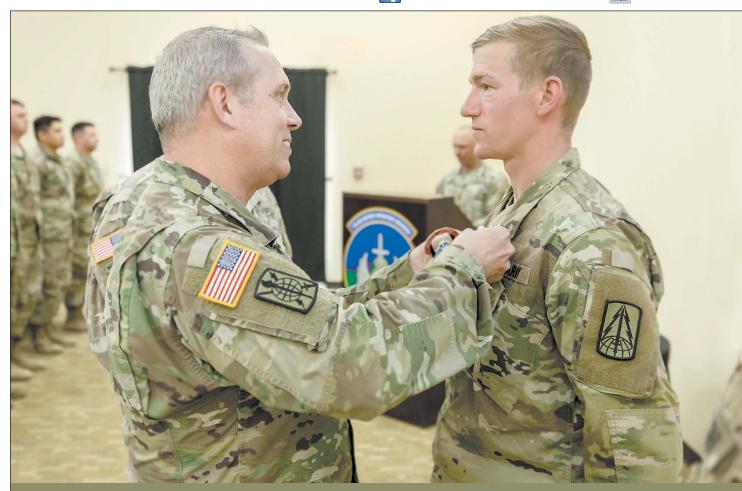




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Lt. Col. Steven Clower, commander of the Fort Bliss-based 204th Military Intelligence Battalion, fastens an Army Commendation Medal to the the lapel of Sgt. Ryan Nelson near the battalion headquarters on East Fort Bliss March 15. Following four days of rigorous evaluations, Nelson was one of three Soldiers to be named his unit's Best Warrior and will go on to represent the unit at the 116th MI Brigade Best Warrior competition at Fort Gordon, Ga. The 204th MI Bn. is an independent unit that conducts highly-specialized aerial reconnaissance missions across the globe and their Soldiers deploy on a constant rotation of three-to-six months.

Soldiers head to Europe

Pentagon sends Fort Bliss troops on snap deployment

By John Vandiver | Defense Media Activity

STUTTGART, Germany — The Pentagon dispatched 1,500 soldiers from Fort Bliss to Germany March 19 in a snap mobilization designed to test the military's ability to respond in a crisis.

Soldiers with 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division arrived in Berlin and moved on to training grounds in Poland for live-fire drills, U.S. Army Europe said. "Our ability to rapidly surge combat-ready forces into and across the theater is critical in projecting forces at a moment's notice to support the NATO alliance," USAREUR said in a statement. "However, this deployment is not in response to any real world situation." The purpose is to "exercise the U.S. Army's ability to rapidly alert, recall and deploy under emergency conditions."







United Launch Alliance

A Delta IV rocket carrying the Air Force's Wideband Global Satcom-10 satellite lifts off from Space Launch Complex-37 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla., March 15. "Bandwidth capacity and demand continue to increase," said Col. Enrique Costas, project manager for Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems. "And as we know, WGS is the workhorse of the [Defense Department]."

Satellite launch enhances comms for Army missions

By Sean Kimmons | Army News Service

FORT MEADE, Md. – A high-capacity military communications satellite was launched March 15 in an ongoing effort to provide ground troops with the ability to send larger transmissions quicker.

The satellite, which costs about \$424 million, is the tenth one to join the Wideband Global Satellite Communication constellation that connects to the Defense Information Systems Network.

It was launched from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida aboard a Delta IV rocket.

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The colonel's office – which falls under Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems, or PEO EIS – manages strategic satellite and terrestrial communications programs worth over \$3 billion.

The WGS constellation can process more than 3.6 gigabits per second of data for strategic and tactical users – ten times more than the previous system.

It operates at both X-band and Kaband, which can enable networks for C4ISR: tactical command, control, communications, computers, intelligence,

The sudden deployment is the latest sign of how the Pentagon's "Dynamic Force Employ-

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Staff Sgt. Kris Bonet / 24th Theater Public Affairs Support Element

Richard Grenell, U. S. ambassador to Germany, U.S. Army Maj. Gen. John Gronski, deputy commanding general for the Army National Guard, and German Army Maj. Gen. Carsten Breuer, commander of the Bundeswehr Territorial Tasks Command, receive a third wave of Soldiers with 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, arriving at Berlin-Tegel Airport, Germany, as part of an emergency deployment readiness exercise, March 2. Soldiers from 2nd ABCT, 1st AD deployed to Europe at the direction of the Secretary of Defense to exercise the U.S. Army's ability to rapidly alert, recall and deploy under emergency conditions.

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surveillance, and reconnaissance.

"It's extremely reliable and it has a lot of bandwidth capacity," Costas said.

For Soldiers on the battlefield, that could mean faster, better decision making.

A high-value target, for instance, is identified by an unmanned aerial vehicle, which transmits video and data to an operations center via reliable bandwidth from the satellites.

"I need to transmit that signal from the point of collection all the way back to the center, where the decision is going to be made to whether or not to pull the trigger or deploy a team," Costas said.

An uninterrupted, secured communications link is also needed during critical missions on the national scale.

Another example, he said, could be an order given by the president to a combatant commander to conduct a time-sensitive mission.

"I want to make sure that that signal does not go down at any time during that conversation to make a critical deci-

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ACROSS THE FORCE

Latest sensor upgrades boost recon vehicle capabilities

By Shawn Nesaw | U.S. Army

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – A snowy, frigid February morning didn't stop leaders and stakeholders from turning out to view the highly-anticipated Stryker Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Reconnaissance Vehicle Sensor Suite Upgrade program demonstration.

The NBCRV demonstration - held at the Combat Capabilities Development Command Chemical Biological Center - provided a first look for many at the brand new suite of chemical sensors deployed on the NBCRV, a huge leap forward in terms of capabilities for not only the vehicle but for CBRNE Soldiers tasked with operating and carrying out missions using the NBCRV.

"We're not writing about the future, we're not thinking about the future, we're building the future," Lt. Col. Jeffrey Strauss of the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense, Joint Project Manager for Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Contamination Avoidance said during his opening remarks.

