they can use later on in their careers and hopefully they can spread that newly gained knowledge to their commands for future missions."

"The relationships developed between 1-14th FA and the Airlift wings will lead to further training opportunities to increase the effectiveness of all three organizations," said the 1-14 FA commander, Lt. Col. Andrew Hercik. "This exercise was a great opportunity to crosstrain alongside the Air Force on the nuances of loading and flying an unfamiliar piece of equipment for not only that flight crew, but give them the ability to assist future crews."

Once the HIMARS made it to Fort Chaffee, Soldiers and crew members quickly unchained the launchers from the aircraft in preparation for a quick offloading and execution of Fire mission.

"The HIMARS air/land raid provides our supported commander with the ability to strike critical enemy capabilities at decisive times and locations," said Hercik. "The ability for the C-130J to deliver HIMARS launchers to unimproved landing zones significantly increases the overall range of the weapon system while reducing the risk of interdiction by attack aviation, direct or indirect fires."



Photos by Sqt. Dustin Bive / U.S. Army

Spc. Daniel Brooks, a crewmember assigned to 1st Battalion, 14th Field Artillery Regiment, 75th Field Artillery Brigade, at Fort Sill, Okla., checks the tire pressure of the M142 HIMARS prior to loading it into an Air Force C-130J Super Hercules at Fort Chaffee, Ark., during Operation Phantom Flight, April 12. Operation Phantom Flight was a joint service operation where Soldiers and airmen worked together to successfully mobilize and transport HIMARS from Henry Post Army Airfield, Okla., to Fort Chaffee, Ark., in order to successfully conduct an air and land raid.



An M142 HIMARS assigned to 1-14th FA, 75th FA Bde. at Fort Sill, Okla., makes its way to its firing position. Operation Phantom Flight is a joint service operation where both Soldier and Airmen worked alongside one another to successfully mobilize and transport Steel Warrior Battalions HIMARS from Henry Post Army Airfield, Okla., to Fort Chaffee, Ark., in order to successfully conduct an air/land raid.



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Aviation readiness up as units operate at 'warp speed'

By Sean Kimmons | Army News Service

NASHVILLE – Army aviation readiness has climbed 15 percent over the past three years while units continue to work at "warp speed" to support missions across the world, leaders recently said.

The Army currently consumes 16-plus combat aviation brigades' worth of combat power to sustain existing requirements, said Lt. Gen. Laura Richardson, deputy commander of Army Forces Command.

In the active component, the deployment-to-dwell ratio now stands at about 1 to 2.3 years, with some CABs turning slightly faster to execute the next mission, she said.

Expeditionary CABs in the reserve component have a mobilization-to-dwell ratio of about one to five years, while medical evacuation and heavy lift units operate at just under one to four.

When not deployed, units regularly conduct home-station training, rotations to combat training centers, humanitarian assistance and other duties in support of homeland defense.

"If anyone says we have extra, additional aviation assets just sitting around, they are absolutely misinformed," Richardson said April 15 at a conference hosted by the Army Aviation Association of America, or Quad A. "There is no excess capacity."

Since three years ago, when U.S. Army Forces Command began intensive reviews of aviation readiness, rates have increased about 15



Pat Molnar / U.S. Army

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"What we don't want to do is neglect that fleet and allow it to go into disarray," said Jeffrey White, the Army's principal deputy assistant secretary for acquisition. "So, we're going to continue to modernize our current fleet so that we can be ready to fight tonight with what we have as we look forward."

percent in aggregate, she said.

"Every action we take, every flight that we fly, every repair part we put on an aircraft, must equate to readiness," she said.

This is part of the Army's No. 1 priority, she said, to build the most ready and capable force possible with irreversible momentum by 2022. At that time, the focus will then shift to create a modern force by 2028, followed by multi-domain dominance by 2034.

Aviation investments

Army senior leaders have already begun to align funds to support existing aircraft and develop new fleets that can provide overmatch against near-peer competitors.

In the aviation portfolio, about \$24.1 billion has been requested for fiscal years 2020-2024. Nearly \$7 billion is slotted for research, development, testing and evaluation, while \$17.5 billion is for procurement.

"The critical role of Army aviation in worldwide missions continues to grow," said Jeffrey White, the Army's principal deputy assistant secretary for acquisition. "We're incrementally modernizing the existing fleet while we're preparing for a competitive aviation advantage with the next generation of aircraft." Deeper in the portfolio is a nearly \$5.7 billion investment in Black Hawk helicopters, which can buy about 200 UH-60M models and upgrade around 160 UH-60L models to UH-60Vs, along with the associated training, equipment, publications and fielding costs, he said.

Apache helicopters have a nearly \$4.7 billion investment, which is enough to purchase 210 AH-64E models and also provide upgrades to the existing fleet.

About \$4.4 billion is for Future Vertical Lift, which includes plans to develop the Future Attack Reconnaissance Aircraft and Future Long Range Assault Aircraft that aim to replace some Apache and Black Hawk helicopters, respectively.

"These investments align with our modernization focus to make Soldiers and units more lethal to win our nation's wars and come home safely," White said at the conference.

White, a former Army aviation officer, added a culture change in acquisition is needed to speed up the requirements process in order to get aviation assets out to Soldiers quicker.

"We need to prototype early, we need to do more testing and learning, more technology demonstrations," he said. Aviation has also benefited from the use of Other Transaction Authority, or OTA, which can cut through the bureaucratic red tape to streamline the acquisition process.

Program Executive Office for Aviation has already awarded over \$88.5 million using OTAs for unmanned aerial systems and the Black Hawk and Apache fleets, he said.

"OTAs are out there and we're going to use them," he said. "They're a tool in our portfolio and expect to see us use them more often."

High otempo

Even as the Army transitions to Future Vertical Lift, today's aircraft will remain in service for a long period of time, said Brig. Gen. David Francis, director of Army aviation for the deputy chief of staff, G-3/5/7.

"What we don't want to do is neglect that fleet and allow it to go into disarray," he said. "So, we're going to continue to modernize our current fleet so that we can be ready to fight tonight with what we have as we look forward."

Aviation units, he said, are about 83 percent committed on any given day, and no matter if they are active or reserve, units share similar challenges.

"It affects all of those components because over half of our aviation force resides in the Guard and Reserve," he said. "We cannot do the things the Army asks us to do without those other components being an absolute part of that solution."

The biggest challenges for units continue to be time constraints and personnel shortages, said Richardson, adding the chief of staff approved new manning guidance in December that now requires CABs to be filled at 100 percent.

"This will take a little time for the personnel system to catch up so that we can grow," she said

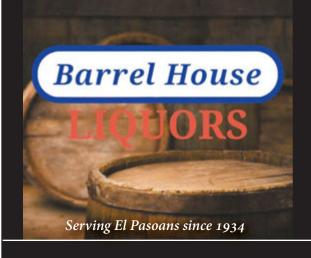
She also advised units not to limit drills even if there is a perceived shortage in training dollars

"Individual and crew reps and sets build a foundation for the high-end collective proficiency that's required," she said. "We tell our corps, division and CAB commanders that you train and spend, and let FORSCOM worry about the money."









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Building partnerships

Guard, Reserve engineers pave way for Resolute Castle 19

By Staff Sgt. True Thao | U.S. Army Reserve

CINCU, Romania – U.S. Army National Guard and Reserve Soldiers, along with the Romanian Land Forces, held an opening ceremony for Resolute Castle 2019, April 24 at the Joint National Training Center.

Resolute Castle is a training exercise for U.S. Army and NATO engineers that supports Atlantic Resolve. It is a multinational, joint exercise with real-world outputs of completed construction projects that enhance training capabilities in various areas of NATO's eastern member states.

"We build interoperability by training together in a multinational environment and becoming more familiar with each other's technology and techniques," said. U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Miyako Schanely, commanding general of 416th Theater Engineer Command.

Throughout the six-month exercise, Army National Guard engineering units from Alaska, Colorado, Kentucky, Illinois, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and West Virginia will contribute to ongoing projects at the Cincu, Romania sites in three-week rotations. The engineers will conduct troop construction on an array of projects, including range target pits, road improvements and several base enhancement projects, including the construction of a gym. This unique training opportunity allows the Soldiers to work together with their NATO allies and partners to increase interoperability.

