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The RIC-U is a voice bridge for tactical radios that will allow U.S. forces to seamlessly talk with allies during multi-national operations, yet still protect access to the Army's tactical

Army introduces next-generation capability for radio interop-erability with allies

By Douglas Scott | C5ISR Center Public Affairs

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. - Army Futures Command has demonstrated a new capability that will enable secure, real-time radio communication between the U.S. Army and its coalition partners April 25 during DoD Lab Day at the Pentagon.

The Radio Interoperability Capability - Universal, or RIC-U, is a voice bridge for tactical radios that will allow U.S. forces to seamlessly talk with allies during multi-national operations, yet still protect access to the Army's tactical

"In the digital information age we are working in now, we fully understand that technology is turning at a very quick pace, so as that expands, we need to keep up with it," said Gen. John M. Murray, commanding general of Army Futures Command, during his March 9 "Fireside Chat" at South by Southwest 2019 in Austin. "Tactical radio communications with coalition partners is one of the key problems we have been trying

The Combat Capabilities Development Command, or CCDC, a major subordinate command within AFC, developed RIC-U. CCDC's Command, Control, Communications, Computer, Cyber, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, or C5ISR, Center devised, fabricated and tested the device.

"It is definitely important on the tactical level for U.S. forces and coalition forces to be able to communicate instantly," said Rex Johnson, lead engineer for RIC-U at C5ISR Center's Space and Terrestrial Communications Directorate.

"The RIC-U converts the voice to digital, applies filtering, keys up and passes the voice onto the other radio network almost instantly, and eliminates any data that could accidently transmit through the actual device," Johnson explained.

The RIC-U complies with National Security Agency requirements for a tactical voice bridge and is upgradable to address future interoperability requirements between U.S. service radios and those used by allies. The capability will be critical to the Army's future voice communication in the absence of a unified radio that can work between the Army and its coalition and non-coalition partners.

The RIC-U is a follow-up to the Radio Interoperability Capability - Korea, or RIC-K, which was a customized tactical radio communication link designed specifically for direct, secure communication between U.S. and South Korean



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Maj. Jay Ireland, right, the secretary of the general staff for 1st Armored Division, demonstrates running and stretching techniques while coaching Team Bliss athletes during the 2019 Special Olympics Texas Spring Games for Area 19 at Burges High School in El Paso April 26. If you're interested in registering a Team Bliss Athlete for future competitions, please contact our Exceptional Family member Program office at 569-4227 Ext. 5 or the School Liaison Office at 568-2784. For more, turn to page 2B.

Back to the future

US, partner nations assess future warfighting capabilities at JMC-sponsored JWA 19

By Spc. Miguel Ruiz | Joint Modernization Command

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. - The U.S. Army Joint Modernization Command is sponsoring Joint Warfighting Assessment 19, a joint multinational military exercise, which is being conducted at Yakima Training Center and Joint Base Lewis-Mc-Chord, Washington, April 8 through Saturday.

JWA 19 is the U.S. Army's largest annual joint-multinational live exercise in which the U.S. military and partner nations assess 28 future warfighting concepts, capabilities and formations in a large-scale and realistic battlefield exercise.

"JWA 19 is the Army future and modernization training ground," said Brig. Gen. Johnny K. Davis, JMC's commanding general. "When we peer into future operational environments and consider our capabilities within that environment, we need an avenue to assess and evaluate our capabilities -- that's where JWA



Spc. Daneille Hendrix / JMC

Sgt. Chanelle Colbert, a vehicle commander with the 445th Chemical Company, surveys the horizon prior to a demonstration in support of the Joint Warfighting Assessment 19, at Yakima Training Center, Wash., April 25. The Joint Warfighting Assessment (JWA) is the Army's premier modernization assessment; weaving material solutions, multi-Domain formations, concepts and capabilities, into the Army's largest annual multinational live, virtual and constructive exercise. JWA's mission is to assess Multi-Domain Operations (MD0) concepts, capabilities, and formations.

19 comes in."

Large-scale battlefield exercises at JWA 19 are tracked and heavily influenced by com-

"Strategies, tactics and operations employed in the field during JWA 19 are replicated in the simulators," said Lt. Col. James Teters, chief

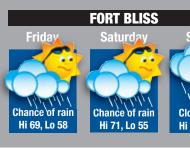
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of the Multi-Domain Simulations Center, JMC. "We are able to take a snapshot of our fighting strength before and after battlefield movements and simulations. This will help our forces better understand and consider potential outcomes on the battlefield."

Teters, who is responsible for oversight of JWA 19 computer simulations that cover all five warfighting domains, said the purpose of the simulations is to assess results of realworld actions taken on the battlefield.

In addition to JMC, personnel from Training and Doctrine Command also play a vital role at JWA 19 to help assess force capabili-

"We are the user representative for equipment and new concepts (that are employed in JWA 19)," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Richard Godfrey, the senior technical advisor for TRADOC's capabilities manager of electronic warfare. "We take user (Soldier) feedback and develop requirements that state what about the equipment and concepts should remain the same, and what should be improved and then send that to military leaders who can initiate that improvement."

The "in-the-dirt" execution and evaluation of these simulations takes place in many more environments than just on the ground.

U.S. Army Futures Command, which leads Army efforts in modernization, has prioritized a concept known as Multi-Domain Operations within JWA 19 training initiatives, said Davis.

Five warfighting environments (domains) that include land, air, maritime, cyberspace and space, provide JWA 19's real-world venues for assessment and improvement.

"You can bring multiple domains into one space... but you can imagine the complexity," said Lt. Gen. Eric J. Wesley, deputy commander of AFC and commander of the Futures and Concepts Center, during an ad-



Spc. Daneille Hendrix / JMC

Sgt. 1st Class William Anderson, a platoon leader, with the 690th Chemical, Biological, Radioactive, Nuclear Company radios for demonstration to begin in support of the Joint Warfighting Assessment 19 at Yakima Training Center, Wash., April 25. JWA's mission is to assess Multi-Domain Operations Concepts, Capabilities, and Formations at echelon in order to provide critical insights and feedback on Army Modernization efforts towards an MDO Capable Force by 2028.



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Staff Sgt. Armando Vasquez / 444th MPAD

An airborne Brig. Gen. Johnny Davis, commander at Joint Modernization Command, and distinguished visitors from various Department of Defense organizations observe the Joint Warfighting Assessment 19 exercise at Yakima Training Center, Wash., Saturday. "When we peer into future operational environments and consider our capabilities within that environment, we need an avenue to assess and evaluate our capabilities - that's where JWA 19 comes in," Davis said.

dress to the NDIA Robotics Capabilities Conference in Columbus, Georgia, in April.

"Cyber, which happens in milliseconds; [electronic warfare], which you can't see; air, which moves at about 500 miles an hour; sea, which moves about 30 knots; and ground, which moves around two miles an hour," Wesley added. "It gets more complex when you add the fact that different services at different echelons are responsible for those domains."

Wesley, whose responsibilities include cultivating a capable MDO fighting force, said that he hopes to accomplish this by the year 2028 to follow the direction and vision of the Army Modernization Strategy, published April 3, 2018 by Secretary of the Army Mark T. Esper.

Also included in the Army Modernization Strategy is the organizational concept known as the Multi-Domain Task Force (MDTF) which is another JWA 19 training initiative.

Col. Brandon Anderson, commander of the 17th Field Artillery Brigade, is the Multi-Domain Task Force commander for JWA 19.

MDTF is focused on our adversary's warfighting capabilities which would prevent our ability to effectively operate in their areas of interest, said Anderson.

MDTF also focuses on our ability to protect our own assets as we move across multiple warfighting domains, he added.

"This is done by integrating [and coordinating] all the lethal and non-lethal enablers into one complementary effort," said Anderson. "JWA 19 allows the Multi-Domain Task Force Headquarters to assess the required capabilities to conduct Multi-Domain Operations in a highly-contested environment including cyber, long-range precision fires, permissions and the ability to visualize and command battlefield movements in all domains."

Along with MDO and MDTF is an Armywide training initiative known as Joint Multinational Interoperability, which aims to maximize U.S. military capabilities alongside partner nations on the battlefield.

JWA 19 provides an avenue to cultivate effective communication between the U.S. military and the participating partner militaries of the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Canada, France, Australia and Singapore.

sets," said Davis. "We have to determine how we can create a cross-domain solution that allows us to operate together on the future battlefield."

British Army Lt. Col. Kevin Taffe, chief of Multinational Interoperability at JMC, said that exercises like JWA 19 allow for the evaluation and improvement of the U.S. military's capability to effectively operate alongside any one of its international partners by analyzing feedback from both U.S. and partner-military forces that is gathered before, during and after any particular action that is taken on the battlefield.

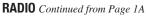
operating effectively alongside one another and leveraging our capabilities as equal partners," Taffe said. "[JMC sets] the standard for our future capabilities, create milestones and roadmaps to get to that level and then measure against our assessments to refine and improve each year."