Upgrading with purpose

Currently, CBRN Soldiers investigate potential CBRN threats at close range from a slow-moving or completely stopped vehicle, sometimes directly exposing the vehicle to the threat in order to conduct sampling and often

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ment" strategy is altering how the Army operates in the U.S. European Command area.

The concept, developed by former Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, calls for more unpredictable deployments designed to showcase military agility to potential adversaries.

Earlier this month, the U.S. military also deployed an advanced missile defense system to Israel where it will operate from various locations in an effort to bolster Israeli defenses. That Army mission also tapped Fort Bliss soldiers, including the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade and the 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command.

creating an easy target for the enemy. It was clear to many in the Science and Technology (S&T) community, the CBRNE community and the Army that the NBCRV had opportunities for modernization.

"This capability is meant to operate outside the threat," Scott Kimmel, deputy commandant of the U.S. Army CBRN School said. "NBCRV has to operate with a cavalry squadron because the days of the NBCRV being left in the rear of the fight are over."

The team developing the sensor suite upgrade had three main goals to accomplish.

The team had to develop a standalone package allowing the sensors package to be placed anywhere. To increase Soldier safety, the package needed to perform remote detection. Additionally, on-the-move detection was a necessity.

With only 150 days to produce a working prototype, teams came together to design, develop and prototype the sensor suite package. The CCDC Chemical Biological Center's additive manufacturing facility leveraged their in-house rapid prototyping capability to ensure timely delivery.

NBCRV demo highlights

The morning's demonstration at the CCDC Chemical Biological Center's additive manufacturing facility and test range site involved one NBCRV, one unmanned ground vehicle and one Humvee. Sensor packages were mounted atop both the NBCRV and UGV. The sensor package was also loaded on a trailer towed behind a Humvee to illustrate the sensor package's ability to be forward deployed in a variety of ways and on a variety of platforms.



Senior leaders and VIP stakeholders observe the sensor suite upgrade atop the NBCRV at CCDC Chemical Biological Center in Maryland March 20.

As the snow continued to fall, visitors and sensor operators interacted during a static display of the technology, asking questions and giving feedback.

A collaborative effort

The NBCRV marks a major milestone for the CBRNE community, not only in terms of the capability developed but in terms of collaboration among so many organizations.

"This has really been a tremendous effort to ensure we're delivering the best capabilities to the warfighter," Strauss said. "It's been a team of teams, not a singular effort, to make this all come together." "It's taken a whole lot of folks to make this work," said Douglas Bryce, Executive Officer of JPEO-CBRND. "Our requirements generator, our S&T folks, our advanced development and our testers all have to come together and the success of the NBCRV is a great testament to everyone involved. This effort reinforces the importance of collaboration with our partners."

In May, the team of operators will showcase the NBCRV's capabilities at the Joint Warfighter Assessment 2019 in Washington state.

The force that arrived in Germany under the Dynamic Force Employment concept "makes our activities unpredictable to potential adversaries ... while maintaining strategic predictability for our NATO allies and partners," USAREUR said.

The Soldiers travelled on to Drawsko Pomorskie Training Area, in Poland, where they will use more than 700 pieces of equipment pulled from an Army prepositioned equipment site in Eygelshoven, Netherlands. The Soldiers will train with their Polish counterparts over the next few weeks, USAREUR said.

"The training will culminate with a gunnery and a combined live-fire exercise. Once the exercise is complete, the unit will return to Fort Bliss and the equipment will return to Eygelshoven," USAREUR said. The Army relies on pre-positioned weapons stockpiles to

The Army relies on pre-positioned weapons stockpiles to make up for a smaller number of permanently based troops in Europe, where both manpower and weaponry were scaled back after the Cold War.

In response to concerns about a more aggressive Russia, the military in Europe has been building up weapons stockpiles, which forces rotating into Europe can draw from for training or in a crisis.

The weapons stocks "reduce deployment timelines, improve deterrence capabilities and provide additional combat power," USAREUR said.

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sion," he said.

Based at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, his office helps provide ground infrastructure and control capabilities to assure communications through the WGS constellation and legacy Defense Satellite Communications System constellation.

Soldiers from the 53rd Signal Battalion manage five Wideband SATCOM Operations Centers providing global transmissions and payload control of the WGS and DSCS constellation.

The capabilities these satellites give Soldiers, he added, fits well with where the Army is heading in its future fighting concept of multi-domain operations.

"SATCOM is one of the ingredients of transmitting communications reliably ... to fight and win our nation's wars," Costas said. "These constellations give us global access, global bandwidth transmission for all those mission sets or battlefield domains." While multi-domain operations will heavily rely on partners, SATCOM is no different.

"This is a team effort across DOD, in partnership with the Air Force and industry partners," he said. "We cannot get to this day to day without the close collaboration between industry, the other service components, specifically the technical prowess from the Air Force to put this into orbit, so we can then go to work."



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GERMAN AIR FORCE PROFICIENCY BADGE

Sgt. Christopher Hernandez, 210th RSG / MaD Bde.

Spc. Michael Vallerie marches with other Soldiers during the 12-kilometer road march during the German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency evaluation at Fort Bliss March 14. The badge is a decoration of the Bundeswehr, the armed forces of the Federal Republic of Germany, but can also be obtained by allied troops. The Fort Bliss Bugle's classified ad page is a free service reserved for active duty personnel, military retirees, military family members and DAC's only. Because there is no fee, the only advertisements permitted to be published on this page are ads that cannot be considered commercial ventures. Ads must be written on the standard form published in the classified section, completed online, or picked up at Bldg. 15. As classified ads are personal in nature, the Fort Bliss Bugle cannot publish ads received through "Shotgun" mail or by fax.