"We build readiness, and we build partnerships as we work shoulder to shoulder, making new friends, solving problems and sharing best practices with each other," said Schanley.

This is the fifth year of Resolute Castle.



Staff Sgt. True Thao / Army Reserve
A Romanian servicemember raises the national
flag of Romania during the opening ceremony of
Resolute Castle 19 at Cincu Joint National Training Center, Romania, April 24. Resolute Castle is
a multinational exercise conducted to improve
training infrastructure and the interoperability
between NATO allies.

Each year, the exercise continues construction on more complex projects from previous years, while including new projects for the current year.

"The common benefit for all the participants is that by working together on joint infrastructure projects, they will get to know each other better," said Romanian Maj. Gen. Gheorghe Vlad, Romanian Land Forces staff representative. "They will improve skills and make a decisive contribution to strengthening cooperation and mutual trust."

Exercises like Resolute Castle build readiness, increase interoperability and enhance the bonds between partner and ally militaries through the construction of mutually beneficial engineering projects.

As Resolute Castle 19 officially kicks off, the U.S. Soldiers and their NATO allies and partners will continue to work closely together, not only to accomplish their mission, but to build everlasting friendships.



>> TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD, CHILE CELEBRATE 10 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP

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Adjutant General of Texas, Maj. Gen. Tracy Norris, shakes hands with a Chilean military official at the Texas State Capitol in Austin, April 12. The Texas National Guard and Chilean Armed Forces converged in Austin to discuss and celebrate their partnership that started one decade ago. As part of the annual State Partnership Program Planning meeting the parties met to discuss, plan and establish agreed upon activities, in both countries, for the year ahead. The events, held throughout the year, focus on disaster and emergency response; aviation operations, maintenance and safety; military medical and engineer activities; as well as leadership, staff, officer and noncommissioned officer development.





DWI Statistics for FY19

		% of Total	
Unit	% of Bliss Population	DWI	DWIs
JMC	0%	0.00%	
32ND AAMDC	1%	0.00%	
11TH ADA BDE	10%	9.84%	6
JTF North	0%	0.00%	
1/1 AD	15%	19.67%	12
2/1 AD	14%	29.51%	18
3/1 AD	15%	3.28%	2
1AD CAB	9%	14.75%	9
1AD DIVARTY	1%	6.56%	4
1AD SUST BDE	5%	6.56%	4
5th AR BDE/402ND	1%	0.00%	
31ST CSH	1%	0.00%	
93D MP	3%	3.28%	2
204th MI	1%	1.64%	1
86th ESB	2%	3.28%	2
80th CA	1%	0.00%	5-5
HHBN 1AD	3%	0.00%	
Garrison	0%	0.00%	
WBAMC	4%	1.64%	1
USASMA	2%	0.00%	
TOTALS			61

Drug Statistics for FY19

Unit	% of Bliss Population	% of Total Drugs	Drugs (UA)	Drug Poss	Drug Distro	Total Drug Incidents
JMC	0%	0.00%				0
32ND AAMDC	1%	0.00%				0
11TH ADA BDE	10%	10.33%	16	3		19
JTF North	0%	0.00%	2530			0
1/1 AD	15%	16.30%	22	7	1	30
2/1 AD	14%	20.65%	33	5		38
3/1 AD	15%	11.41%	20	1		21
1AD CAB	9%	7.61%	13	1		14
1AD DIVARTY	1%	15.76%	27	2		29
1AD SUST BDE	5%	10.33%	14	4	1	19
5th AR BDE/402ND	1%	0.54%	1			1
31ST CSH	1%	0.00%	1000			0
93D MP	3%	0.54%		1		1
204th MI	1%	0.00%				0
86th ESB	2%	5.43%	8	2		10
80th CA	1%	0.00%		A 0.000 P		0
HHBN 1AD	3%	0.54%	1			1
Garrison	0%	0.00%				0
WBAMC	4%	0.54%	1			1
USASMA	2%	0.00%				0
TOTALS			156	26	2	184

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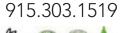


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Retired Master Sgt. Dean Durham proudly stands with his son, Sgt. Donovan Durham, after the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy graduation April 17 at the post theater at Fort Jackson, S.C. Dean Durham is also an academy graduate who later became the deputy commandant of the school. Sgt. Durham is walking in his father's footsteps as he becomes a Fort Jackson drill sergeant.

Drill sergeant carries on a family tradition

By Alexandra Shea | IMCOM

FORT JACKSON, S.C. - During a recent Fort Jackson U.S. Army Drill Sergeant Academy graduation, a candidate donned the iconic campaign hat, also known as the "brown round," to begin his charge training the Soldiers of tomorrow. He also carries a family tradition.

Sgt. Donovan Durham proudly donned his campaign hat during the April 17 ceremony. Though he has only been on active-duty for five years, he has been busy with an overseas assignment and has deployments under his

Durham enlisted as an 11B – Infantryman, and after completing One Station Unit Training Durham was shipped to Vicenza, Italy to become a "Sky Soldier" with the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team. He did this just like his father had before him. Today, Durham took another step that mirrored his

"My dad was an 11B, I'm also an 11B. His first duty station was the 173rd, my first duty station was 173rd" Durham said. "So I'm following into his footsteps becoming a drill sergeant here, I'm actually wearing his badge right now.'

Durham's father is retired Master Sgt. Dean Durham. The senior Durham once walked across a similar stage after earning and donning his own campaign hat. His career on Fort Jackson included drill sergeant, first sergeant of Company A, 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment and deputy com-

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mandant of the same drill sergeant school his son was graduating from.

"He's wearing the original Drill Sergeant badge that I received when I graduated Drill Sergeant School back in the days," Dean Durham said. "I'm extremely proud of him, especially due to the fact that I know the importance of the mission [here]."

Dean Durham explained how watching his son graduate was a proud and emotional experience for him. Sgt. Durham comes from a military Family to include a few members who were killed in action. Dean Durham said he was proud that his son was not only following his footsteps, but also carrying on a family tradition of sacrifice and service to the nation.

Following the graduation, the Durham Family will spend some time together before Sgt. Durham begins his campaign.

Here, Sgt. Durham said he would continue his family tradition and "train the trainees up to the best standards that I can, get them over to Advance Individual Training and make sure they are mentally and physically resilient and tough."

Dean Durham wasn't the only proud person at the graduation. Sgt. Durham attributes his success during school to the 6th Battalion "Dragons." He explained that the tightknit group supported and pushed each other through the rigorous nine-week school.

"Everyone supported everyone within our platoon," Sgt. Durham said. "I'm very, very proud of them."

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The number one priority

Part IV of an interview with Gen. Mark Milley, 39th Chief of Staff of the Army

By Arpi Dilanian and Matthew Howard | Army G-4

As the 39th Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Mark A. Milley has spearheaded the Army's transformation to build readiness. Earning his commission from Princeton University in 1980, Milley has gained a reputation for being a Soldier's Soldier and battle-tested commander throughout his 39-year career. An infantry and special operations forces officer by trade, the Army Ranger's previous assignments include commanding general of Forces Command, III Corps, and the 10th Mountain Division. We sat down with him to discuss total Army readiness and the importance of sustainment for mission success.

Q: How do you foresee Army Futures Command affecting readiness for moving forward?

A: If you think of readiness – current readiness of legacy systems and what FORSCOM does – we're sustaining and using systems that were in the modernization program 20 or 30 years ago. Modernization is really just a different word for future readiness. Our job for modernization today is to set the conditions for the future readiness of the force. We have to be thinking 10 even 20 years down the road, laying the groundwork and setting the outlines even though we're not going to be around when many of these things actually come to fruition. He who gets there first with the most is going to have a decisive advantage in combat.

We're setting ourselves on paths for artificial intelligence and robotics, but we're still years away from artificial intelligence being militarily practical and useful. I may not even be alive when we've got large units that are robotic. We know the Chinese and Russians are moving out on these paths very quickly. So we can't be caught short in the future, because at that point, the butcher's bill is going to be paid by kids who aren't even born yet.