Training concepts MDO, MDTF and JMNI are year-round areas of focus for the Army, as well as its six modernization priorities, which are all being assessed at JWA 19, Davis said. Those priorities are Long-Range Precision Fires, Next-Generation Combat Vehicles, Future Vertical Lift (aerial vehicles), Air and Missile Defense, Networking Systems and Soldier Lethality.

"We are putting in a lot of time and effort to ensure we provide capabilities to our men and women in uniform, quickly and at a level that ensures success on the future battlefield," said Davis. "It is historic to have the opportunity to operationalize new concepts like these." We're helping the Army to modernize and move forward into the future, and we are better today than we were yesterday."

"We all have different systems and as-

"Our senior leaders are very serious about



Soldiers on the Korean Peninsula.

"The RIC-K has proved itself when using different frequencies, hop sets, communications security and waveforms between ROK and U.S. radios. It provides us with an immediate 'fight-tonight' capability, needed during combined operations," said Col. Randolph Wardle, the Eighth United States Army, or EUSA, assistant chief of staff for

The RIC-U is designed to work with the radio voice networks of many U.S. coalition partners. The C5ISR Center is testing and performing demonstrations of the RIC-U with EUSA and the 2nd Infantry Division in South Korea, the 77th Armor Regiment; U.S. Army Africa; and U.S. Army Europe. The reaction has been positive.

"They can't wait to get it in their hands for good," said Robert Dicarlo, C5ISR Center programmatic lead for the RIC-U. "This is a real game changer for them, and they want it as soon as possible -- really 'the sooner the better' they say."

The RIC-U, which supports the Army's Modernization priority for Network Communications, Command, Control and Intelligence, is one of six innovative technologies that CCDC brought to DoD Lab Day.

Hosted by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Defense Laboratories Office, DoD Lab Day is a biennial event that showcases innovative work performed by scientists and engineers within the Defense Laboratory Enterprise, which includes Defense laboratories, warfare centers and engineering centers across the world.

The event presented an opportunity for the labs to display groundbreaking work developed throughout the DoD in support of the warfighter.

"Our warfighters need to be agile, expeditionary and interoperable, so we are developing tactical network solutions that are mobile, hardened, resilient and able to operate in degraded and contested environments. The RIC-U is just one of many examples of how we've aligned our programs and resources to address Army Modernization priorities and challenges to the warfighter," said Maj. Gen. Cedric T. Wins, the CCDC commanding general.

The C5ISR Center anticipates transiting RIC-U to a program of record in the near

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>> IRON SOLDIER

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Col. John Cushing, the outgoing 1st Armored Division chief of staff, is awarded the Legion of Merit by Maj. Gen. Patrick E. Matlock, the commanding general of the 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss, during a retreat ceremony here honoring Cushing's commitment to the division May 1.

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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. 568-4604.



Big space, good weather German Air Force troops still enjoy prime air defense training at Bliss

By David Burge | Special for the Fort Bliss Bugle

Despite downsizing in recent years, the German Air Force still maintains a vital presence at Fort Bliss and continues to use the post's massive training area and wide-open air space for its soldiers to learn every aspect of air defense.

About a dozen German officers and noncommissioned officers went through their culminating training event at Fort Bliss April 16 through last Friday.

It put the exclamation point on six months of training they had received at the German Air Force Air Defense Center.

For two weeks, they would get up before dawn, move their Patriot air defense equipment out into the desert, set up operations and then conduct air defense missions. Officers will graduate from the program May 21 and NCOs

'We move out in the mornings, get our briefings. What is the field site? What is the route we are going? What is the function of each student?" said German Air Force Capt. Felix Herold, senior instructor for tactical air battle management.

"We build up the system. We turn everything on. Do the camouflaging," Herold said. "We get the weapon system so ready we could fire

Herold, a native of Dresden, said students go through training at Fort Bliss they would not be able to get back home in Germany.

"It is the best opportunity we have," Herold said. "We have big space; we have good weather. We can do whatever we want here.'



David Burge / Special for the Fort Bliss Bugle

German soldiers set up their Patriot equipment, including camouflage netting, out in the Fort Bliss training area recently. German soldiers learn every job, big and small, associated with a Patriot crew. That way, when they become leaders, they know exactly what each member of the team needs to do.

German officers began their training with three months at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where they participated in a portion of the U.S. Army's Basic Officer Leader Course.

They then moved on to Fort Bliss for six more months of training.

German NCOs did not attend the Fort Sill

portion of the program, but are now in their second tour at Fort Bliss. Previously, they went through a year-long program in the basics of the Patriot air defense system.

During the past six months, both officers and NCOs have been going through an extensive course in Patriot tactics while at Fort Bliss.

Students take turns learning every job within a Patriot crew. That way, when they become leaders, they know exactly what each soldier needs to do, said 1st Lt. Johannes Liedtke, one of the students at the GAFADC.

The program is also used to build teamwork, said Liedtke, who is from Verden in northern

The Germans established their air defense school at Fort Bliss in 1966, but their military has had a presence at the installation since 1956, just 11 years after the end of World War

In 2013, the German Air Force closed its North American command at Fort Bliss, but has continued to operate its Air Defense Center.

There are plans to eventually move the school to Germany, but the target date keeps getting pushed farther into the future. Right now, the plan is for the center to stay open at Fort Bliss until spring 2022, German officials

The GAFADC has about 100 soldiers and civilians, about the size of a typical U.S. Army company. The center provides training for 350 to 400 German soldiers a year.

That is a far cry from the 2,000 soldiers, civilians and students the Germans had at Fort Bliss in their heyday in the mid-1980s.

Still, they say they are getting exceptional training here.

"This is the ground stone," said Master Sgt. Benjamin Asar, a student from Husum, Germany. "Every day, you learn more and more."



Explosive ordnance disposal Soldiers lift a buried training bomb out of a hole with a makeshift structure during The Jessen Cup, an EOD competition, at the Fort Bliss Training area, April 8-11.



Photos by Staff Sqt. Shawn Casey / 1st AD Sust. Bde. PA Staff Sgt. John Brewer, team leader, 68th Chemical Company, 2nd Chemical Battalion, 48th Chemical Brigade, measures ordnance during The Jessen Cup, an explosive ordnance disposal competition at the Fort Bliss Training area, April 8-11.

The Jessen Cup: Bliss EOD competition named for fallen Soldier

By Staff Sgt. Shawn Casey | 1st AD Sust. Bde. PA

Soldiers of the 22nd Chemical Battalion hosted the first Jessen Cup, a week-long explosive ordnance disposal competition designed to find the best team to represent 48th Chemical Brigade at the Department of the Army level EOD Team of the Year competition, at the Fort Bliss Training Area, April 8-11.

The competition included 20 events that tested the two-person teams on their ability to complete a Soldier Readiness Test; safely raise a 400-pound piece of ordnance from a hole in the ground; qualify on the M4 carbine and M9 pistol; react to an improvised explosive device at night; remove ordnance from the roof of a building; identify the contents of an unknown container; and react to ordnance in a chemical environment.

"The competition is physically and mentally taxing on the competitors," said Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Olson, an explosives ordnance disposal operations sergeant with the 46th Chemical Company, 22nd Chemical Battalion. "We wanted to know our competitors could perform basic Soldier and ordnance tasks as well as prove they are physically fit."

In the end, Staff Sgt. Michael Epshtein, and Sgt. Shaun Chesterman, both from the 46th Chem. Co., took home gold in the competition

"The grit these competitors showed throughout the competition, and the willingness to constantly perform speaks volumes about who we're sending to the Department of the Army Team of the Year competition," said Olson." Each team pushed themselves to their limits."

The Jessen Cup was named in honor of Sgt. 1st Class Kevin P. Jessen, who was assigned to the 22nd Chem. Bn., and was deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom as part of the 734th Ord-

Jessen was conducting a post-blast investigation during a combat operation in Rawah, Al Anbar Province, Iraq, when a second improvised explosive device buried in the road detonated, killing him.

"The key behind the Jessen cup is to commemorate Sgt. 1st Class Jessen, "said Olson. "We want the EOD teams that compete in the Jessen Cup to learn about him, and pass on his memory.'

Jessen's family was in attendance and observed the teams during the ordnance-specific events, and assisted in presenting the winning team their awards.

"It's incredible that all of these people came together and created this event," said Jessen's spouse, Carrie Jessen. "It's a great testament to who he was as a person and what he did."



82nd ABD Soldiers win Gainey Cup, 1st AD scouts place third

By Bryan Gatchel | U.S. Army

After several days of Cavalry scout-related tasks, 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, representing the 82nd Airborne Division, won the fourth biennial Gainey Cup International Scout Squad Competition May 3 at Brave Rifles Field at Fort Benning, Georgia.

The unit from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, earned the title of "Best Scout Squad" against 24 other competing squads from across the U.S. Army and from international partner militaries, including Canada, Germany, Great Britain and the Netherlands.

Cavalry scouts in the Army must secure and prepare ammunition on scout vehicles, perform navigation during combat, report information on terrain and the enemy, and collect data on routes, tunnels and bridges. The Gainey Cup tested the scout squads on their ability to perform their job in the field.