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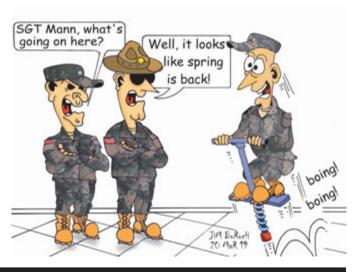
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Run for the Fallen 5K and 1-mile walk: Bring the whole family to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice April 13 at Run for the Fallen 5K and 1-mile walk. There will be a remembrance ceremony at 8:30 a.m. at the Field of Honor, where the names of the fallen will be read. The race begins at 9 a.m. Registration required and can be done until April 7 at Soto, Stout, Milam PFCs, or raceroster.com through April 10. Race fee includes a t-shirt. \$15/pp. Late Registration and packet pick-up will be available April 12 from 4:30-7pm at the Freedom Crossing Food Court. \$10 fee incurred for late registration. 744-5785

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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED Exercise brings deployment realism stateside

By David Burge | Special for the Bugle

The large-scale Roving Sands exercise at Fort Bliss is designed to test all facets of Air Defense units and get them ready to deploy.

The exercise – held March 1-11 – featured about 2,300 Soldiers from as far away as Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.

It tested and validated Air Defense units from across the 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, which is headquartered at Fort Bliss but oversees troops at five U.S. installations and four foreign countries.

The 32nd AAMDC uses the exercise as a culminating training event and to make sure its far-flung units are ready to deploy anywhere in the world at a moment's notice, said Brig. Gen. Clem Coward, commanding general for the Air Defense command.

"There isn't another place in the United States where you can realistically train in this type of environment," Coward said. "Our units can get fully stressed in moving



A Soldier from 299th Chemical Company, 103th Chemical Battalion, 149th Maneuver Enhancement Bde., decontaminates a M4 carbine assault rifle from Delta Btry., 3rd Bn., 4th ADA Regiment, 108th ADA Bde., after the unit was struck by a CBRN threat while on a convoy March 8 during the Roving Sands exercise at Fort Bliss. their equipment, maintaining their equipment and coordinating with adjacent units."

The wide-open space at Fort Bliss – and extending into adjacent White Sands Missile Range – lends itself perfectly to stress all aspects of a unit's readiness, including basic Soldier skills, Coward said.

"The hard thing we are getting after in this exercise is shooting, moving and communicating," Coward said.

Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery Regiment got to practice packing up all its Patriot equipment from its home station of Fort Bragg and moving three-quarters of the way across the country.

By participating in Roving Sands, Bravo Battery got to replicate what it is like to rapidly deploy anywhere in the world and then set up operations, from the ground up, in an austere environment, said Capt. Josh Silverio, the battery commander.

Silverio's battery transported its equipment using railcars and trucks, he said.

"It is something you can't replicate," he said. "You can talk about it all day, but until you actually crawl under that truck and secure it with those chains, you don't know what it is like."

Sgt. Cahner Harris, also with Bravo Battery, said the most important part of any deployment or mission is being able to quickly move their equipment and set up operations. And Roving Sands is excellent practice

for that, Harris said. "It is absolutely vital to accomplishing our

mission," he said. "Honestly, the biggest part of air defense is to be able to pick up quickly and move."

Spc. Colton Wakley, with Bravo Battery, said Roving Sands is excellent training for whatever mission lies ahead.

"It is preparing us to deploy anywhere in the world," Wakley said. "It is preparing us to operate in an austere environment and be ready to deploy anywhere and support the fight and push it."

Besides air defense units, Roving Sands included Marines, the Texas National Guard



Soldiers from Bravo Battery, 62nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Terminal High Altitude Area Defense, 69th ADA Brigade, based out of Fort Hood, conduct THAAD reload training March 5 during Roving Sands 19 at Fort Bliss.



and other units from across the Army, who all provided support for the training event.

The 372nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion is a Texas National Guard unit based out of Dallas. It provided food, water, fuel and other support to the units participating in the exercise.

"It is really conducive to 'training like we fight,' so to speak," said Lt. Col. Rusty Weedman, commander of the 372nd CSSB.

"It is great (training) whether we are going to deploy for a federal mission – we are National Guard – or deploy in support of a domestic response type mission" Weedman said. "It is a great training environment to do that."

Capt. Eric Amstutz is commander of the 112th Quartermaster Field Services Company, a National Guard unit from Corsicana, Texas. He said Roving Sands provided incredible training for his unit.

"Being part of a CSSB, we are supposed to be dynamic and fluid and fit in wherever we need to be pigeonholed into and sustain the fight," he said.

Roving Sands was held regularly in the 1990s. After a 15-year hiatus, it was resurrected by the 32nd AAMDC last year to serve as a culminating training event.

Transporting lethality: New crane increases readiness

By Sgt. LaShawna Custom | 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command

Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 108th ADA Brigade conducted new equipment training on the latest A4 Guided Missile Transporter that outfits the new Hydrauliska Industri AB cranes at Fort Bliss March 19 in preparation for deployment. The Fort Bragg, North Carolina, unit is a part of Bliss' 32nd Army Air and Missile Command.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Clayton Doane, the senior air defense technician for 32nd AAMDC, noted that 3-4 ADA is the second unit in the Army to receive the new GMT.

"The new cranes improve readiness because maintenance will be better and it will be easier to keep them going," said Doane.

Allen Peterson, a fielding team chief for heavy tactical vehicles, who coordinates and conducts fielding new equipment and training for KBRwyle, observed the Soldiers eighthour operator familiarization training.

"It is imperative that we provide Soldiers with new systems to conduct their mission," said Peterson. "The old GMT cranes are out of date and you can no longer order parts for them. This is the new and improved model. It functions as the old one with the same three-way movement as it loads patriot missiles. It has new controls and a new computer system."

"I feel pretty good about this new equipment," said Sgt. Charles Jurgel, a Patriot launching station enhanced operator and maintainer. "The operating system functions very well. It is similar to our older system but they have added more safety precautions into the equipment."

Another Soldier from 3-4 ADA expressed the importance of having these new, efficient resources before they excel in their upcoming mission.