About three years ago, the late Sen. John McCain very clearly and unambiguously pointed out how off track Army modernization and procurement had become. We got the Army staff together and realized he was right; processes were slow and very bureaucratic, and a lot of the programs were quite expensive. It wasn't because we had bad people, but we weren't delivering to the needs of the warfighter on time. So in many ways, AFC was conceived by Sen. McCain, not so much in the detail but in the impetus for it, and he was one of the driving forces behind its creation.

Prior to AFC, modernization and procurement programs were diffused throughout the Army and there wasn't a sole, senior-ranking officer-in-charge. We had a command laser-focused on the readiness of the current force: FORSCOM. We had a command focused on logistics readiness: AMC. And we had a command focused on the training, education, and accession of the force: Training and Doctrine

Command. But when it came to modernization, some of it was in TRADOC, some was in AMC, and some was in the Army Staff; you didn't have coherency. So AFC was largely designed to bring unity of command to the whole idea of modernization. It's the command the Secretary of the Army and I are looking at to be the pathfinder for the future of our Army.

We knew it needed to be a four-star command, and we were lucky enough to name Gen. Mike Murray as the commander. He has great subordinates with him in Lt. Gen. James Richardson and Lt. Gen. Eric Wesley as well as a great supporting cast in the Pentagon with Dr. Bruce Jette, as the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, and his military deputy Lt. Gen. Paul Ostrowski.

We positioned the AFC headquarters in Austin, Texas; that's the central node and has about 500 people. But AFC is much bigger than that and has tentacles all around the country. AFC is 20,000 to 25,000 people, because we took pieces from AMC, the Army Staff, and other organizations across the enterprise.

It's just standing up now, but there's a real sense of energy. It's the biggest institutional, organizational reform the Army has made in over 40 years, and I think it will have a lasting impact. We're going to start seeing the fruits of that labor in the next 12 to 24 months, but that's just the beginning. We won't see the real blooming of AFC's value for a couple more years, but it will happen. It's an important thing to have done, and I'm excited about seeing what they produce.

Q: What one piece of advice would you give young men and women entering the joint force today?

A: While there's obviously change over time--like change in the character of war--I think there are also threads of continuity. To the Soldier, Sailor, Airman, or Marine recruit entering the military today, think of the threads of continuity all the way back to the Continental Army, and remember why we fight. We serve the colors of our nation to protect the essential ideal embedded within our Constitution that all Americans are created equal in the eyes of the law. We fight so all have an opportunity to rise to the level of their merit based on hard work and their knowledge, skills, and attributes.

Sure, there are benefits of serving: the pay, education, medical care, and housing. But we must never forget the very central, core idea of why we're here. Our whole purpose is to protect the American people and the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic. This means recognizing the hazards of our profession and being willing to give our lives in order to protect and pass that idea on to the next generation.





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Breaking Bread Tour, free BBQ at Biggs: Breaking Bread Tour will provide 5,000 people in the Fort Bliss community with hot barbeque meals, May 13 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Retired 1st Sgt. Jarrid Collins, a combat-wounded amputee, will cross country run, bike and hand cycle across eight states to reach Tampa, Florida, for the opening ceremony of the 2019 DoD Warrior Games, No pets, glass or alcohol allowed. 588-8247

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Fairy Fest: Star Lit Natural Holistic Living hosts the Fairy Fest bringing awareness to eco-friendly lifestyles and celebrating the natural healing power of the creative force May 18, 5-11 p.m. at Academy of Aerial Fitness, 1057 Doniphan Park Circle, Suite E. Performances, craft booth, and mini dance and yoga workshops. Cost: \$15 (free for age 12 and younger). 667-4561



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Former Texas State Rep. Joe Pickett, left, gets his first look at his portrait during the Fort Bliss and El Paso Strong Ties program reception at Fountains at Farah in El Paso April 24. Pickett was named to the Fort Bliss Wall of Patriots for his service while advocating for Soldiers, families and El Pasoans as a state legislator.

The Soldier's state rep

Bliss development, veterans champion named to Fort Bliss Wall of Patriots

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By David Poe | USAG Fort Bliss PA

When it comes to his portrait on the Wall of Patriots, a gesture Fort Bliss bestows on legendary community partners, former Texas State Rep. Joe Pickett said he appreciated the gesture -- no matter where the honor will hang.

"[The public affairs officer] said there was one spot left between the last honoree and the

men's room," he said with a laugh. "I said 'I'll take it' -- I just hope they don't put it on the men's room door."

The self-deprecating advocate for the opening of the Liberty Expressway (SPUR 601) in 2009, and longtime state veterans services champion, Pickett was named the newest member of the Fort Bliss Wall of Patriots during the Fort Bliss and El Paso Strong Ties program reception at Fountains at Farah in El Paso April 24.

Liberty Expressway, a 7.4-mile roadway, a project that is credited in part for the expansion of East Fort Bliss, was built in support of the arrival of the 1st Armored Division when the Army ordered "America's Tank Division" to move from Baumholder, Germany.

Since then Fort Bliss has

tripled its troop community, and with family members, government civilians and contractors working on base, approximately 100,000 people live and/or work at Bliss.

Maj. Gen. Patrick Matlock, the Fort Bliss and 1st AD commanding general, and the formal host for the evening, said in his remarks that it was the spirit of partnership that fostered Bliss' historic expansion more than 10 years ago, and Pickett helped lead that charge.

"Fort Bliss has shared a special relationship

with the greater El Paso region for as long as the post has been in existence," he said. "It's the only Army divisional post that is surrounded by a major city. It's this closeness that leads to the strong relationships with the greater El Paso

Pickett, a 24-year state house veteran, returned from Austin in January after stepping

down to focus on his health. His positions have included chairing the House Transportation committee, which made his support for Liberty Expressway integral. He also served as chairman of the Texas House Defense and Veterans Affairs committee, where he advocated for services and support for Texas military veterans, as well as shouldering other committees while representing Texas' 79th District.

"Fort Bliss is so important, and as a member of the legislature for 24 years, I had to not only remind the people that I worked with from the rest of the state of Texas [of Bliss' value], but people in El Paso [as well]. We go around Fort Bliss, we go through Fort Bliss, it's been here so long that a lot of times people forget how important Fort Bliss is to our economy and to our

region."

Pickett was joined by current El Paso mayor Dee Margo; former El Paso mayor Oscar Leeser, who was named to the Fort Bliss Wall of Patriots in 2017; as well as other Bliss senior leaders and guests from many public and private organizations to thank him for his service.

Strong Ties is a comprehensive community outreach program designed to maintain strong working relationships between the military and leaders in the Borderland.



Former Texas State Rep. Joe Pickett is prepared to be filmed by local media at the Fort Bliss and El Paso Strong Ties program reception at Fountains at Farah in El Paso April 24. Army leaders and local influencers recognized Pickett for his service in support of development at Fort Bliss and veterans services during his 24 years at the state house in

As part of the celebration for Pickett, Iron Will, the 1st Armored Division Band rock group, gave some edge to the Business-Casual-dressed crowd and nearby restaurants and shops brought some of their best fares for guests to enjoy.

Pickett said although he would have been a poor military recruit because he is "bad at taking orders," he appreciated being recognized as a valued partner by the Army.

"Kidding aside, this is a phenomenal honor," said Pickett. "It's always amazing to me that anyone takes the time and looks at some of the accomplishments vou've done and decides whether they've meant enough to the community to give back. General [Matlock] and everyone who came here to honor me, it goes back out -- It used to be I only got accolades from my mother, so now it's Fort Bliss and my mother. Thank you

Amid all of his self-deprecating humor, no matter where his portrait will be located in relation to one of the men's rooms at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center on East Fort Bliss, Matlock said Pickett's legacy of service to troops, families, and his constituents serves as another reminder of the invaluable partnership the Army has enjoyed in the Borderland for generations.

"In many cases, folks don't refer to El Paso without mentioning Fort Bliss, and vice versa," he said. "Few Army posts receive such support from the local community as we do here at Fort Bliss and we're very grateful for that.'

Fort Bliss Blood Donation Center recognizes top ASBP donors

By Marcy Sanchez | William Beaumont Army Medical Center

The Fort Bliss Armed Service Blood Program held a donor recognition ceremony at the Fort Bliss Army Community Service building on West Fort Bliss April 22.