"What we did here over the last several days are the most important things a scout should be training on," said Brig. Gen. David A. Lesperance, the U.S. Army Armor School commandant. "If there's no other time to do anything else than just these tasks, you're going to be a phenomenal outfit in the United States Army. So take that lesson back with you to your formations."

During the first phase of the competition April 25 through 28, the squads took tests on doctrine, performed vehicle identification, called for fire, tested their gunnery skills and performed land navigation. The second phase of the competition began with a run in gear, April 29, and a three-day round robin, April 30 to May 2, during which teams oriented on a reconnaissance objective, conducted a tactical mission under live-fire conditions, and navigated mounted on an assigned platform while collecting and reporting information for their commander.

The last event of the competition was the Final Charge, Friday at Brave Rifles Field. The six-Soldier squads began with a more-than three-mile run to the field where they then had to conduct several cavalry scout tasks, including operating an advanced Special Improvement Program radio, determining their location, assembling and checking an M240 machine

gun, calling for fire and more.

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. William J. Gainey, the first senior enlisted adviser to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a cavalry scout and the namesake of the competition, emphasized the training value of the competition to the assembled scout soldiers.

"I'm going to challenge every one of you," Gainey told the audience. "I want each of you to go home, to your country, your city, your state, your unit, and I want you to take one private and teach him or her one task that you learned while you were here. I want you tell that individual for the next thirty days to teach one brother or sister the same task."

Lesperance expressed the desire for the competitors, which included many junior enlisted Soldiers, to grow in their careers in the Army.

"I hope to see you as future senior leaders of the force," he said to the crowd after he had all the privates, specialists and sergeants raise their hand in the crowd of competitors.

Going into the last day and the Final Charge, 5-73 Cavalry had the lead, but securing success depended on their performance in the Final Charge.

Sgt. Matthew Brooks said winning was important given the 82nd AD's other recent win. The 82nd's 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, also won the Best Mortar Competition, April 11, at Fort Benning.

"They had expectations for us to win," said Brooks of the 82nd Airborne Division, "it's a competitive unit."

The top three scout squads during the 2019 Gainey Cup International Scout Squad Competition were:

First place: 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Second place: 42 Brigade Verkennings Eskadron, Royal Netherlands Army, at Oirschot, Netherlands

Third place: 2nd Squadron, 13th Cav. Regt., 3rd ABCT, 1st Armored Division, at Fort Bliss, Texas



Photos by Patrick Albright / U.S. Army

Members of the 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, assemble and perform a functions test of an M2 machine gun at the Final Charge event Friday. Soldiers from 2nd Squadron, 13th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division placed third in the biennial event.



Squad leader Sgt. Joost Van den Dool watches as his scout squad from 42 Brigade Verkennings Eskadron, Royal Netherlands Army, from Oirschot, Netherlands finishes assembling and performing a functions check on an M2 machine gun, May 3, at Fort Benning, Ga.

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Col. Erik Rude, commander, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, presents a token of appreciation to Rabbi Ben Zeidman, of Temple Mount Sinai in El Paso, who was this year's guest speaker during the Fort Bliss Days of Remembrance observance. The Equal Opportunity team at William Beaumont Army Medical Center hosted the observance at the Centennial Banquet and Conference



"We are here to remember that all bear responsibility to ensure nothing like what happened happens again. And if it happens, to recognize it is a disastrous loss of life and an attack on all we as Americans hold dear," said Rabbi Ben Zeidman, of Temple Mount Sinai in El Paso, at Fort Bliss April 17. "Evil knows no borders, and the destruction of life must be fought. It goes beyond religious

WBAMC hosts Fort Bliss Days of Remembrance observance

By Marcy Sanchez | WBAMC PA

The Equal Opportunity team at William Beaumont Army Medical Center hosted Fort Bliss' annual Days of Remembrance observance at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center April 17.

Congress established Days of Remembrance as the nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust. This year's Days of Remembrance were officially commemorated May 2. More observances occurred nationwide April 28 through Sunday.

"The brutality of the Holocaust was a crime against men, women, and children. It was a crime against humanity. It was a crime against God," reads a presidential message from President Donald J. Trump, published on International Holocaust Remembrance Day, Jan. 27. "To remember these men and women-those who perished and those who survived—is to strive to prevent such suffering from happening again. Any denial or indifference to the horror of this chapter in the history of humankind diminishes all men and women everywhere and invites repetition of this great evil."

During the observance, children from the El Paso Jewish Academy recited Ani Ma'amin, an ancient Hebrew affirmation of faith which is interpreted as "I believe." Following the rendition, WBAMC leaders lit candles in remembrance of those who did and did not survive the world's deadliest genocide.

The observance also welcomed guest speaker Rabbi Ben Zeidman, of Temple Mount Sinai in El Paso, who spoke about his grandfather, a Navy veteran, and stories he heard growing up.

"(My grandfather) took great pride in his service. When I was old enough, I would hang out with him and the rest of the group of Jewish war veterans," said Zeidman. "One of

the greatest lessons I learned from them was how our country was willing to fight when confronted by those who are motivated by hatred, destruction, fascism, and corruption, it's a matter of our country's values."

"Hitler created a common enemy, and that rallies people together to do things they thought they could never do," said Col. Erik Rude, commander, WBAMC. "It's never going to happen again because in America, we don't swear to a dictator or a monarch, we swear to a Constitution. We swear an oath to an ideal, a Constitution that guarantees freedom for all."

Originally, Nazis established ghettos to concentrate Jews and segregate them. Later, Germans and their collaborators deported roughly 2.7 million Jews and others to killing centers in German-occupied Poland.

"What I've noticed, 75 years after it ended, [discussions have] become very soft when we talk about (the Holocaust), and it doesn't need to be soft. If it gets soft, we forget how horrendous it really was," said Rude. "It's one of the most awful things that has happened since the beginning of mankind, so when we explain this to our children, it has to be [realistic], we have to explain how bad this really

Zeidman said the importance of remembering the Holocaust is not only to know history, but to know that, regardless of faith, it takes all people to counter genocide.

'We are here to remember that all bear responsibility to ensure nothing like what happened happens again. And if it happens, to recognize it is a disastrous loss of life and an attack on all we as Americans hold dear." said Zeidman. "Evil knows no borders, and the destruction of life must be fought. It goes beyond religious boundaries."



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Need for speed

Holloman's 311th FS trains for expeditionary readiness, supports exercise Venom 19-01

By Air Force Staff Sgt. BreeAnn Sachs | 49th Wing PA

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah - The 311th Fighter Squadron deployed for a temporary duty assignment to Hill Air Force Base, Utah, April 22, for exercise Venom 19-01.

Over 200 personnel from the 311th FS, out of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, and its associated units left on the TDY, in addition to 16 F-16 Fighting Falcons. Among these personnel, over 150 of them belong to the 311th Aircraft Maintenance Unit.

"We took the whole AMU from Holloman and moved it here," said Tech. Sgt. Mitchel Moore, a 311th AMU crew chief. "If we were to deploy it would be the same thing -- get your stuff, let's go and see how good it does. How good can we pick up our AMU and move it to a new location and still perform the mission like we do at home?"

The 311th AMU deployed 35 personnel early on April 17, to set up their work centers and to unload over 500 single issue items that total \$1.2 million in assets, allowing them to operate at the same pace and capacity as they do at home station.

"This prepares us for a real-world deployment," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Dustin Phillips, a 311th AMU crew chief. "This is teaching (new airmen) what to expect when you move from location-to-location and have to keep normal operations."

Col. Timmy Harbor, the 49th Maintenance Group commander, visited the 311th AMU's temporary setup, April 25, to orient himself with the maintenance operations and integrate with his airmen.

"Over the last three days, they haven't missed any (flights)," said Harbor. "Home station averages are really good too; the last three days have been better than they've done at home station, on average, which is really



Photos by Air Force Staff Sgt. BreeAnn Sachs / 49th Wing PA

A 311th Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief pulls the chocks from an F-16 Fighting Falcon, April 25, at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Over 200 personnel and 16 F-16s were deployed from Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., to Hill for exercise Venom 19-01.

impressive."

Holloman's maintainers work around the clock to ensure the squadron's F-16's are mission ready for the next day's flights. Almost 50 pilots have been supported by dissimilar combat training with the F-35 Lightning II as a result of their hard work and tenacity.

"Our F-16 units at Holloman don't deploy," said Harbor. "Especially for the younger airmen, it's a good experience to learn how to deploy to a different location. Pack up, send the jets out, catch the jets, then unpack and start producing sorties in 24 hours -- something that's key in the Air Force, to be expeditionary.'

This type of training is essential in ensuring the lethality of Holloman's maintainers, as many will be assigned to operational units for their next assignment.

"A lot of us go to Korea straight after this and it's an actual deployable unit," said Phillips. "There's a few people here where this is their first TDY, and it gets them used to it. If they have to deploy like this, they know what to expect.'

In addition to the mission-essential training, TDYs provide a boost in morale and a change of scenery from the high deserts of southern New Mexico.