"I'm glad they are fielding us with new equipment," said Sgt. 1st Class Labronze Wilkins, a Patriot launching station enhanced operator and maintainer. "The training has been good because we can get hands-on with the equipment before taking on a challenging mission outside of garrison. Anything that will allow us to perform better at our jobs is always highly recommended."

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Sgt. LaShawna Custom / 32nd AAMDO



>> 101-YEAR OLD **CLEMSON GRAD, BATAAN SURVIVOR COMPLETES WSMR MEMORIAL MARCH SATURDAY**

Photos by Ken Scar / U.S. Army Cadet Command (Army ROTC)

Retired U.S. Army Col. Ben Skardon, a 101-year-old survivor of the Bataan Death March and revered alumnus and professor emeritus of Clemson University, marched with friends, family and the greater Clemson Army ROTC community at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, Saturday.



White Sands Missile Range, N.M., Saturday.



Col. Ben Skardon, a WWII POW and recipient of two Silver Stars, prepares to walk in the 2019 Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., March 17, St. Patrick's Day. This was the 12th year Skardon walked in the memorial march. He is 101 years old, and the only survivor of the actual death march to walk in the memorial march. After he retired from the Army, he came back to Clemson and taught English until his retirement in 1982.









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Guard members to see changes in GI Bill transfer benefits this summer

By Sgt. 1st Class Jon Soucy | Sgt. 1st Class Jon Soucy

ARLINGTON, Va. – Provisions allowing Guard members to transfer some or all of their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to their spouses or children are set to change, limiting the timeframe Soldiers and airmen can transfer those benefits.

"You have to have a minimum of six years [in service] in order to be eligible to transfer benefits, and after 16 years you're no longer eligible," said Don Sutton, GI Bill program manager with the Army National Guard, describing the changes set to go into effect July 12.

The six-years-of-service rule isn't new, said Sutton.

"You've always had to have a minimum of six years of service in order to transfer your Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits," he said, adding the big change is the cutoff at 16 years of service.

"You'll have a ten-year window in which to transfer benefits," he said, stressing that Guard members won't lose the benefits after 16 years of service, just the ability to transfer them to their spouses, children or other dependents.

"The Post-9/11 GI Bill and the transfer of benefits are two entirely different and separate programs," said Sutton. "Even though Soldiers may be ineligible to transfer benefits, they still have the Post-9/11 for their own use."

For those interested in transferring their benefits, an additional four-year service obligation is still required.

"The [transfer of benefits] is a retention incentive," said Sutton. "It's designed to keep people in the service."

Being able to transfer benefits to a dependent may have been perceived by some service members as an entitlement, said Sutton, adding that was one of the reasons for the timeframe change.

"In law, transferring those benefits has

always been designed as a retention incentive," he said.

The exact number of Guard members who may be impacted by the change wasn't available, said Sutton, adding that among those who could be affected are those who didn't qualify for Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits until later in their career.

"We do have a small population of Soldiers who [were] over 16 years [of service] before they did their first deployment," he said.

Some Guard members who may have earned the benefits early on, but didn't have dependents until later in their careers, may also be affected.

"They joined at 18 and now they're 15, 16 years in and they get married or have kids later on in life," said Sutton, who urged Guard members who plan on transferring their benefits to do so as soon as they are eligible.

"If you wait, you're potentially going to miss out," he said.

Some Guard members may have been waiting to transfer the benefits until their children reach college age.

"There sometimes are some misconceptions that they have to wait until their kids are college age or that they're high school seniors in order to do the transfer," said Sutton, adding there is no age requirement to transfer Post-9/11 benefits to dependent children.

"As soon as a child is born and registered in DEERS [Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System], you can transfer," he said.

After that transfer has been completed, Guard members can still make changes to how those benefits are divided between dependents or which dependent receives those benefits.

"Once the transfer is executed, and you've agreed to that service obligation, you can add



Pat Molnar / U.S. Army

National Guard members will soon see changes to the program that allows them to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to their spouse or children that will limit the time frame they can initiate that transfer. Set to go in effect July 12, Guard members will need to have served six years before they can transfer benefits and they must transfer the benefits by the time they hit 16 years of service. Additionally, Guard members must extend their enlistment contract by at least four years to transfer benefits.

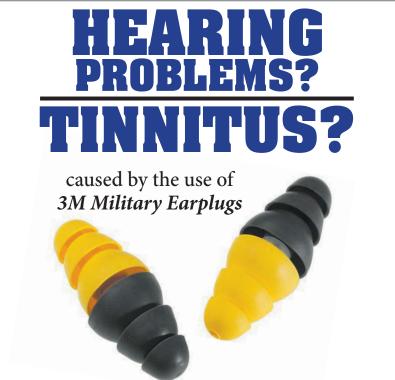
dependents in, and you can move months around between dependents," said Sutton. "It's just that initial transfer has to be done before you hit 16 years of service."

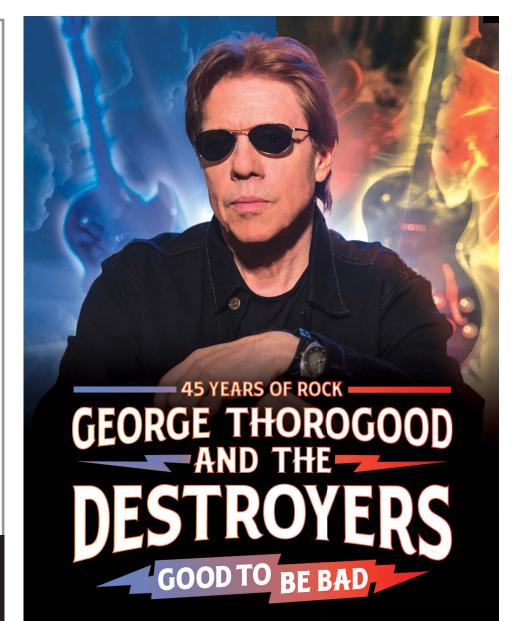
However, there is one group of Guard members who will not be affected by any of the changes: those who have received the Purple Heart since Sept. 11, 2001.