The ceremony recognized dozens of do-

nors who have contributed to the program's success and continued support to service members throughout the world. During 2018, the Fort Bliss Blood Donor Center collected 6,310 units of blood, equivalent to over 788 gallons. Additionally, 410 pints of apheresis, or plasma and platelets, were collected throughout the year.

Blood supplies are collected to support local installation needs as well as blood transfusions overseas, to include combat zones and are used for patients of all ages and to treat many reasons, from cancer to battlefield injuries.

"In (combat zones), a lot of (blood supplies) are taken to first responders, usually those role 1 and II providers," said Capt. Annette Mott, officer-in-charge, transfusion services and Fort Bliss BDC, as she addressed a crowd of donors during the ceremony. "You're the reason (blood gets to patients). We have folks who donate whole blood, some do platelets, some do plasma, usually whatever process works for them and we stick to it (so donors are familiar with the process)."

Donors were recognized for their donations of one, two, three, and even four-gallons of whole blood, plasma or platelets, helping the donor center meet its mission. Donors vary from service members and their families, to area federal employees which encompass various agencies to include U.S.

Customs and Border Protection and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

During the ceremony, Mott discussed current and future initiatives, including the center's recent licensure to remove leukocytes (white blood cells) from blood supplies,

decreasing the potential for transfusion-related reactions, a process known as leukoreduction. Other innovations include licensed freeze-dried plasma products, which can be reconstituted to its original form on the battlefield, essentially allowing forward-deployed medics the capability to manage severe hemorrhaging.

For donors like Spc. Kris Kinder, donating blood products is one way service members can help others downrange.

"It's part of 'selfless service,' I believe in helping other people," said Kinder, an aviation mechanic with 6th Squadron, 1st Cavalry

Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division. "This is one thing I do enjoy that can help others, and save lives."

It's estimated that 40 or more units of blood are needed for each trauma victim, eight units of platelets may be required for leukemia patients undergoing treatment, and a single pint of blood can sustain a premature infant's life for two weeks.

"I support the fight any way I can," said Kinder, who last year donated the equivalent of three gallons of platelets. "All it is, is two hours out of your day. I really like the program and support everyone who supports the fight as well. I hope others help out their Soldiers who deploy and those who need it."



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A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers employee inspects existing vehicle barrier near Columbus, N.M., April 11. USACE is supporting the Department of Homeland Security's request to build pedestrian fencing, construct and improve roads, and install lighting within the Yuma, Ariz., and El Paso, Texas, U.S. Border Patrol sectors following the Feb. 15 national emergency declaration on the southern border of the United States. The Department of Defense has the authority under Section 284 of Title 10, U.S. Code, to construct roads and fences and to install lighting to block drug-smuggling corridors across international boundaries of the United States in support of counter-narcotic activities of federal law enforcement agencies.



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Charting her path: Challenges made Army's Military Child of the Year stronger



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The Army's Military Child of the Year, Elisabeth McCallum-Polleys of Macomb, Mich., has logged more than 200 hours of volunteer service as part of the Job's Daughters, a Masonic youth organization. The daughter of Maj. Tara McCallum, Elisabeth was diagnosed with a scoliosis more than two years ago. After recovering from surgery to help realign her spine, she has increased her time volunteering to help the elderly and homeless in the Detroit metro area and different locations across Michigan. She is a junior at L'Anse Creuse High School North in Macomb Township.

By Joe Lacdan | Army News Service

Continued from April 25 Fort Bliss Bugle

Darker days

Elisabeth reluctantly agreed to move with her mother to Macomb, Michigan, about 30 miles north of Detroit.

But as soon as they arrived that July she shuttered herself inside her bedroom, sitting in the dark. For more than four months, she rarely went out and her appetite shrunk.

"I was in a depressed state," Elisabeth said. "I wouldn't get out of bed. I wouldn't eat"

Worried about her daughter, her mother offered her the opportunity to move back to Honolulu to live with a family friend.

"I couldn't get her to sleep," McCallum said. "She did not want to assimilate to Michigan at all."

Elisabeth considered her mother's offer to leave, but she had been doing well academically and she had slowly begun to make friends. And most importantly she didn't want to be separated from her mom again.

In 2011, at age 8, she had said goodbye to her mother for 15 months, when McCallum deployed to Kabul in a dangerous region of Afghanistan. Her grandparents moved into their daughter's house in Waynesville, Missouri.

Elisabeth had heard a family friend, Sgt. 1st Class John D. Morton had fallen victim to enemy fire while deployed in Afghanistan. She worried that her mother could suffer the same fate.

"I was so scared," she said. "And it was really hard because I'm here growing up ... and my mom's not there."

McCallum deployed to a hostile region of Afghanistan and at times could only manage the occasional text "I love you."

Elisabeth remembered her mom not being there to help her with her spelling and her homework. She wasn't there to braid her hair. She realized she had no choice at all, she would stay in Michigan.

After her move from Hawaii she learned her middle school had already selected their cheerleading team. And she arrived too late to earn a spot in her school's orchestra.

"That was the lowest part of my life," she said. "No military child should think that they're alone, because they're not. There are millions of kids out there that are going through the same thing."

Months before her freshman year at L'Anse Creuse High School North she noticed some odd abnormalities. While practicing for beauty pageants, her mom had commented that her posture didn't seem quite right. One of her shoulders appeared to tilt to one side. She also noticed instead of growing, she had gotten shorter. She had been nearly 5-feet-5-inches, but now stood less than 5-2.

But she didn't learn the root of the problem until she suffered an allergic reaction from consuming shellfish in 2016.

Tough curve

Elisabeth's mother rushed her to the emergency room, where doctors found an abnormality in her spine, a curve that shouldn't be curved. They learned she had a severe case of scoliosis when the spine curves sideways. The ailment affects normal physical activity and posture.

Life had thrown another obstacle Elisabeth's way.

In the months before her diagnosis, she had suffered from startling symptoms. She struggled to maintain her posture and keep her shoulders even. She had wincing aches in her abdomen. Doctors initially told her she was just going through growing pains.

She underwent scoliosis surgery in March 2017 at Detroit's Children's Hospital of Michigan. Her classmates Kierra Ayres and Aaliyah McIntosh brought her balloons and food during her recovery.

Doctors told her she could no longer engage in heavy physical activity, nor could she continue playing her violin. She had to walk away from cheerleading and practicing archery.

With no other adult role model in her life, she had clung to mother. McCallum had always patiently supported her daugh-

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ter's activities, including when she played on a boys' basketball team in Missouri. Her mother also drove her across the state for gymnastics practices.

Once, during their move to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Elisabeth injured her throat while doing a cartwheel. Somehow, her baton had lodged into her throat and she began bleeding. Her mother drove her to the hospital.

She has her mother's piercing eyes and the same curved cheekbones. Friends would say, despite the 27-year age difference, they could almost be twins. While she cherished her time with her mother, in her quiet moments, Elisabeth said, she would wonder about her dad.

Elisabeth's father, a retired veteran, has not been a part of her life since her infancy. Still reeling from difficult memories, Elisabeth suffered silently. "I always thought that he didn't want me," she said.

Lost time

If Mr. Polleys had spent more time with Elisabeth he would see he had a daughter with a bright smile, a girl who loves unicorns, listening to classical music and surfing under the Hawaiian sun; a daughter who welcomes people of different backgrounds and cultures; -- a daughter who wanted his love.

But Mr. Polleys never paid her a visit, never took her to gymnastics practice --, never taught her how to shoot a basketball. He didn't drive her to her first homecoming dance and didn't beam from the rafters at her eighth grade graduation.

"I'll see pictures of him when he held me when I as a baby," Elisabeth said. "And I'll just cry, wishing he was still holding me."

"It's okay. I mean, it's not okay. But I'm strong because of it. It's made me more independent and ... more understanding of people."

Her mother's two-story suburban home in northeastern Michigan is decorated with photos of Elisabeth and her mother: photos of her at beauty pageants, photos of her standing proudly with her mother at cheerleading competitions and gymnastics competitions.

Elisabeth still puts forward a brave face when she sees her friends talking with their fathers or embracing them.

"(Not having a father) kind of helped me through life; to understand people," Elisabeth said. "There might not always be an answer to something, but you just have to understand and be okay with someone."