"It gives them perspective, it opens their eyes to see what other opportunities are out there if they want to keep a career in the Air Force," said Harbor. "There's plenty of other experiences and aircraft out there for them to (work with). It seems like morale is very high, many of our maintainers are getting to have incentive flights, which is also good for the morale."

A 311th Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief cleans his assigned F-16 Fighting Falcon, April 25, at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.





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DEA 'Take Back' Day

Texas NG task force helps take 29,000 pounds of opioids, prescription drugs off the street

By Capt. Nadine Wiley De Moura | Texas National Guard

AUSTIN – Texas National Guard Joint Counterdrug Task Force members supported 37 Drug Enforcement Administration "Take Back Day" stations where the community turned in more than 29,000 pounds of expired, old or unused prescription drugs April 27 throughout the state of Texas with more still processing.

Soldiers and airmen stood by their DEA, local law enforcement agencies and academic partners in unity to collect the prescription drugs and educate the public on the opioid crisis.

"It is important because we are a part of



Texas National Guard Joint Counterdrug Task Force members support the Drug Enforcement Administration's Take Back Day in Houston recently. Sixty-two Texas National Guard troops provided support in 37 locations across every major metropolitan area in Texas. Many of them worked alongside the same law enforcement agents that they support in the fulltime capacity as members of the counterdrug program.

the community and this is a big community function and affiliation with the DEA," said Senior Master Sgt. Anita Blue, the Texas National Guard Joint Counterdrug Task Force team leader. "With us being in partnership with them, we just want to do our part and come out and help with the National DEA Drug Take Back Day effort."

The Texas National Guard Joint Counterdrug Task Force leverages unique military capabilities to assist law enforcement agencies and community-based organizations in the disruption of illicit drug financing, production, transportation, distribution and promotes drug-free living through community-based education and prevention.

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Blue, who supported the University of Houston DEA Take Back Day station on campus, worked alongside students, pharmacists, campus police and a DEA agent.

"Having it at the university gives more visibility on the opioid problem," said Blue. "We are putting out more information at this site to educate the students stopping by about the opioid crisis and informing them about the National Take Back Day and why we do it."

At the University of Houston location, pharmacy students and two pharmacists set up several presentations, educational devices and talked with students about the opioid crisis.

Several students were a part of Operation Naxolene, a program that partners with the University of Texas to educate the community on how to reverse overdoses utilizing Naxolene, a medication often known by the brand name Narcan, via injection and nasal spray.

"We are educating about Naxolene since there is an opioid overdose epidemic hap-



Photos by Capt. Nadine Wiley De Moura / Texas National Guard
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pening in America, specifically in Houston, it is even worse," said Annette Augustine, a third-year college student at the University of Houston's College of Pharmacy and a student leader for Operation Naxolene.

"Our initiative right now is to educate people about the easy access to Naxolene now that it is a standing order," said Augustine. "People can get it from pharmacies now and have it on hand to help a loved one or anyone in the public."

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2017 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, six million Americans misused controlled prescription drugs. The study shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet.

The DEA's Take Back Day events provide an opportunity for Americans to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths.

"It is important to get prescription drugs off of the streets in a clean way instead of doing it in a way where you are putting the water system or others in danger," said Blue. "That is why they started the day-- to dispose of drugs in the proper manner instead of destroying them yourself. I am very excited that we had the opportunity to be a part of this."









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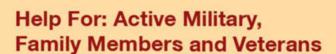
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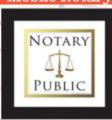
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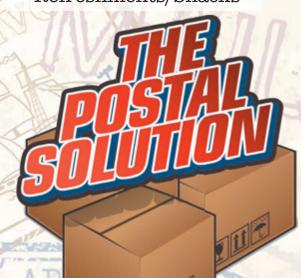
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Cadet Summer Training to emphasize basic Soldier tasks for 2019

By Brenadine Humphrey | USACC PA

FORT KNOX, Ky. - When Gen. Stephen J. Townsend, commander of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, visited Cadet Summer Training last June, he admitted this training was "far more intensive and challenging" than the camp he attended at Fort Bragg in 1981.

tends 5th Regiment, Advanced Camp's graduation, July 25, 2018.

"The training they're getting here is better than what I got when I was a cadet. What they're doing today - the cadets are far more capable and just really impressive," he said.

But that doesn't mean you stop improving. Following Townsend's directive to ensure our future Army officers are as experienced and knowledgeable about basic Soldier tasks, the CST planning team have reinvigorated the training schedule.

For this year's CST, Lt. Col. Robert Schiller, the G37 CST Lead Planner, said there is an increased focus on basic Soldier tasks, those common core tasks that every Soldier must be proficient at, "so the cadets have the same basic combat training experience, as far as the common core tasks, as (active-duty) Soldiers have."

"So how do we get there," Schiller continued, "we concentrate on the common core tasks, we concentrate on creating a rigorous training environment that challenges the cadets."

Changes to CST

This year's model will increase CST from 31 days to a 37-day model. The six additional days include two more days of basic rifle marksmanship training and the addition of two new training events - buddy-team live fire and hand grenade training.

Traditionally, these two training events have been taught during phase two of the Basic Officer Leader Course, called BOLC B. Adding this training to phase one of BOLC, or BOLC A, ensures cadets have ample training on those common core tasks.

'To get all these tasks done, they could do it at BOLC B, which is their officer branch school, we just figured out a way to do it at BOLC A," Schiller said, "Cadets have never gone down a live fire range at CST prior to this year."

"We're making cadets shoot - making them better shooters. That's basic Army stuff right there," said Schiller. He also explained they changed the qualification standard for BRM. This year cadets will qualify on a 300 meter pop-up target range.

"We're throwing 14,000 hand grenades this summer. That's two hand grenades per cadet. We've created a rigorous training environment that will challenge the Cadets," said

U.S. Army Cadet Command's Command Sgt. Maj. Mario O. Terenas explained "CST helps our cadets to truly understand what this business is all about - it's not just about academia and school, but about becoming a lethal and agile officer for an army that is charged with closing with, engaging and destroying an enemy.

"I think the way we've adjusted this year's CST is exactly where we need to be - it gets at a more lethal and agile officer, one that can go out from CST19 to become an Officer that understands exactly what a Soldier goes through in Basic Training," he said.

There have been other changes to CST this year - including the addition of a new Platoon Ranking Tool.

"Brig. Gen. Brown was the leading force in this," Schiller explained, "Last summer there were informal ranking tools used, but they varied between platoons.'

Schiller continued, "so, they were doing a good job last year, but we standardized it this year. I want the cadets to understand they are going to be assessed by leadership, competency and physical skills."

This tool will be standardized across pla-

"The three things I want cadets to know are, one, there are no secrets, you know the tasks, conditions and standards," said Schiller.

"The second thing is to know there is a standardized platoon ranking tool and these are the three things you are going to be assessed on: leadership, competence and physi-

"The third thing cadets need to understand is that when they're looked at by their O/CTs, the biggest thing we're looking for is to develop and assess your leadership, competence and attributes, that's the number one goal," said Schiller.

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Dogma and dumbells

1-37 Armor chaplain uses powerlifting to make him more resilient, set Texas records for sport

By Staff Sgt. Felicia Jagdatt | 2nd ABCT, 1st AD PA

Going "above and beyond" is one thing a Soldier is known for.

For Chaplain (Capt.) Bryan Kimble, the 1st Battalion, 37th Armored Regiment chaplain, the desire to serve in the military came from his father, who once served on active duty in the same battalion Kimble is assigned to to-

"I grew up with such a strong love and appreciation for those who serve our republic, and later I found out that many in my family served - in fact over a dozen - in our nation's war for independence," said Kimble. "As I continued to pray for those serving, I felt God working on my heart to serve the nation and our Soldiers.'

Kimble, however, is not your ordinary chaplain. His passion for weightlifting allowed him to compete in the 2019 Natural Athlete Strength Association Texas Championship in the Military, Police, and Firefighter and Masters-Pure division at the 198 lbs. weight class for both Power Sports and Unequipped Push Pull.

"Power Sports is strict curls, bench press and deadlift," explained Kimble. "It is raw, no support equipment but a four-inch belt. Unequipped Push Pull is a bench press and deadlift – also raw."

Both divisions require artificial supplement-free lifters; MPF requires three years of being supplement-free and in Masters-Pure, a lifetime

Overall, he placed first in each of these divisions for his weight class: first overall (based off of coefficient) for Power Sports, and fourth for the Push-Pull event.

In this process, he also set six Texas state records – four in Power Sports and two in Push/Pull. He is now on the National Top 250 Rankings at 22nd for Power Sports and 34th for the Push/Pull event.

To complete such a feat comes from a strong support system that he has found in his



Capt. Lindsay Roman / 2nd ABCT, 1st AD PA Kimble, assigned to 1st Battalion, 37th Armored Regiment, in front of 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team headquarters at Fort Bliss April 24.

faith and his "best-half," Jessica.

"They give me strength and motivation to get up to hit the gym at 5 a.m. prior to unit physical training.

Kimble had to go through many obstacles to get to the level of competitor he is today.