"The only rule around transferring benefits that applies [to those individuals] is you have to still be in the service to transfer them."

Regardless of status, Sutton reiterated that Guard members are better off transferring those benefits sooner rather than later.

"Transfer as soon as you're eligible," he said. "Don't miss the boat because you've been eligible for ten years and you just didn't do it."





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OC/Ts improved readiness during Roving Sands 19

By Sgt. LaShawna Custom | 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command

Observer Coach/Trainers monitored units during the 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command's Roving Sands 19 air de-

fense exercise held at Fort Bliss March 1-11. The outsider approach to training observation, coupled with Fort Bliss' broad training area and austere conditions, provided critical feedback and a comprehensive evaluation.

OC/Ts are subject-matter experts on doctrine and in their specific warfighting functions. They are selected based on rank, military occupational specialty and experience.

To become certified and graduate as an OC/T, these experts must pass an approximately week-long course. Additionally, they receive a rigorous training program.

During Roving Sands 19, OC/Ts facilitated the AAR process by asking questions and listening to unit responses on how they viewed what was supposed to happen, what happened, and how the training could be improved. This allowed units to evaluate themselves, which could positively affect future training events.

"I like being an OC/T," said Sgt. 1st Class Thedros Poinsette, a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense (CBRN) OC/T from 4th Battalion, 306th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 188th Infantry Brigade from Fort Stewart, Georgia. "It's a good thing when you can train them on troop leading procedures and show them what right looks like for them to achieve success."

The 299th Chemical Company, 103rd Chemical Battalion, 149th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade was one of the units evaluated and served as the CBRN enabler support element when a CBRN threat struck Delta Battery, 3rd Bn., 4th ADA Regt., 108th ADA Bde's convoy. After reporting the attack, Delta planned an alternate route and moved through the decontamination line.

"It is rewarding when you are assigned a unit and you can show them different aspects of their job so that they can have a broader spectrum of their skill set," Poinsette added.



Sgt. LaShawna Custom / 32nd AAMDC

Soldiers from Bravo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 43rd ADA Regt., 11th ADA Bde., run an electric power plant cable to a supply Patriot radar while an observer coach/trainer looks on at Fort Bliss March 5.

Another mission the chemical company had during Roving Sands included identifying a chemical threat. After approaching a site, the Soldiers searched and conducted

sampling to exploit the specimen to higher headquarters to get a positive identification. "You always want to leave a unit better than you found them," Poinsette concluded. "If it's a great unit, you sustain them. If it's a good unit, you make them great."

The end goal is to ensure mission success. The criticism and fixes that OC/Ts provide make units more proficient. It is about learning new tactics as OC/Ts offer an outside perspective on a unit's overall performance.

Elsewhere during Roving Sands, Bravo Battery, 62nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Terminal High Altitude Area Defense, 69th ADA Bde. based out of Fort Hood, conducted THAAD reload training. These Soldiers had to drop the pallet, break it down, reconstruct and reload the launcher within two hours.

"THAAD plays a role by providing uptier coverage and coordinating engagements with Patriot," said 1st Lt. Timothy Matzke, a standardization tactics OC/T from Fort Bliss' 11th ADA Bde. "Essentially, we work with our Patriot brothers and sisters to provide a higher fidelity of tactical ballistic missile defense."

OC/Ts are considered the eyes and ears for the command team and increase knowledge capacity, while enhancing training and unit readiness.

"Within the scope of the mission event list, I can prompt questions that will cause them to respond to things they were not aware of," said Matzke. "I can make recommendations to commanders when it comes to training he can conduct."

Although completing drills within doctrine is important, the main priority for an OC/T is to ensure training is conducted safely.

"If you succeed in your mission, but a Soldier is injured or loses their life, that's a failed mission," Matzke noted. "The goal is to accomplish the mission and get Soldiers home just as they arrived. OC/Ts have a huge responsibility. If anything happens to a Soldier while training, that is a mission failure on our part."



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Retired Col. Mike Hester and Brig. Gen. Laura Yeager, Joint Task Force North commanding general, share a moment at his retirement ceremony at JTF-N headquarters at Fort Bliss March 1.

Former Fort Bliss garrison commander concludes career Yeager called Hester a magnificent officer,

By Sarah Amato | Joint Task Force North

Col. Michael J. Hester isn't ready to say goodbye.

Although the former Fort Bliss garrison commander and 1st Armored Division chief of staff has concluded his military career, Hester and his family have decided to make El Paso their permanent home.

"I would never have thought that we would fall in love with this place our first year [here], and it hasn't stopped," he said. "We are going to make a go of it here, and the community has a lot to do with that."

Hester retired during a ceremony highlighting his 29 years of honorable military service at Joint Task Force North headquarters at Fort Bliss March 1.

The ceremony, hosted by Brig. Gen. Laura Yeager, JTF-N commanding

general, and attended by Fort Bliss military and El Paso community leaders, highlighted the career of the well-known colonel, highly regarded for his contributions to Fort Bliss and the greater community.

"We are here to honor a Soldier and if you ever walk by Mike Hester's desk - a sign on his desk says 'Soldier,'" Yeager said. "And he's proud of that. He's served for 29 years in the Army during a time ... and [during] most of that, we were at war. You've done your time and that means [your] family has done their time too."

"He is really brilliant, and he has all the values that the Army holds dear. He's a tremendous role model for all us and the service."

life lessons he learned from his parents, he credits them for his inherited

mand last summer.

>> Brig. Gen. Laura Yeager

sionalism, work ethic and "thick skin." Hester said he will miss the "team sport" aspect of the Army, and the unforgettable bonds he has developed throughout his 29 years of service. He was highly complemen-

and complimented him on the contributions

he made to JTF-N since joining the com-

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military. Among the many

sense of humor, ability to

be fiercely loyal, profes-

Hester thanked his fam-

"Mike Hester is someone we are all hon-

tary of noncommissioned officers, who he says helped him fall in love with the Army. The colonel's retirement speech proved to

be a testament to the "Soldier" sign that sat on his desk.