She takes comfort in how close she and her mother became, how close she grew with her grandparents during her mother's 15-month deployment to Afghanistan.

She sometimes pretends she has a father in her life, but that notion could evaporate in an instant. Her father, a retired Army veteran, has not been an active part of Elisabeth's life since her infancy.

She visited her father at his home in Georgia once in 2013 after not seeing him for 10 years. She visited him again this past Christmas

Staying strong

The difficult experiences of her childhood could have made her angry or bitter. Instead Elisabeth became more patient, and more understanding of others. She doesn't snap to anger, but emphasizes with others when mentoring incoming freshmen or spending time with the elderly.

The 16-year-old junior, who posted a 3.9 GPA and ranks in the top 30 of her class, hopes to study acting or law in college.

Today, she serves as a leader in Job's Daughters, a Free Mason youth group. She has earned the distinction of being named "State Sweetheart" or honorary leader of the



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The Army's Military Child of the Year, Elisabeth McCallum-Polleys performs with the Pankow Performing Arts program and the Thespian Troupe. Since being diagnosed with Scoliosis in 2016, she could no longer participate in cheerleading or orchestra. Instead she increased her time spent volunteering, which includes visiting the elderly and bringing blankets to sick children.

male youth group, Michigan DeMolay.

"The girls all really like her as a person," said Terri Bower, Grand Guardian of jurisdiction of Michigan's Job's Daughters, "because she doesn't discriminate against anyone for any reason ... she's very accepting of everyone."

Her back pains are no longer as severe, though she admits she still has bad days. During her volunteer work, where she has logged more than 200 hours, she sits when she can and takes breaks when she can.

She tries to spread the message to other military children: that they are not alone.

"We have to bounce back from hard times," Elisabeth said. "We have to stay strong from it. Like moving or losing a family member, like our parents in war, we have to sacrifice and watch them go to war. So you don't know if they're going to come home and we have to stay strong."

Elisabeth certainly has.









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Pray to prioritize people over plans

By Chaplain (Capt.) Calvin Park

In April of 2008, I had the opportunity as a young chaplain candidate to serve a 30-day practicum at Fort Bliss. Upon arrival, my first impressions of El Paso and Fort Bliss were that of dusty winds and scorching sun. When I left, I prayed to God, "Father, I know that

You are the almighty God and that You have a plan for me. I am ready to do Your will anytime and anywhere; however, my Lord, just please not in this place."

Chaplain (Capt.) **Calvin Park**

About two years later, I received orders for my first assignment as a U.S. Army chaplain: 1-13 CAV, 3rd brigade, 1st AD at Fort

Bliss. To me, it felt as if God had ignored my prayer, but I would learn that He truly knew better than I did where He needed me to serve.

A decade later in October 2018, I received a phone call to choose my next duty assignment in either Germany, Alaska, San Antonio, or El Paso. This time, despite all these great locations available to me, I chose to return to El Paso because I was blessed earlier at Fort Bliss where I started my ministry for Soldiers and their families. Although my first impressions of El Paso were not great, it became a blessing to me - and a turning point for me as a chaplain and a staff officer. I learned about the Army and met many people who taught and loved me. God did not answer my prayer in 2008 the way I wanted, but He provided exactly what

Scripture encourages us to take our concerns to God in prayer, but our faith is sometimes tested - not just in the if/when of His answer, but also in what His reply will be. Are we truly willing to let "His will be done" as is so often prayed in the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6)? Here are some Bible verses that can lend valuable insight to humble, purposeful prayer:

"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to His will he hears us." – I John 5:14

"You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions." -

'Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known." – Jeremiah 33:3

We are taught herein to seek "His will" not our own selfish desires. And we are taught that humbly doing so may yield "great and hidden things" to us later on. Trusting in His more ample perspective brings results that will please both parties.

Now, I am back at Fort Bliss as the Chaplaincy Resource Manager with the goal to serve the community and to support other chaplains. I am grateful for this blessing from the Lord to serve and support the excellent Unit Ministry Teams of Fort Bliss. A couple of days ago, I received a message from Facebook reminding me of a post from a couple of years ago. I clicked and went to the post which I had previously written, it read:

"What can you do for people? I am not asking you to be like the ones who sacrifice their lives for others, but rather that you show your heart to people. Do not just wait at the desk, but move and get things done for your people before they ask. That is how you care for your people. Changing work attitude is the key. If you are in a leadership position, serve your people and do not just order them around! Getting just one paper might be a small task for you, but for the one asking it could have a major impact. Put people first!"

After reading that post, I saw that the phrase, "put people first" applies to me, and I thought about musical bands. In bands, different instruments work together to create a harmonious sound. If individual players utilize their talents as one team, listeners will appreciate their music because it not only carries skill but also emotion. I believe the Fort Bliss community is filled with people working together with their talents to make a new and better future. I am a part of this band as well as all of you, so I believe in with what French poet Anatole France once said, "To accomplish great things, we must not only act but also dream, not only plan but also believe."

If our prayers prioritize people – the other members of our musical band - over plans, we can, indeed accomplish "great and hidden things" that our previous musical soloist mentality would not have carried us to.



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"The kids were introduced to a very significant piece of American history that helped win the war," said James Smith, lead coordinator for the Oklahoma National Guard's Child and Youth Program. "They were able to have hands-on experience within the submarine without having to travel to the coast. And, getting to spend the night on one is pretty cool."

'Pretty cool'

Military children experience a night aboard the USS. Batfish (SS 310)

By Capt. Leanna Maschino | Oklahoma National Guard

MUSKOGEE, Okla. – With a faint scent of rusted steel throughout the echoing halls, Oklahoma National Guard children and volunteers had a unique opportunity to spend the night in the historic USS Batfish (SS 310) submarine, April 19, in celebration of the Month of the Military Child.

The event, put on by the OKNG's Child and Youth Program, a subdivision of the OKNG's Family Program Office, gave the youngsters a chance to walk through history, listen to stories of past Sailors and sleep where the Sailors slept in the submarine during World War II.

"The night in the USS Batfish is an educational program where youth not only learn about World War II history, they also get the chance to spend the night on a genuine World War II submarine that was actively engaged in battle," said James Smith, lead coordinator for the Oklahoma National Guard's Child and Youth Program.

The Balao-class submarine, named after a West Indian fish known for its ferocity, was a formidable weapon for the U.S. Navy during World War II. The Batfish successfully sank 14 Japanese vessels, including three submarines within 76 hours, making it the most successful killing submarine in history.

Now at its permanent home at the Muskogee War Memorial Park in Muskogee, Oklahoma, Batfish is an important piece of history that provides opportunities for both children and adults to learn about a critical time in our world's history.

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This event was one of many the OKNG's Child and Youth Program puts on each year, primarily for the children of deployed Guard



Oklahoma National Guard children experience a unique opportunity to spend the night in the historic USS Batfish (SS 310) submarine on display at Muskogee, Okla., April 19, in celebration of the Month of the Military Child. The event, put on by the OKNG's Child and Youth Program under Family Programs, gave the youngsters a chance to walk through history, listen to stories of past Sailors and sleep where the Sailors slept in the submarine during World War II.

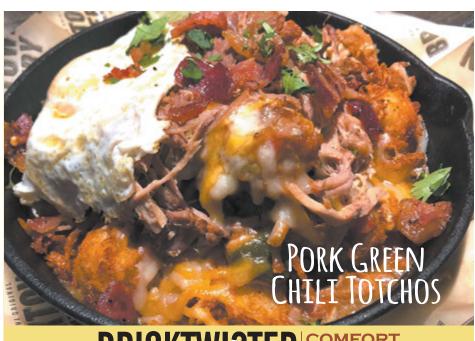
Soldiers. According to Smith, the purpose of the program is to create lifelong connections and relationships between Guard families and ultimately provide them support when a member of their family is away on deployment or at training.

"The mission of our Child and Youth Program is to provide opportunities for military children to enhance social skills, build character, resiliency, and self-esteem and integrate into their community," Smith said. "It helps kids and teens develop essential skills, make lasting connections and have loads of fun through programmed events."

While the kids gathered together and learned about the everyday life of Batfish Sailors, Smith also mentioned were the more than 418,000 American deaths that occurred during World War II, which created a lasting impression on the guests and respect for those service members who fell in battle.