He had to undergo surgery for severe migraines in 2017, which led to an extreme recovery phase.

"The medical professionals would not allow me to complete more than four reps [of any one exercise], let alone compete," he said. "I had to gradually take time after the surgery to recover and start working towards completing a one-mile run again."

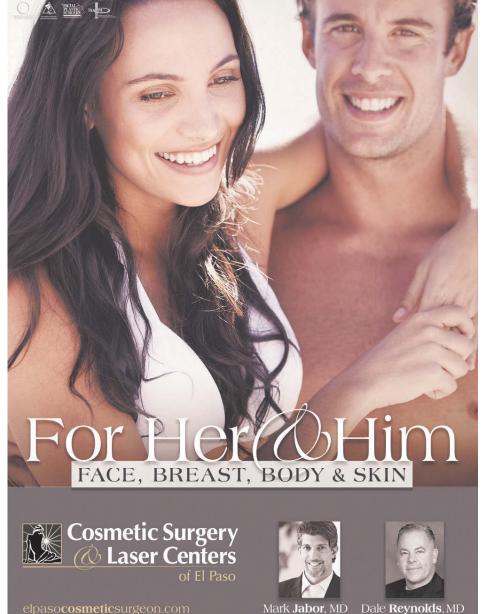
He said he knew, due to his faith, that he would recover and be able to pursue his passion through hard work and continued dedication. He urges Soldiers to also go after their passions and offers his story to help them see the positive in down times.

"Make sure you are doing it all for the right reasons," Kimble recommends to others about powerlifting. "Learn proper techniques prior to pushing yourself and stay away from short cuts such as performance-enhancing drugs. Overall, never accept defeat. If you fail, then learn and adapt, but never accept it as a de-









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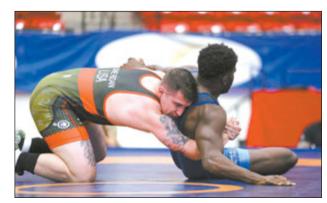
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Las Cruces Wine Festival: The Las Cruces Wine festival is May 25-27, noon-6 p.m., at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds, 12125 Robert Larson Blvd, Las Cruces. The Memorial Day Weekend festival offers wines by New Mexico wineries as well as specialty food and artisans. No pets or coolers. Cost: Military (at the gate only with valid DOD ID) \$17; others \$20 in advance; \$25 at the gate; \$10 designated driver and non-drinker 16-20. holdmyticket.com

Billy the Kid Festival: San Elizario Historic Art District hosts the 10th annual Billy the Kid Festival noon-9 p.m. May 31-June 2. in San Elizario. The event celebrates Billy the Kid's visit to San Elizario in 1876 to break out a friend from the old El Paso County Jail. Free. 851-0093 or billythekidfestival. com, or sanelizariohistoricdistrict.org

'The sky is not the limit'

Army astronaut reflects on mission 250 miles above Earth

By Sean Kimmons | Army News Service

FORT MEADE, Md. - An Army astronaut on a six-month mission in space recently shared her experience, saying she still leans on her military training while aboard the International Space

Lt. Col. Anne McClain, a former helicopter pilot who has flown over 200 combat missions, blasted into space on a Russian Soyuz rocket in early December to serve as a flight engineer for

"I spent my whole career working high-risk missions in small teams in remote areas, which is what we're doing right now," she said in an April 24 interview.

McClain, 39, is one of five Soldiers in the Army Space and Missile Defense Command's astronaut detachment. Its commander, Col. Andrew Morgan, is slated to launch July 20, the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing. Spacewalker

During her stay, McClain has been able to complete two spacewalks – both about 6.5-hours long – for maintenance outside the space station, which is about the length of a football field.

On March 22, she and another American astronaut replaced batteries and performed upgrades to the station's power system. Then on April 8, she and a Canadian astronaut routed cables that serve as a redundant power system for a large robotic arm that moves equipment and supports crews while outside the station.

When she first started to train for spacewalks back in Houston, McClain said it reminded her of being an OH-58 Kiowa helicopter pilot on a scout weapons team.

The spacesuits, she noted, are like small spacecraft that need to be constantly monitored in order for their occupants to stay alive against the extreme temperatures and vacuum of space. Suits have their own electronics, power and radio systems - similar to components helicopter pilots often cross-check while remaining tocused on the mission.

Then there is the buddy team aspect of both operations.

"Up here on a spacewalk, that's the other as-



McClain poses for a photograph with her 4-year-



Astronaut Lt. Col. Anne McClain in the cupola holding biomedical gear for an experiment that measures fat changes in the bone marrow before and after exposure to microgravity recently. "No matter what your passion is, you really can find it within the Army," she said. "The opportunities really are endless and the sky is not the limit.'



McClain uses the robotics workstation inside the International Space Station to practice robotics maneuvers and spacecraft capture techniques April 16. McClain, one of five Soldiers in the Army Space and Missile Defense Command's astronaut detachment, is currently on a six-month mission in space.

tronaut that's outside with you," she said. "On the ground, that was the other helicopter that I was flying with.

"Most importantly, you have to be able to work with that other person and their system their spacesuit, their helicopter - in order to accomplish the mission," she added. Space research

Unique from her Army days has been her participation in scientific experiments on the station, the only research laboratory of its kind with over 200 ongoing experiments.

An upcoming experiment, she said, is for an in-space refabricator, a hybrid 3D printer that can recycle used plastic to create new parts.

"That's a really exciting new technology to enable deep-space exploration," she said.

In December, NASA announced plans to work with U.S. companies to develop reusable systems that can return astronauts to the Moon. Human-class landers are expected to be tested in 2024, with the goal to send a crew to the surface

What's learned in these missions could then help NASA send astronauts to Mars by the 2030s, according to a news release.

While currently in low Earth orbit, McClain explained that resupply vehicles can come and go. Beyond that, crews would need to be selfsustained for longer periods of time.

The best parts of her day, she said, are when she gets the chance to peer down on Earth. Every day, the station orbits around the planet 16 times, meaning astronauts see a sunrise or sunset every 45 minutes.

"One of the cool things about going to the window is if you're not paying attention, you don't even know if it's night or day outside," she said. "You could look out and see an aurora over the Antarctic or you could look out and see a beautiful sunrise over the Pacific."

After seeing Earth from above with her own eyes, McClain has come to realize people there are more dependent on each other than they may think.

"You get this overview effect where you realize how small we are and how fragile our planet is and how we're really all in it together," she said. "You don't see borders from space, you don't see diversity and differences in people on

Before she was selected to NASA's human spaceflight program in 2013, McClain, of Spokane, Washington, attended the U.S. Military Academy and was commissioned in 2002.

She later became a Marshall scholar and earned two master's degrees. She then flew over 2,000 flight hours on 20 different aircraft and became a Kiowa instructor pilot.

In June, she is set to return back to Earth.

"No matter what your passion is, you really can find it within the Army," she said. "The opportunities really are endless and the sky is not



>> BEST WARRIORS

Photos by Spc. Matthew Marcellus / 1st Armored Division

Team Bliss athletes competed at the Special Olympics spring meet in El Paso April 26.

- Members of Team Bliss, a Special Olympics team composed of athletes from the Fort Bliss community, prepare to step off for the opening ceremony parade during the 2019 Special Olympics Texas Spring Games for Area 19, at Burges High School, in El Paso, April 26.
- 2 An athlete representing Montwood High School competes during the relay race.
- 3 Maj. Gen. Patrick Matlock, the commanding general for the 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss, high fives a performer during the inaugural parade April 26.







Big changes coming to the future of Army history

By Sean Kimmons | Army News Service

FORT MEADE, Md. – The Army Center of Military History realigned under Army Training and Doctrine Command May 1 to better promote history at school houses across the force, officials recently announced.

The center's mission will remain the same and its activities will continue at Fort Belvoir, Virginia; and Fort McNair in Washington, D.C.

Under TRADOC, a four-star command, the center will have further access to inspire and educate Soldiers, from trainees in basic combat training to officers at staff colleges.

"It allows us to much more effectively do what we do on behalf of the Army," said Charles Bowery Jr., the center's director.

There are currently no plans to physically relocate or eliminate the center's 250 employees due to the realignment, he added

The Institute of Heraldry, a CMH directorate for the past three years, however, will remain at the Department of the Army headquarters level under the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army.

Other key changes will mainly occur behind the scenes, such as new procedures for reporting and administrative support, funding and lines of accounting, and new rating officials for employees ranked GS-15 and above.

The center's move is part of reforms being made by the Secretary of the Army to ensure the headquarters level is focused on policy and oversight, and commanders at lower levels are properly equipped to carry out their functions.

"We're kind of the standard bearer of reform for the Army in realigning to TRADOC," Bowery said.

The modern organization of Army historical efforts dates back to World War II as the service sought to record the official history of the war, according to the center's website.

Over the decades, the center has expanded that role into military history education, introduced automated data-retrieval systems, and currently manages the Army's museum system.

The museum system includes 47 Army museums and 176 other holdings, which have around 500,000 artifacts and over 15,000 works of military art.