"The Army is a people's business," he said. "I am going to miss you all. You all have taught me so much. Thank you."





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King Cobra exercise helps empower junior leaders

By Sgt. Zachary Mott | U.S. Army Central

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Stress can either toughen an object or reveal its flaws.

The junior noncommissioned officers and Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment experienced that stress firsthand during the recently completed King Cobra exercise in Southwest Asia.

"This exercise really focused on our leadership giving the junior leaders the opportunity to execute troop leading procedures throughout the mission," said Lt. Col. Michael R. Rodick, commander, 1st Bn., 43rd ADA. "It gave the opportunity for those newly-promoted NCOs and young Soldiers to really problem solve at their level and try to figure out how to accomplish different tasks that were assigned to them."

Those tasks included simulated fire missions, missile reloads, movement of Patriot launchers as well as numerous other warrior tasks and battle drills.

"During execution, there was approximately 27 different tasks and training objectives associated with the exercise maximizing our opportunities for junior leaders to be developed as well as testing the (Mission Essential Task List) of each one of our batteries," Rodick said.

A mission readiness exercise like this is uncommon while forward deployed, but it was something Rodick wanted to conduct in order to ensure his battalion was prepared should their particular skill set be required.

"I've been in Patriot for 17 years. It is absolutely not (common)," said Sgt. 1st Class Jared Pointer, battalion master evaluator, 1st Bn., 43rd ADA. "This is not something that Patriot does while they're deployed."

One of the toughest obstacles to negotiate during King Cobra was to ensure the battalion was always able to accomplish its war-time mission: to engage and destroy tactical ballistic missiles and any air breathing threats across the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, while attaining positive training value out of the exercise.

"We still do day-to-day Patriot operations,



Pfc. Mark Monroe, a Hot Crew member with Battery C, 1st Bn., 43rd ADA, uses a socket wrench to loosen a bolt during a Patriot missile reload drill March 7 in Southwest Asia. The Soldiers continually train and conduct battle drills to ensure they are able to perform their duty in providing air defense support across the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

I think it's important that we exercise our ability to be flexible with various injects that this exercise has thrown at us," said Capt. Eric Terwilliger, commander, Battery C, 1st Bn., 43rd ADA. "I think we've performed well. It gets us out of that complacency where we're just coming to work and doing our daily tasks."

Taking ownership of the training missions allows Soldiers to step into roles they were unaccustomed to completing and gave them a new appreciation for the requirements of being an Air Defense Soldier.

"It's a little awkward at first, but it's become a pretty fulfilling part of my day. I realize that I get to come into work and operate some pretty impressive equipment and contribute to the CDAG, combined defense of the Arabian Gulf, and it's a little impressive to look at it," said Spc. Tanner Dewey, tactical planning work station operator, team leader Battery Command Post, 1st Bn., 43rd ADA. "There's a lot of stuff that's going on and I get to be a part of it and a part of a huge mission that's going on here."

That "huge" mission is also where the teamwork within each crew, battery and battalion is put on display. Working together allows for the successful accomplishment of the 27 different tasks and training objectives for King Cobra.

"It's extremely hard for one person to do the whole job by themselves. As a whole, we've broken down as to each job requires this amount of people," said Cpl. Scottie Porter, crew operator, radio transmission operator and driver, Delta Battery, 1st Bn., 43rd ADA. "I'm responsible for communications. Without my communications, the ECS, the radar, they don't know what's go"It's extremely hard for one person to do the whole job by themselves. As a whole, we've broken down as to each job requires this amount of people."

>> Cpl. Scottie Porter

ing on downrange. We have it broken down in a system that works for teamwork so if you don't have teamwork then you don't have this mission and we're not protecting anything."

This exercise has paved the way for the "Cobra Strike" Battalion to make changes and to continue to provide asset support across the CENTCOM AOR.

"We will continue to take the lessons learned from King Cobra and incorporate it into our training management," Rodick said. "As we develop our plans, we're certainly going to look at the different areas that we want to focus on and try to get some additional opportunities to exercise some more objectives which we found out that we really want to try to focus on again."

With the focus of this exercise being the empowerment of junior leaders, Rodick said he believes that was accomplished.

"Throughout this whole process, the two takeaways that I'm most proud of is one it gave an opportunity for the entire battalion down to the squad level to reassess their proficiencies on all METL," he said. "Number two, it gave us an opportunity to really focus on junior leader development, while not compromising safety or the mission, but allowing Soldiers to really learn to fail, if it so happens, but also to accomplish the mission and have that sense of pride while doing so."



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South Koreabased SHORAD battery integrates counter-UAS into core competencies

By 2nd Lt. Matthew Becker | Echo Battery, 6-52 AMD

Amid the looming threat of surveillance by unmanned aerial systems, 8th Army recently validated the reception, staging, onward movement, and integration of Army Prepositioned Stock at Camp Carroll, South Korea.

In order to support 8th Army and combat the UAS threat, Echo Battery, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air and Missile Defense Battalion has established the first garrison counter-UAS defense design in the Korean theater of operations.

There is a plethora of combat equipment, otherwise referred to as APS, on military installations throughout the KTO, which are essential to the overall readiness of U.S. forces in South Korea. Units that fall under 8th Army are required to routinely conduct mechanical validations and rehearse the movement and integration of APS within the KTO.

UAS pose an unprecedented threat to units in every branch of the military, in both tactical and garrison environments. UAS have the capability to conduct surveillance on military operations and can be modified to carry ordnance in order to directly attack critical assets.

The proliferation of relatively cheap commercial off-the-shelf UAS in the private market exacerbates the problem. However, new technologies allow units such as E/6-52 AMD to combat this emerging threat. E/6-52 AMD is the only unit in the Army that conducts C-UAS operations in both tactical and garrison environments, and simultaneously maintains organic Avenger and Sentinel capabilities.