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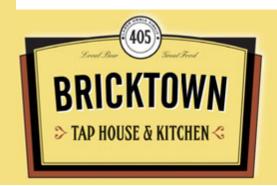
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Sports Briefs

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Old Ironsides Mud Challenge: May the Mud be with you! Come dressed in Star Wars attire at the Old Ironsides Mud Challenge Saturday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Air Assault tower on West Fort Bliss. Join Fort Bliss Sports, Fitness and Aquatics team for a 4-mile obstacle course that will get your adrenaline pumping! There are three waves available. Cost: \$25 for Active-Duty, \$30 for Active-Duty Family members and DOD ID cardholders, \$40 for the public. Late registration will be on-site Saturday 7:30-10 a.m., \$10 late fee incurred. 744-5785

Moms, Muscles and Mimosas: Are you into fitness competitions and mimosas? We have the event for you Mother's Day weekend! Join GroupFIT May 11 from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Turf Field behind Soto Physical Fitness Center. Open to all female competitors with an optional parent and child event. Cost:\$30 includes t-shirt, and there's an option for a parent and child event, ages 12-17, for an additional \$10. All competitors 21+ can enjoy free mimosas after the event. Open to the public.

Murph Challenge for Memorial Day: Join Group Fitness for their hero workout to honor the fallen. Named after Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy killed in action June 28, 2005. The challenge will be one mile run, 100 pull-ups, 200 push-ups, 300 squats and one mile run. (Sequential or rounds allowed, official timekeeping provided, weighted vest allowed, but not provided.) This is a weekend long event happening May 24-27 with various time slots. Cost: \$20. 744-5790

Bicycle Rodeo Health Fair: El Paso Pediatric Associates, in collaboration with El Paso Health and the Texas Medical Association, will host the 3rd annual bike rodeo and health fair 8 a.m.-noon Saturday. The fair will focus on properly fitting bicycle helmets. First 50 children receive a free bicycle helmet fitted by a pediatrician, as well as a drawstring backpack. Accompanying adults can receive a health screening. El Paso Chihuahuas' "Chico" will be there 10-1 a.m. 1160 Saddle Bronc Drive. Free. 593-2033, elpasopeds.com

3-point shootout tournament: It will be 3-point Shootout Tournament May 25 from 4-10 p.m. at Monti Warrior Zone. Cost: \$15, per tournament. Includes a t-shirt and one drink of your choice. Open to the public, 18+.

El Paso Locomotive FC: The professional soccer team El Paso Locomotive hosts Sacramento Republic FC at 7:30 p.m. May 18, at Southwest University Park. Cost: \$5-\$49. 235-GOAL, eplocomotivefc.com, or tickets@ eplocomotivefc.com

BorderRAC Pull: BorderRAC hosts the fundraising trap shoot event 9 a.m. May 18, at El Paso Skeet and Trap Club: 9817 Alameda. Registration begins at 8 a.m. First 50 registrants will receive complimentary oun locks. Cost: \$250 for five-person team or \$50 per individual. 838-3200 or borderrac.org

El Paso Roller Derby: The El Paso Roller Derby 2019 season opens with a doubleheader May 18, at Nations Tobin Recreation Center, 8831 Railroad, featuring Tex-Pistols vs. RGV Bandidas and Derby Bliss Brigade vs. Hooligans. First bout begins at 6 p.m., second at 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door; \$5 for military (active and vet only); free for age 10 and younger with paying adult. (623) 285-4670, eprollerderby.com, or on Facebook at eprollerderby

Borderland Roller Derby: The Borderland Roller Derby's opening season bout is May 19, at El Paso County Coliseum's Judging Arena, 4100 E. Paisano, with Diablas vs. Sexies. Tickets: \$10: (\$7 with valid military ID: \$1 for ages 10 and younger; or \$8 each for pack of six) at brownpapertickets.com, borderlandrollerderby.com

Kids' Fishing Day: Ascarate Fishing Club hosts it quarterly free fishing event for ages 3-16 kids 7:30-noon May 18, at Ascarate Park, 6900 Delta. Free use of poles for all registered kids. 478-0406 or on Facebook at officialascaratefishingclub

Sand Volleyball Tournament: Come out May 10 from 4-10 p.m. for sand volleyball tournament at Monti Warrior Zone. Cost: \$15, per tournament. Open to the public, 18+. 741-3000

R2 training reduces attrition at one of the Army's toughest schools

By Antonieta Rico | SR2 STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. - More

than 90 percent of those who attempt to become an Army diver fail in the first 14 days of training. The hopefuls are often overcome, physically and mentally, by rigorous drills meant to winnow down recruits to the elite

The journey to become an Army diver begins (and often ends) at the Phase I course of the U.S. Army Engineer Dive School at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. In fiscal year 2018, only six enlisted Soldiers attained the 12D (Engineer Diver) military occupational specialty. Although nine graduated Phase I of their Advanced Individual Training, or AIT, only the six went on to graduate from Phases II and III held at the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center in Panama City Beach,

Sgt. 1st Class Eric T. Bailey, noncommissioned-officer-in-charge and master diver for the 12D Phase I course, said a lot of the recruits arrive for training ill-prepared for what awaits them. The recruits have to pass a Diver Physical Fitness Test that, besides curlups and pushups, includes a timed 500-yard swim using the breast or side stroke, six pullups and a 1.5 mile run in 12 minutes and 30 seconds or less. They also need to pass the Class I Advanced Survival Swimmer Test. The ASST has five events including an underwater breath hold in which the trainees, in



Soldiers going through Phase I of Army Engineer Dive School honed their performance skills with the assistance of Performance Experts, or PEs, from the Fort Leonard Wood R2 Performance Center at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., recently. The training they receive from the R2PC will help them during Phase I and prepare them for future phases of the course.



Joe Lacdan / Army News Service

In addition to remaining calm underwater and developing breathing skills, diving school students must maintain rigid physical fitness standards.

their full uniform, descend to the bottom of a 14-foot pool and swim the entire width of the pool on a single breath, touching the first and last of seven lane lines, before ascending.

And that's just Day 1.

Throughout Phase I, students have to do increasingly arduous breath-holding drills, including "ditch and dons" which involve ditching their gear at the bottom of the pool then donning it again, making sure to clear their mask and snorkel. Bailey said the hardest part of the drill is for students to remain calm enough to don their gear even as their body urges them to breathe.

"They give up on themselves mentally, before they physically can't do any more," said

As a result of the high attrition rates, Bailey set out to find a way to "make Soldiers better, faster." And he thinks he has found it in the Fort Leonard Wood Ready and Resilient Performance Center or R2PC.

The R2PC is staffed with master resilience trainers-performance experts, or MRT-PEs, who are not only trained to increase Soldier's mental resilience, but also have degrees in sports and performance psychology which they use to enhance Soldier's physical performance.

Dr. Kelly Dantin and Deanna Morrison, the performance experts on contract at the Fort Leonard Wood R2PC, observed the diver training and talked to the cadre and graduates of Phase I to get their input and develop a customized block of instruction for the 12D trainees. They found that if the students were physically prepared for the Phase I course, their next biggest challenge to graduating was their mindset. So they set about instilling in the students the mentality that quitting was "off the table" and simply not an option, Dantin said.

The performance experts started working with the 12D trainees in October. The week prior to the students starting Phase I, Dantin and Morrison gave them training on techniques such as deliberate (or tactical) breathing, labeling (which includes the act of reframing a situation as a challenge instead of a threat) and Activating Events, Thoughts, and Consequences, or ATC.

ATC is a model that conveys that it's thinking that determines what people do and how they feel, not the events that happen."

"We teach them how to perform better under pressure."

>> Deanna Morrison

Students who fail from the Phase I course do so because they feel overwhelmed by the physical demands and don't believe they can continue to perform over the entire course, Bailey said. To address this mental obstacle, the R2 performance experts teach the students a technique called segmenting. They teach them to break down the course into small chunks, and instead of thinking about the entirety of the course, just to think about making it until lunch. And then making it until dinner. And then making it until bedtime.

"Evolution by evolution, lap by lap, you can segment anything, breaking it up into bite-sized pieces," that are manageable, Bailey said.