The center is also behind the National Museum of the U.S. Army, which is under construction at Fort Belvoir and projected to open in 2020.

With 750,000 visitors expected to visit each year, the museum will serve as a "launch point" for TRADOC to engage the public about the Army.

"We look at the national museum as a premiere platform to



National Infantry Museum

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advertise the Army to the nation and the world," Bowery said. Other Army museums may also see changes as the center plans to look at some management reforms to ensure they run

"It's all about funding the Secretary of the Army's priorities," Bowery said, "and we want to make sure we're good stewards of the money we receive to run the museums."

more efficiently.

In the publishing realm, he added, the center will also embark on a new series telling the histories of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The books, which will be called the "Tan Books" after the center's "Green Books" series on World War II, will eventually be available online and in print when finished.

Army Recruiting Command, which is part of TRADOC, has also expressed interest in having the center help tailor historical content for young trainees in basic combat training.

"We look at the national museum as a premiere platform to advertise the Army to the nation and the world."

>> Charles Bowery Jr.

"We've already taken some baby steps toward doing that," he said. "We're talking about things like developing apps and publications that are accessible to different audiences and are inspiring."

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Buddhist Service

(Bldg. 449 Pershing Road) Thursday 6:00 p.m. Intro to Nichiren Buddhism 2nd Tuesday 5 p.m.

The love of a mother

By Chaplain (Capt.) Scott A. Lovejoy 4th Bn., 17th Inf. Regt.

Mom. Ma. Mama. Mommy. Maw. Mum. Madre. Mãe. Mère. Regardless of what she's called, the name "Mother" in its purest sense is synonymous with love, compassion, patience, protection, and safety. Mothers



Chaplain (Capt.) Scott A. Lovejoy

come in all forms, from a biological connection to a figure in one's life who has embodied these aforementioned characteristics.

Interestingly, it is these same attributes that we find in scripture as God is described in terms of motherly characteristics.

Perhaps my favorite example is from the book of Isaiah in Hebrew scripture. Here we encounter ancient Israel towards the end of their exile in Babylon. This is a people who are desperately seeking for meaning and understanding while in captivity. And in their moment of need, this imagery is presented to provide peace and consolation as they are questioning where God is in their suffering: "But can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you (Isaiah 49:15)."

A second story to further illustrate the mindfulness and compassion of a mother comes from Eastern Europe toward the end of World War II. A young mother with her four small children had boarded a train to flee from war-torn Czechoslovakia to the recently liberated Germany where her parents were living. They were tired, alone, and afraid. Along the way the train stopped several times to get supplies. One night, during one of these stops, the young mother hurried off the train in search of food for her hungry children. Upon returning the platform from which she had disembarked, she was horrified to realize that the train had unexpectedly departed, along with her children. Frantically she searched up and down the rail yard, desperately looking for the train. Destitute,



she dropped to her knees seeking a miracle. And then, without much of a plan, she got up and ran one more time to the far end of the train station. After what I'm sure felt like an eternity, she reached the final row of cars and to her utter surprise and absolute relief, her prayer was answered as she stumbled through the familiar train car to find her children safe and warm. Faith had overcome her fear. Hope had overcome her despair. That is the love of a mother. That is the love embodied in God.

This Mother's Day, it is my hope and prayer that we can look to those mother figures in our life with love and compassion in gratitude for those moments that they have safely gathered us in and have not forgotten us in our moments of greatest need. May we also look to be that person, regardless of relationship, who is mindful of the needs, wants, and hopes of others. May we embody our faith and go out into the world full of those motherly qualities of love, compassion, patience, protection, and safety, directing them towards our own families and to those whom God places in our path.

And finally, may we look heavenward to the Master who not only is a Good Father, but also as a "hen who gathers her chickens" safely in (Matthew 23:37). Happy Mother's Day to my Mom, to my wife, and to all those who play the role of Mother.



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Military Spouse Appreciation Day: Is it real?

Military Spouse Appreciation Day

By Lisa Smith Molinari | www.themeatandpotatoesoflife.com

The calendar is full of obscure national holidays.

Why, in the last week alone, we've been encouraged to celebrate National Outdoor Intercourse Day, Beer Pong Day, Scurvy Awareness Day, and National Lumpy Rug Day. Let's just hope that no one threw a party to commemorate all four of these events at one time.

Last month, we were afforded the opportunity to recognize Ex Spouse Day, National Shrimp Scampi Day, High Five Day, Bat Appreciation Day, and my personal favorite, National Cheeseball Day. And next month, we'll gear up for World Jugglers' Day, Hug Your Cat Day, National Bubba Day, Monkey Around Day, and Waffle Iron Day.

And nestled in there – among all those weird holidays praising Paul Bunyan, peach blossoms, and ear muffs – appropriately on the Friday before Mother's Day, is Military Spouse Appreciation Day.

With all these nonsense events on the national calendar, one might wonder, is Military Spouse Appreciation Day a real holiday? Or is it just another unsung observance like Extraterrestrial Abductions Day and Tell a Fairy Tale Day?

According to the Congressional Research Service, there are only "11 permanent federal holidays established by law ... New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, Inauguration Day (every four years following a presidential election), George Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day."

The vast majority of "national holidays" such as Grandparents'

Day, Squirrel Appreciation
Day and even Halloween are not established
by an act of Congress, but rather, are
the result of widelyrecognized tradition,
brilliant corporate
marketing campaigns,
or a bunch of goofy
college kids who are
really good at social
media.

However, there are a some special days of the year that, although they are not deemed to be federal holidays, they have so much national significance that the President of the United States issues an annual proclamation calling upon the public

to honor the cause, event or individual.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day is one of those significant public observances.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan established Military Spouse Appreciation Day by Proclamation 5184, recognizing the count-

less sacrifices and unselfish contributions made by military spouses since the days of the Continental Army:

"[Military spouses] subordinated their personal and professional aspirations to the greater benefit of the service family. Re-

> sponding to the call of duty, they frequently endured long periods of separation or left familiar surroundings and friends to reestablish their homes in distant places. And there they became American ambassadors abroad. As volunteers, military spouses have provided exemplary service and leadership in educational, community, recre-

> > religious,

social and cultural endeavors. And as parents and homemakers, they preserve the cornerstone of our nation's strength—the American fam-

ational,

ily."

Thirty-five years later, military spouses continue to support their husbands, wives, families and country, despite facing serious career obstacles and family hardships be-

cause of their unpredictable, mobile military lifestyles. Why don't we recognize "accountant spouses," "engineer spouses," or "chef spouses" in the same way as military spouses? Because being a military spouse is not just a description based upon a husband or wife's job – it's a total lifestyle commitment that requires each spouse to have their own sense of duty, honor and patriotism.

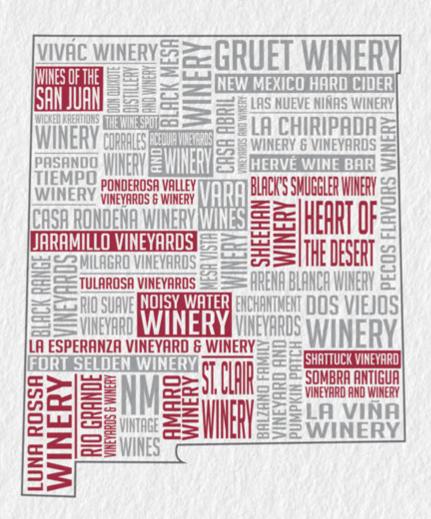
Today, with greater military recruiting retention challenges, it's crucial that the public shows its appreciation for our all-volunteer military force, along with the family members at home. Like their husbands and wives, military spouses need to know that their sacrifices, dedication, and commitment are worth it

This year, Military Spouse Appreciation Dy falls on May 10.

During the month you may feel compelled to celebrate Lost Sock Memorial Day (May 9), Dance Like a Chicken Day (May 14), Sea Monkey Day (May 16), and Mint Julep Day (May 30), but carve out a little time out of your busy calendar to recognize a presidentially-approved national holiday.

On May 10, after we've cleaned our rooms in honor of National Clean Up Your Room Day of course, let's all celebrate Military Spouse Appreciation Day by acknowledging that, not only is it a real holiday, the military spouses it commemorates are really important.





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Fallen Officer Memorial Run: El Paso Municipal Officers Association's 6th annual 10K and 5K runs and 1-mile walk in memory of 31 fallen heroes will be 8 a.m. May 18 at Marco's Pizza, 7560 Cimarron Market. Race day registration and packet pick-up is 7-7:45 a.m. Cost: \$25; \$30 on race day. 274-5222 or coultercmike@vahoo.com. Registration at raceadventuresunilimited.com.

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 pullups, 200 push-ups, 300 squats and one mile run. May 24-27. Cost: \$20 744-5790

BorderRAC Pull for Trauma Trap Shoot: BorderRAC will host a fundraising trap shoot event 9 a.m. May 18 at El Paso Skeet and Trap Club: 9817 Alameda. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Must bring their own shotgun and ammo). Cost: \$250 for five-person team or \$50 per individual, 838-3200 or borderrac.org.