In January, E/6-52 received orders to provide C-UAS protection in the garrison environment on Camp Carroll, South Korea, which included the integration of new systems into normal Short Range Air Defense operations.

Ultimately E/6-52, under the 2nd Bn., 1st ADA Regt., "Guardian," set a new precedence that significantly changes the capabilities that a single Avenger Platoon can bring to the table. This is the concept that an Avenger team can not only dismount with a shoulder-fired Stinger missiles (or MAN-PADS), but they are also equipped with a highly-portable Drone Defender system for UAS engagements. This further layers our defense of assets and increases the ability to protect all aspects of the battlefield.

Leaders within Echo Battery used the Military Decision Making Process format to create a base defense design that adhered to





Col. Richard Wright takes aim at an unmanned aerial system remotely controlled by Command Sgt. Maj. Wilfredo Suarez, Aug. 20, 2018. The 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade command team received a hands-on briefing on E/6-52 AMD's counter-UAS capabilities.

ADA employment principles of mix, mutual support, mobility, mass and integration. The defense design consists of organic SHORAD capabilities and C-UAS systems, using the "mix" employment principle, which is "the employment of a combination of weapons systems to protect the force from the air threat".

E/6-52, currently, attached to 2-1 ADA at Camp Carroll, South Korea, has taken the lead of exposing and defeating these threats while simultaneously maintaining organic Avenger and Sentinel skills. Leaders within Echo Battery developed and implemented training programs for several new, non-program of record C-UAS systems in the KTO. The certifications for each C-UAS system ensures Soldiers know and understand the capabilities and limitations of these systems as well as the enemy capabilities and employment techniques.

E/6-52 has been at the forefront of protecting friendly forces in the KTO from UAS threats since November 2017. The 35th ADA Bde. has developed a flyaway package to defend military bases and assets against aerial threats; especially the emerging and advancing UAS capability. The purpose of the flyaway package is to provide C-UAS protection to friendly forces across the KTO at a moment's notice.

Col. Richard Wright prepares to take aim at an unmanned aerial system remotely controlled by Command Sgt. Maj. Wilfredo Suarez, Aug. 20, 2018. In order to support 8th Army and combat the UAS threat, Echo Battery, 6th Bn., 52nd Air and Missile Defense Battalion has established the first garrison counter-UAS defense design in the Korean theater of operations.







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New Academic Evaluation Report aims to better identify top performers

By Sean Kimmons | Army News Service

FORT MEADE, Md. – After more than half a century of Soldiers using the current Academic Evaluation Report, Army officials plan to release a new version in the form of a fillable PDF that can be uploaded immediately to the Soldier's record.

The revamped Department of the Army Form 1059 will also include more ways to accurately track a Soldier's academic performance in military and civilian schools.

The form and its corresponding Army regulation are part of ongoing efforts for the Army to better capture and manage talent. Both are expected to be released soon, pending approval by the secretary of the Army.

"It's putting increased academic accountability into the system," said George Piccirilli, division chief for the Evaluations, Selections and Promotions Division, Army Human Resources Command.

Army Evalution Entry System

In addition to the new fillable form, instructors at Army schoolhouses will be trained this summer on a new electronic system currently under development, which will be used to upload the new academic reports and make them more easily accessible.

The new system, which is expected to be fully operational this summer, will be available on the Army Evaluation Entry System, or EES, which currently tracks NCO and officer evaluation reports.

"It's all electronic, so there's really no paper going back and "It's all electronic, so there's really no paper going back and forth. That will give the schools the ability to do things faster and more efficient."

>> David Griffee

forth," said David Griffee, chief of evaluation systems within the division. "That will give the schools the ability to do things faster and more efficient."

The new report has three separate forms to evaluate performance in service schools, civilian institutions and one solely used by the Army War College.

One significant change in the service schools form is that it now recognizes "superior academic achievement" for Soldiers who place within the top 21 to 40 percent of a class. The top 20 percent fall under the commandant's list.

"The new form has more rigor, more structure," Piccirilli said. "We're trying to get a little bit more information so the Army can truly identify those top performers, those critical thinkers it is looking for in the future."

Talent management

Under the database, academic reports will be placed faster into a Soldier's record. That could mean a Soldier being deemed as "promotable" right after he or she graduates a service course.

And if a Soldier goes before a promotion board, the report can be

quickly found online to verify their education.

"There's a lot of leverage in the system," Piccirilli said.

Academic reports stored in the EES database will be transferred to the Army's talent management database once it is developed and goes live.

"We can push that all forward to give them a foundation," Griffee said.

The searchable data found in the academic reports could help put qualified Soldiers in the right job in the right place at the right time.

Soldiers may even see opportunities in different career fields due to their educational background.

"Having those pieces of information may allow you to shape your team with a different mix of personnel rather than just a single basic branch," Griffee said.

That could then lead to a unique setting where there are new ideas and opinions versus a single line of thought.

"Having a healthy debate and different viewpoints generally leads to better decisions," Griffee said



Photos by Paolo Bovo / Training Support Activity Europe

U.S. Army Paratroopers assigned to 1st Bn., 503rd Inft. Regt., 173rd ABB, discuss strategic planning and mission briefings in Slovenia, Mar. 22. "The new form has more rigor, more structure," said George Piccirilli, division chief for the Evaluations, Selections and Promotions Division, Army Human Resources Command. "We're trying to get a little bit more information so the Army can truly identify those top performers, those critical thinkers it is looking for in the future."



Lt. Col. Robert Shaw, right, commander of 1st Bn., 503rd Inft. Regt., 173rd ABB, speaks with Col. Peter Zakrajsek, commander of the 72nd Brigade Slovenian Armed Forces, during airborne operation as part of exercise Eagle Sokol at Cerklje Drop Zone in Slovenia, Mar. 22. "Having those pieces of information may allow you to shape your team with a different mix of personnel rather than just a single basic branch," Griffee said.