"We teach them how to perform better under pressure," using both mental resilience and sports psychology, Morrison said.

In the four months since they started the R2 training, the course has achieved what previously took an entire year: graduating nine students out of Phase I. Bailey said that if the numbers bear out, he is looking at doubling the graduation rate in FY2019 from the previous year.

Bailey said he knows that the R2 training is working and has been a contributing factor with helping to reduce the attrition rates.

"Every time that we have done a debrief with a Soldier that graduated, they said that training helped," Bailey said. The students even start talking about the specific techniques, repeating what they learned from the R2 training. That success led to Bailey asking the MRT-PEs to continue to give the block of instruction in all future Phase I courses.

"Because of the R2 performance training we are sending to Florida Soldiers that are better prepared, not only physically, tactically and technically, but also mentally," Bailey



Alofagia Oney / Regional Health Command Europe

Tracey Fischer, left, a speech-language pathologist at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, examines John Lucero for symptoms at the Ramstein Exchange during the Head and Neck Cancer Screen event in Germany Apr. 17. Providers from LRMC's Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic, Oral Surgery Clinic and Speech Pathology Department screened over 130 members of the Kaiserslautern Military Community for signs and symptoms of head and neck cancers.

Head and neck cancer on the rise

By Alofagia Oney | Regional Health Command Europe

LANDSTUHL REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, Germany – In honor of April's National Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Month, medical providers from the Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic, Oral Surgery Clinic and Speech-Language Pathology Department at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center held a head and neck cancer screening event at both the hospital and the Ramstein Exchange Apr. 17 where over 130 people from the community were evaluated.

During the five-minute screenings, patients were examined for signs and symptoms of head and neck cancers and were provided education on ways to detect and prevent them.

"The patient demographic has changed, mostly due to the rise in the frequency of the human papilloma virus, or HPV, which is associated with head and neck cancers" said Maj. Whitney Pafford, an otolaryngologist at the LRMC ENT clinic. "Whereas we used to see a predominance of head and neck cancers in older folks, we are now seeing them in people of all ages, even as young as 19, who have never smoked or drank alcohol a day in their lives."

Risk factors for head and neck cancers include tobacco, alcohol -- the combination of smoking and drinking alcohol can more than double a person's risk -- genetics, ultraviolet exposure from the sun, poor dental hygiene and viruses like HPV, among others.

According to the Centers for Disease and Prevention Control, more than 110,000 people in the United States over the age of 18 are diagnosed with head and neck cancer, and more than 40 percent of those who are diagnosed die within five years.

Head and neck cancers have surpassed cervical cancer in HPV related malignancies. Nearly 80 percent of these patients are men who are unaware they were exposed to the vi-

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rus, according to the CDC.

"The good news is that early diagnosis can more than double a patient's chance of survival, up to nearly 90 percent," Pafford said. "The vaccine against HPV is approved for children as early as 11 years old, and when the HPV vaccine is received before exposure, it can prevent about 70 to 90 percent of these cancers."

During the event, providers looked for a variety of signs and symptoms such as mouth sores, pain or difficulty swallowing, red or white patches in the mouth, recurrent bleeding in the nose or mouth and numbness in certain parts of the face.

"It's important that people who experience some of the signs or symptoms don't jump to conclusions and automatically assume they have a head and neck cancer," said Pafford. "However, lesions, lumps or persistent symptoms for more than 14 days should be evaluated by a professional."

In addition to providers from the ENT clinic, Tracey Fischer, a speech pathologist at LRMC, was also present at the screening event to examine patients. While speech-language pathologists typically treat patients who have problems with speech, language and cognition, they are also specially trained to identify, evaluate and treat dysfunction of the muscles in the head, neck, tongue and mouth.

While the Head and Neck Cancer Screening event only lasted for one day, Pafford encourages people to either consult their primary care providers or conduct a head and neck cancer self-exam if they have concerns.

"Education is a big part of the process of early detection," Pafford said. "The more you know about the signs and symptoms, the better you and your providers are able to properly receive treatment if you are diagnosed."

For more information on head and neck cancers, visit www.cdc.gov/cancer/headneck.







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Bliss Briefs

Breaking Bread Tour, free BBQ: Breaking Bread Tour will provide 5,000 people in the Fort Bliss Community with hot barbeque meals, May 13 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Retired 1st Sgt. Jarrid Collins, a combat-wounded amputee, will cross country run, bike and hand cycle across eight States to reach Tampa, Florida, for the opening ceremony of the 2019 DoD Warrior Games. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for a picnic style lunch. No pets, glass or alcohol allowed. 588-8247

Fort Bliss Career Transition Fair: Are you within 18 months of your separation from the military? If so, head to the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center on East Fort Bliss May 15-16. The two-day fair will feature informative and interactive panel events, recruiter training, and facilitated discussions focused on better preparing future veterans for the job hunt, as well as a great networking opportunity for troops and potential future employers. More info and registration at https://bit.ly/2uz9KqD

Mother's Day Brunch: Treat mom to an elegant brunch May 12 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Centennial Banquet and Conference Center. Enjoy a variety of breakfast items, complimentary champagne and mimosas. Cost: \$22.95 for adults, \$11.95 for children 5+. Reservations are recommended. 744-8427

Threat Awareness and Reporting Program training: In an effort to better serve the Fort Bliss population, Threat Awareness and Reporting Program training is being offered at two Fort Bliss locations through September. TARP training is held at the SAC (Bldg. 20732, Constitution Ave.) every second Tuesday of the month at 9 and 10 a.m. TARP training at Stayton Theater (Building 2495, Ricker Road) is every third Thursday of the month at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. 568-

McGregor/FBTX ammo point closings: The McGregor Range/FBTX Ammunition Supply Point will be closed June 17-21; and Sept. 16-20. Issue documents can be submitted through

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Debt collection notices:

This is a debt collection notice for **Spc. Jacob R. Young**. All services under Young's name should be put on hold. All those with debts to be collected under the name of Young or for information regarding collections, call 1st Lt. Jack Kewley at (248) 943-7222

This is a debt collection notice for **Staff Sgt. Amy Colbert**. All services under Colbert's name should be put on hold. All those with debts to be collected under the name of Colbert or for information regarding collections, call 2nd Lt. Rachel Mills at (440) 539-9564.

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TAMIS during the closures. 569-9528

Attention new command spouses: The Spouse Leadership Development Course is a new 40-hour course run by the Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Center of Excellence and United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. It will offer an introduction to a number of extremely important topics for those spouses who are entering into a command team at the battalion level. Lessons cover a wide range of topics from protocol and etiquette, Red Cross, Army Emergency Relief and public speaking. Contact Michelle Mebane at 744-1201.

Bible study: Fort Bliss post-wide Bible study takes place every Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at Bldg. 449-451, Pershing Road. Free dinner from 5:30 p.m. Childcare provided. 568-4334

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Armed Forces Day Chili Cook-off: Does your team have what it takes to be crowned the champion chili chefs for the first ever FMWR Chili Cook-Off? Participants will have a chance to cook up a batch of delicious chili for our Armed Forces Day patrons to sample. Teams will be required to cook the chili on-site at Old Fort Bliss Replica and be ready to serve from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be a mandatory team meeting Wednesday at Old Fort Bliss Replica, located at 5054 Pershing Road. Team cost: \$25. Deadline is Monday. 588-8482or bliss.armymwr.com

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Art and a Movie: The Art and Hobby Shop will have a monthly "Art and a Movie" night through July. There will be different movies and crafts each month to enjoy. Scheduled events are "Mary Poppins" and button art, May 17; "The Lego Movie" and emoji or unicorn themed ceramics, June 7; and "The Goonies" and pirate themed ceramics, July 12. Cost: \$15. Open to DOD ID cardholders. 568-5563

Handbag Bingo: Play Designer Bag Bingo Saturday for your shot at more than 20 Michael Kors purses. Door will open at 10 a.m., game starts at 12 p.m. at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center. Tickets available for \$25 now through Friday at the Centennial or at Leisure Travel Services location at Freedom Crossing. Open to all DoD ID card holders and their guests 18+. 568-2554.