3-point shootout tournament: It will be TREY-tastic at the 3-point Shootout Tournament May 25 from 4-10 p.m. at Monti Warrior Zone. Cost: \$15, per tournament. Open to the public, 18+. 741-3000

Tennis Scramble: The Tennis Scramble is on the last Wednesday of every month. Cost: \$5 fee for non-ID card holders and is free for DoD ID card holders. The scramblers are held at the Tennis Club, 262 Club Road.

El Paso Senior Games: The City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department's 36th annual games for those age 50+ run through May 22 at various locations around El Paso. All participants have a chance to qualify for the Texas State Senior Games. Cost: \$15 for 2 events and t-shirt, plus \$5 for each additional event; \$45 for all events. 503-6544 or elpasotexas.gov/parks

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

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

Wicked Wine Run: The Wicked Wine 5K run and 1K Tasting Walk is May 18, at La Viña Winery, 4201 Hwy 28 in La Union, N.M. with 5K run at 5:30 p.m. and 1K tasting walk at 7 p.m. with four wine stations. Gates open at 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$45 for each event; \$70 for both. Parking \$10. All runners must be 21+. wickedwinerun.com

Cloudcroft Ultra 53K and 9.5-miler: The Cloudcroft Ultra 53k and 9.5-miler long-distance trail run is May 18. at Zenith Park Pavilion in Cloudcroft, N.M. The 53K begins at 7 a.m. and 9.5 miler at 7:30 a.m. Both races are an out-and-back on the Rim Trail (T105). Cost: \$45 9.5-miler; \$85 53K. Packet pick up is 5-7 p.m. May 17, at the pavilion in Zenith Park, and 6-6:45 a.m. on race day. Registration: ultrasignup.com

El Paso Chihuahuas: The El Paso Chihuahuas hosts the Reno Aces May 21-24 at Southwest University Park. Game time is 7 p.m. Tues., 11 a.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Cost: \$11-\$30. 533-BASE or EP-

With 99 marathons under her belt, MP says Army discipline helped her overcome injury

By Matt Decke | U.S. ARMY

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. - Staff Sgt. Amy Frederick loves to run marathons. In a little over two weeks, she will achieve a personal milestone when she travels to Fargo, North Dakota, to compete in the 2019 Fargo Marathon -- the 100th marathon of her career.

The race represents the culmination of 14 years of marathon running for Frederick, 33, who will have achieved this particular goal, not only by constant training, practicing and competing, but also by overcoming some significant obstacles, chiefly a broken leg she suffered in 2016.

She attributes both her longevity and her ability to come back to her training to the U.S. Army.

"It's the discipline factor, I guess," said Frederick, an MP Soldier with the 14th Military Police Brigade, where she serves as an anti-terrorism instructor.

"Being in the Army, you acquire discipline, routine, and staying dedicated to a cause -- I think in a way those things have helped me (as a runner)," she said. "The Army has instilled that discipline within me: You get up early in the morning to train when you don't want to.'

Originally from Waldorf, Maryland, Frederick ran cross-country and track at Thomas Strong High School, but said she didn't become an avid runner until after joining the Army immediately after graduating in 2003.

"I did JROTC in high school, which was kind of an influence for me to join. I got a little bit of a taste of the lifestyle of the Army. That was probably the biggest motivator, along with the sense of joining something and doing something for my country," sne said.

After running the Army Ten-Miler for the first time in 2004, she saw an ad for the Marine Corps Marathon, which she ran in 2005

"I got interested in [the Marine Corps Marathon] and trained up for it," she said. "Also, being stationed in the northern Virginia/D.C. area, there were a lot of places to run. So, I guess that was my motivation to get out there. You had this very scenic area to run. Our unit would do a lot of runs from post; we would go out to Arlington Cemetery, to the monuments and things like that. It was a combination of all those things. The races were fun. too."

In her job as an instructor, Frederick regularly travels, and often finds ways to fit in marathon running during her down time on the road, as well as when she's home. Although not in organized races, she even ran marathon distances when deployed to Iraq in 2010 and 2011, after which she began another goal: to run marathons in all 50 states. Currently, she's at 42 states, and, after Fargo, will only need seven more.

"When I got back from Iraq in 2011, I got linked up with a couple of different running



Staff Sgt. Amy Frederick runs in the Horse Capital Marathon in Lexington, Ky., in 2015. Frederick is set to complete her 100th marathon later this month, a goal she has been working toward since

clubs. I was doing all these races, and I noticed I (had run marathons in) various states. I thought I might as well do all 50," she said.

At her high point, Frederick said, she ran up to 20 marathons per year. However, in 2016, an accident during training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, left her sidelined.

"We were doing an obstacle course. I must've lost my grip or my footing -- I'm not sure because it happened so fast," she said. "I fractured my tibia, so it put me down for

Frederick worked hard to recover as

"Being in the Army, you acquire discipline, routine, and staying dedicated to a cause."

>> Staff Sgt. Amy Frederick

quickly as she could.

"After six months I was using the antigravity treadmill and doing physical therapy, but I wasn't doing full-on running," she said. "Actual running was probably about a year after (the accident). Not being able to be out there and seeing my friends racing, too, it

Although back to running marathons, Frederick still deals with the effects of the break. Instead of running 15 marathons a year, she's averaged two races per year for the last two years. And her regular pace time has slowed by about a minute on a 2-mile

During her efforts to recover, Frederick said she has been inspired by fellow Soldiers, veterans and the Army Values they exhibit, especially personal courage.

"Loyalty and duty have something to do with it, if you think about it in a way, and personal courage, too. Just to be able to get out there, especially after an injury, and just get after it," she said. "During the Army Ten Miler, when I see wounded warriors come back with amputations and severe injuries and they're out there doing amazing things, it makes me think there's no excuse why I can't get back out there. All I've had is a fracture -- there's no comparison to what they've gone through."

As an NCO, Frederick hopes her story will serve to inspire younger Soldiers.

"Being a good runner, I think, shows Soldiers that even at my age, and with injuries, you can still overcome that and push through," she said.

In addition to being a runner, Frederick is also a run organizer, serving as the co-chair for this year's Sergeant Audie Murphy Club 5K/10K run at Fort Leonard Wood.

"I'm doing what I can to help organize it," Frederick said. "I ran it in 2014, but it was a totally different course back then. It's designed to be a low-key, fun race, with a 5K route and a 10K. We have units that come out and support it every year."

Overall, Frederick said she's looking forward to another marathon season.

"I'm just happy to be back out there," she

Army Soldier-athletes steal the show at the US Wrestling Nationals

By Brittany Nelson | IMCOM PA

The Army World Class Athlete Program had 13 of their 14 Soldier-athletes place first, second or third at the 2019 USA Wrestling National Championships at Fort Sam Houston May 3. Three All-Army Soldier-athletes walked away with titles as well.

Two months prior to nationals, WCAP and All-Army Soldier-athletes swept the competition at the 2019 Armed Forces Championships where they earned first place for the 18th year in a row.

With the Armed Forces championship in their back pocket, Army wrestlers hit nationals at full speed.

WCAP gold medalists in men's Greco-Roman include Staff. Sgt. Max Nowry, 55 kg division; Sgt. Ellis Coleman, 67 kg division; Sgt. Ryan Mango, 63 kg division; Spc. Leslie Fuenffinger, 60 kg division; and Spc. Jacob Mitchell; 130 kg division. Silver medalists for men's Greco-Roman include Sgt. Ildar Hafizov, 60 kg division; Sgt. Lucas Sheridan, 97 kg division; and Pvt. Hayden Tuma, 67 kg. First Lt. Toby Erickson in the 130 kg division earned bronze.

WCAP's women's freestyle wrestlers include Staff Sgt. Whitney Conder, 50 kg; and Spc. Randyll Beltz, 68 kg, who won gold. Spc. Jenna Burket, 57 kg; and Spc. Areana Villaescusa, 55 kg; won silver.

All-Army victories include 2nd Lt. Michael Hooker, who finished third in Men's 72 kg Greco-Roman; Pvt. Nahiela Magee, who finished fourth in women's 76 kg freestyle; and Spc. Connor Myers, who finished seventh in men's 72 kg Greco-Roman.

Soldier-athletes who placed first through seventh are now qualified for the Final X tournament in June where they compete to earn a spot on the U.S. senior world team. Those who placed first through third earned a spot on the USA national team.

Overall, the U.S. Army women's team won first place in division two and the men's team won second place in division one.

"It means everything to see my athletes perform well and go far. They aren't just out there representing themselves, they represent the Army and the country," said Staff Sgt. Iris Smith, the women's coach.

Bruce Robinson, the wrestling head coach and deputy to the chief of WCAP, said that the team performed their best they have ever done at nationals.

"The mentality is always to win, nobody wants to go home without a gold around their neck. Everybody is working hard to win and we feed off each other," said Robinson.