Unit Book Kits: Are you part of a unit who is going into the field or deploying soon? If so, stop by the Mickelsen Community Library and pick up book kits for free. Book kits contain a selection of popular fiction and non-fiction paperback items.

Auto Crafts Safety Orientation: Auto Craft Centers offers safety orientation classes Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. This is a mandatory safety orientation for use of the facility for automotive do-it-yourself projects. Open to DoD ID cardholders only. 568-7280

Kick it at the Monti Warrior Zone: The Monti Warrior Zone is open Mondays-Sundays. There's lots to do with a fully stocked bar and snack bar, six pool tables, two mini-bowling lanes, Alienware, Playstation/Xbox gaming center, outdoor basketball, sand volleyball and more! Open to the public, ages 18+. 741-3000 UFC Fight Night: Catch UFC Fight 237 for free at 6 p.m. May 11 at Monti Warrior Zone! There will be drink specials available throughout the

Yappy Hour: Enjoy the evening with your favorite four-legged friends May 23 from 6-8 p.m. at the Sam Adams Pub Patio. There'll be toys, treats and eats for your furry friends to enjoy! Dress up in your best poker attire! We will be having a best dressed contest, this is a chance to win a prize! We'll have other games to play and a chance to win more prizes! Free. Open to the public. 568-6814

night. 741-3000



Bowl with Mom: Enjoy a day out with mom as you head over to Desert Strike Lanes Sunday, May 12 for Bowl with Hero bowling specials from 12-6:30 p.m. 568-6272

Go Youth

In-home Saturday childcare: Family Child Care offers in-home providers for CYS-registered kids. 568-4198 or visit 3503 Story Rd. Cost: \$5/hr. with \$10 deposit. Reservations required. 744-7879

School Age Book Club: The School Age Book Club is designated for children ages 7-12. A staff member will read for part of the time and the children will read aloud as well from 4-5 p.m. every Wednesday at Mickelsen Library. Activities and projects are completed at home, returned and shared at subsequent meetings. Occasional refreshments are provided. 568-6156

Story Time: It's Story Time! Stop by the Mickelsen Library every Tuesday from 10:15-11 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m. as children ages 2 to 5 listen to stories read aloud. There will also be crafts, activities and refreshments available. Start children on the road to literacy. 568-6156

Child Range Orientation class: This is a one-hour child firearm safety course required for children ages 6-17 to accompany parents or guardians at Rod and Gun Club live fire ranges. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Open to the public. 568-5426

Teen Basic Automotive Maintenance Class: SKIESUnlimited will be hosting this event every second Saturday of the month. Students with their driver's licenses or permits will learn basics such as changing the oil to replacing a tire and more. When the class is completed, students will receive a safety card to work at Auto Crafts. Cost: \$25, registration required and can be done at SKIESUnlimited. 568-5544

SKIESUnlimited Folklorico Dance: Does your child like to dance and would like to learn more about the Mexican culture? Join SKIESUnlimited for their Folklorico Dance Class open for children ages 6-18 years old. Cost: \$40 per month and held every Saturday from 12:15-2 p.m. 568-5544

SKIESUnlimited: SkiesUnlimited offers a variety of fun and educational programs geared for children of all ages and talent levels. Music classes like piano, voice, guitar and drums are available. SKIES also has a variety of art, sports, driver's training and babysitting courses. 568-5544 or 568-4374

Community

Hampton University Alumni Round Up: The El Paso Alumni Chapter has monthly meetings held at noon in various locations close to Fort Bliss. Contact Warren E. Brown at 241-4672

2ID Vets group seeks members: The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about the association and their 98th annual reunion in Tucson, Ariz., Sept.18–22, contact Bob Haynes at 2idahq@comcast.net

Downtown Artist and Farmers Market: The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department's market for area artists and regionally grown agricultural products is 9 a.m. -1 p.m. each Saturday in the Union Plaza District along Anthony Street. 212-1780 or elpasoartsandculture.org

You made the grade: First-through 12th-graders with a B average or higher are eligible for a \$5 Exchange gift card for each grading period and a chance to win a \$2,000, \$1,500 or \$500 prize.

El Paso Psychic Fair: The El Paso Psychic Fair is 11 a.m.-7 p.m. May 18-19, at Hawthorn Inn, 1700 Airway at Boeing. Cost: Free with active duty military ID. \$5 for both days (private readings not included with admission) otherwise. 345-6245 or elpasopsychicfair.com

UFC Fight Night: Catch UFC Fight 237 for free at 6 p.m. May 11 at Monti Warrior Zone! 741-3000

State Line Music Series: The State Line outdoor concert series is 8-10 p.m. Wednesdays at the restaurant. All customers asked to bring non-perishable food donation or monetary donation for El Pasoans Fighting Hunger. 1222 Sunland Park Dr. Free. 21+. 581-3371, WTx-FoodBank.org

Art in the Park: El Paso Parks and Recreation Department's Spring 2019 arts and crafts fair is 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 18-19, at Memorial Park's Reserve area, 3100 Copper, with arts and crafts, food vendors, live entertainment by children's activities, raffles, and giveaways. Free. 212-1704 or elpasotexas.gov/parks

or elpasotexas.gov/parks **Go Purple Chili Tasting Contest:** The 6th annual chili tasting contest in honor of Elder Abuse Prevention Month is 11 a.m. May 16, at Holiday In Express, 409 E. Missouri, Downtown. Cost: \$5 (includes hot dog plate, and chance to taste all the chili). 831-7803 or myanez22@epcc.edu

Bowl-A-Thon: A bowl-a-thon benefiting Junior Achievement of El Paso is May 18 at 10:30 a.m. at Bowl El Paso, 11144 Pellicano. Prizes offered for bowling champs and Best Dressed Hawaiian Team. Two-hour bowling spots begin at 10:30 a.m. Cost: \$100 (\$20 per bowler five person team); each team member must commit to raising \$100 in donations. 772-5566, jaelpaso.org

Las Cruces UkeFest: Ukulele enthusiasts will gather in southern New Mexico May 17-19 at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road for the LC UkeFest. Nationally known instructors will teach workshops, perform a concert and lead a jam session. Cost: \$135; includes lunch. lascrucesukefest.com Las Cruces Wine Festival: Las Cruces Wine Festival is noon-6 p.m. May 25-27, at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds, 12125 Robert Larson Blvd, Las Cruces. The festival offers wines by New Mexico wineries as well as specialty food and artisans. No pets or coolers. Cost: Military discount available at the gate only; \$17, with valid DoD ID. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the gate; \$10 designated driver and non-drinker 16-20. holdmyticket.com or nmwine.com

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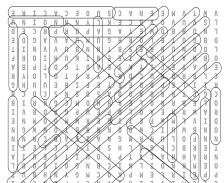
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National Senior Fitness Day: El Paso Parks and Recreation hosts the free Senior Fitness Day event and health fair for seniors 9 a.m.-noon, May 30, at San Juan Senior Center, 5701 Tamburo. 772-8365 or elpasotexas.gov/parks

Billy the Kid Festival: San Elizario Historic Art District hosts the 10th annual Billy the Kid Festival from noon-9 p.m., May 31-June 2, in San Elizario. Free. 851-0093, billythekidfestival.com, or

sanelizariohistoricdistrict.org
Sun City Splash and Dash: Race El Paso's new youth swim-run event for ages 7-15 is 8 a.m., June 1, at Ascarate Pool and Park, 6900 Delta. For ages 7-10: 100 meter swim, 1K run. Ages 11-15: 200 meter swim, 2.25K run. The entire course is closed for the safety of all participants. Family pool party follows event. Cost: \$25. 256-1765 or raceelpaso.com/splash-dash

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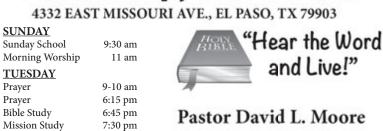




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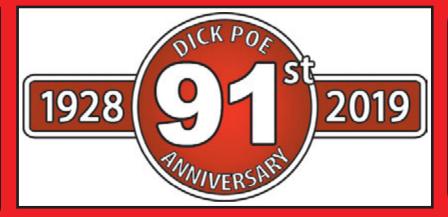
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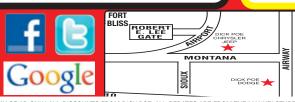
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