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Sgt. Lucas Sheridan, who won second in the Greco-Roman 97 kg division, at the 2019 USA Wrestling National Championships at Fort Sam Houston May 3. "I idolized those guys growing up and everyone knew what the World Class Athlete Program is when it comes to Greco-Roman wrestling. After college I decided to keep wrestling, WCAP was the go-to decision," said Sheridan.

won her sixth national championship.

"It feels amazing to win first. I couldn't have done it without the Lord and without my team, because I train with them every day and without the Army I wouldn't be here," said Conder.

Conder has been with the World Class Athlete Program for six years and says that joining the Army was the best decision she has ever made.

Staff Sgt. Spencer Mango, the WCAP assistant wrestling coach and USA Wrestling's 2018 Greco-Roman coach of the year, said that the team had a great performance and even won some matches that were toss-ups.

"Sheridan beat last year's national champion (Miller) in the semifinals. He has lost to him a few times before and this is his first win over him in Greco. That was a big win for us and we all knew he could do it he just had to step up," said Mango.

"Miller beat me about a month ago in the Armed Forces competition at Fort Bliss, Texas. I had a little bit of a chip on my shoulder going into our match, but I was also really excited to get another opportunity to face him. He's a great opponent and a great officer in the Marine Corps as well. I have a lot of respect for him, but it felt really good to get that win," said Sheridan.

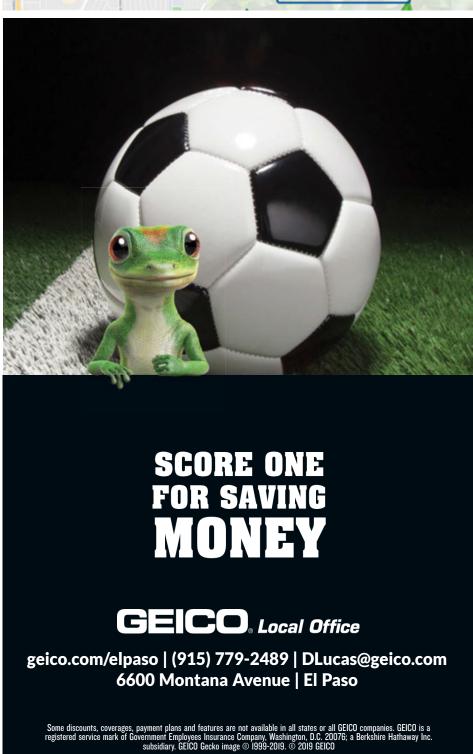
Sheridan grew up watching current coaches Dremiel Byers and Staff Sgt. Mango.

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Sheridan joined WCAP in 2015 and since then has become a national team member and Bill Farrel Open champion.







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OFF DUTY

Off Duty is a compilation of military-affiliated information and events focused on the Soldier, their family members and veterans. Information should be 100 words or fewer and contain no editorializing. An informational brief that is not time-specific will not run for more than four weeks. Submissions are due no later than Friday for publication in the following week's paper. To learn more, call 568-4088.

Bliss Briefs

Old Ironsides ACP changes: Beginning May 25, Old Ironsides access control point will no longer be operational on Federal Holidays, Saturdays, or Sundays. Anyone transiting the post can do so using MSG Pena ACP (open 24/7) and CSM Barreras ACP (open 24/7).

Breaking Bread Tour, free BBQ at Biggs: Breaking Bread Tour will provide 5,000 people in the Fort Bliss Community with hot barbeque meals Monday 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 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

Threat Awareness and Reporting Program training: In an effort to better serve



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MOUNT CARMEL CEMETERY

401 S. Zaragosa Road 860-0606 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 Soldier Activity Center (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. 568-4604.

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 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 5:30 p.m. Childcare provided. 568-4334

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Armed Forces Day Parade: Join FMWR for their second annual Armed Forces Day Parade May 18. This year they'll have the very popular parade of floats, marching bands, military vehicles, community organizations and horses through West Fort Bliss. Parade begins at 10 a.m. on Pershing Road with activities to follow on Noel Parade Field. We are looking for floats, military units, schools, marching bands, and community organizations to participate. IVisit bliss.armymwr.com, search parade. Fill out the registration form and email it to blissmwr@gmail. com. 588-8247 or 568-2554.

FMWR

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" (1964) 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

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. 568-1902

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. Saturday 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,

night. 741-3000





Sand Volleyball Tournament

Date: May 10 2019, 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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For more information or registration, call 915-741-3000.

treats and eats for your furry friends to enjoy! Dress up in your best poker attire! Free and open to the public. 568-6814

Right Arm Night: Right Arm Night is a great way to unwind after a long week with free appetizers, drink specials and giveaways. Join the fun May 17 from 4-9 p.m. at the Pershing Pub. 781-6809

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

Go Youth

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

Parents Day Out - Saturday childcare: Parents get ready to enjoy a relaxing day out because CYS will provide once-a-month Saturday child care! Saturday child care will be held at Milam CDC June 1 from 1-11 p.m. 744-7879

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 2-5 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

Babysitting Course: Do you have a teen who wants to earn some extra money? Then, make sure they take advantage of the SKIESUnlimited Babysitting Course. Course is open to children ages 12+ Cost: \$10. Registration is required and can be done at SKIESUnlimited. 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. Call our team today at 568-5544. All students must be

enrolled with CYS Services Parent Central. 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

Be a mentor in the Sea Cadets: Calling adult volunteers to lead in the newly forming Navy Sea Cadets program, El Paso Unit. Must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident, free of felony convictions, possess good moral character, a sound mind, and be capable of communicating USNSCC values to our cadets. No military background is required and you will be allowed to wear the Navy Sea Cadet uniform. For more information look up "El Paso Navy Sea

ANNOUNCEMENT

Debt collection notices:

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.

This is a debt collection notice for **Pfc. Juan Mares**. All services under Mares' name should be put on hold. All those with debts to be collected under the name of Mares or for information regarding collections, call 1st Lt. Nathan Ritter at (209) 617-9155.

This is a debt collection notice for **Spc. Kevin A. Villacres**. All services under Villacres' name should be put on hold. All those with debts to be collected under the name of Villacres or for information regarding collections, call 2nd Lt. Abby Leafstedt at (605) 360-6134.

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Cadets" on Facebook, or e-mail epnavyseacadets@outlook.com

Cool Canyon Nights: The 9th annual Cool Canyon Night series of free outdoor summer concerts are 6-9 p.m. Thursdays at McKelligon Canyon Amphitheatre, 6 p.m. with headliner at 7 p.m. May 23: Prime 80'Z Xperience. Free. VIP tickets are \$10. elpasolive.com

Silver City Blues Festival: The 24th annual Silver City Blues Festival is May 24-26 at Gough Park in Silver City. Live acoustic and electric blues music, artisan's alley, raffles, food vendors and a beer garden. Free. Other fees for certain events. No dogs or alcohol allowed in park area. Performances begin at noon Saturday, with headliner Grady Champion at 7 p.m., and 12:15 p.m. Sunday, with headliner Felix y Los Gatos at 3:15 p.m. This year's lineup includes Guitar Shorty, Laurie Morvan Band, Brody Buster, Chris Dracup Trio, Roman Barten-Sherman, the Rudy Boy Experiment and Amos Torres. The kickoff event is May 24, with the Gila Glass Classic Flame Off glass blowing event at 5 p.m., and performance by the Rudy Boy Experiment at 6:30 p.m. The 9th annual Kneeling Nun Bike Run and Car Show is May 25. (575) 538-2505 or silvercitybluesfestival.org Gospel service: The Gospel Service at Fort Bliss is celebrating 40 years of service to Fort Bliss and the El Paso community June 7, 5:45 p.m. at 1st AD Chapel, 11272 Biggs Street. Speaker will be Chaplain (Retired) Artie Maxwell. Minister Michael Yeary will be Minister of Ceremony. On June 9, 8:45 a.m. a chapel service will take place. The message will be delivered by Chaplain (Retired) Ronald Strong. 744-8339

Alfresco! Fridays: Alfresco! Fridays, a free outdoor summer concert series, are at 6 p.m. Fridays, Convention Center Plaza. May 31: Dulce Mal (Reggae, Cumbia). 534-0600, alfrescofridays.com

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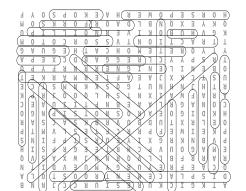
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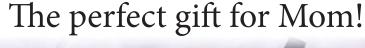
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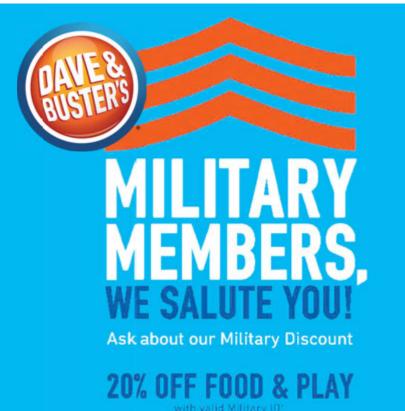
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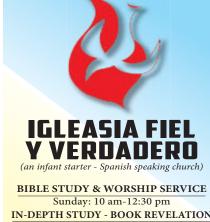
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