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Massachusetts NG culinary troops turn field kitchen into fine dining \blacksquare 3B

Things to Do:

GAFADC German Spring Bazaar: The German Air Force Air Defense Center of Fort Bliss will host its 16th annual spring bazaar 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the former Oktoberfest Building, Building 747 on Carter Road in Fort Bliss. Hobby craftsmen and women will display various goods, including items for Easter. There will also be German specialties like bratwurst, waffles and German cakes and pastries, German beer, coffee and soft drinks. Free. 201-5939, 201-5942 or betreuunginelpaso.com

Las Cruces Game Convention: Las Cruces Game Knights' 7th annual Las Cruces Game Convention will be Friday and Saturday at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University, Las Cruces, N.M., with a cosplay contest, a ramen-eating contest, canned food and charity donation drive, martial arts demonstration, gaming opportunities and tournaments, vendors, special guests, and more. Video game tournaments include DragonBall Fighter Z, Overwatch, and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate. Cosplay contest features several categories including games, anime, television, kids, comics, fantasy, group costumes, heroes and villains, sci-fi, and mis-cellaneous, and original characters. Special guest will be Eric Wile, of the popular EverQuest game series. Cost: \$15 in advance (eventbrite) for both days; \$25 at the door. Saturday only \$20. Veterans, firefighters, police officers, and active military attend at no cost. Attendees encouraged to bring canned foods for a drive to benefit the Gospel Rescue Mission. 575-621-3858, lcgameknights@gmail.com or lcgamecon.org

Trinity Site Tour: The White Sands Missile Range Trinity Site semiannual tour to the site of the first atom bomb explosion is April 7. Free. 575-678-1134 or wsmr.armv.mil

Sun City Craft Beer Festival: The Sun City Craft Beer Festival is this weekend at the El Paso Convention Center (indoor and outdoor event). The two-day event features more than 170 national, regional, local and newly released craft beers, ciders, wine and mixed drinks, as well as a game zone, food trucks, vendor booths, a liquor lounge, live bands and djs. Age 21+. Cost: \$20 per day; \$35 for both days. Designated Driver admission \$10 per day. Suncitycraftbeerfest.com

Alice in Wonderland: No Strings Theater Company presents a version of Lewis Carroll's classic, created by The Manhattan Project Friday through April 7. Direction by Karen Caroe. Cost: \$15 (\$12 students and seniors over 65; \$10 all seats Thursday). Black Box Theater, 430 N. Main, Las Cruces, N.M. 575-523-

1223 or no-strings.org. Spring Cactus Garden Tours: El Paso Cactus and Rock Club and Native Plant Society hosts its garden tour and plant sale 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at Westside/Central gardens, and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, at Northeast gardens. The residential landscapes feature cactus and native plants. Gardeners will be on hand to discuss plants and their care. Cost: \$5 per carload per day; available at each site and good for all gardens on that day. 240-7414, elpasodesert/ epcrc or on Facebook at EPCRC. Mission Trail Art Market: Area artisans and craftspeople display their fine arts and crafts for their 11th season 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month March-November in the historic Veterans Memorial Plaza in San Elizario, with arts and crafts. music reenactments food and more Pets welcome This season's kickoff event, happening Sunday, will include a car show 3-7 p.m., new Farmer's Market starting at 10 a.m., and live music from Mestizo Band 4-8 p.m. Free. 851-0093 or missiontrailartmarket.com Downtown Artists/Farmers Market: The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department's market for area artists and regionally grown agricultural products is 9 a.m. -1 p.m. each Saturday in the Union Plaza District along Anthony Street. 212-1780 or elpasoartsandculture.org Upper Valley Artists/Farmers Market: The artist and farmers market is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays at the Substation on Doniphan at Sunset, Free, Water Lantern Festival: The One World Water Lantern Festival is 4:30-9 p.m. Saturday, at Ascarate Park 6900 Delta. Cost: \$40, includes entry into festival area, floating water lantern, LED flashlight keychain, marker and wristband. Food trucks, music and activities from 4:30-7 p.m., with lantern designing at 6:30 p.m. and lantern launch 7-8 p.m. waterlanternfestival.com/elpaso



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A class of graduates of the fellowship program gather for a photo at the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy on East Fort Bliss

Head of the class: USASMA Fellowship offers eligible Soldiers no-cost Penn State, Syracuse masters programs

By Danielle O'Donnell | NCO Leadership Center of Excellence

Are you a future sergeant major or sergeant major interested in obtaining your master's degree with no out of pocket cost? The U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy Fellowship is just the program you have been looking for.

The fellowship is a broadening program which selects 20 sergeants major every year to attain a master's degree in Lifelong Learning and Adult Education from Pennsylvania State University or a degree in Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation from Syracuse University.

"Sergeants major now have a choice to work with world-class educators from both of these institutions," Command Sgt. Maj. David Lee Jr., director, USASMA, said. Lee is also a graduate of the program. Annually, the 20 sergeants major who are selected will make up a fellowship cohort. Since the program started in 2014, there have been four cohorts. The fifth one will start this August and applications for the sixth cohort will open in the beginning of April. An eligible sergeant major who is interested in the program must be able to complete the full fellowship and sign a service obligation. Upon completion of the one-year program, the fellows will serve three years as an instructor through USASMA and the NCO Leadership Center of Excellence to develop future sergeants major. "This program enhances the fellows' careers and does not end it. It makes them better at what they do and gives them the opportunity to continue to give back to the Army," Lee said. While the program may enhance a Soldier's career, it also enhances the NCOL CoE. "These seasoned credentialed professionals will also be able to assist in the instructional design of our curriculum," Sgt. Maj. Matildo Coppi, a vice chair at USASMA.

The fellowship focuses on growth. Growing new instructors for USASMA, growing the careers of the fellows and growing the future sergeants major they will be educating.

This is one of the only programs where a senior noncommissioned officer can grow not only personally by obtaining a master's degree, but professionally to serve as an instructor for USASMA and share our knowledge and experience with future sergeants major," Sgt. Maj. Trinket Gack said.

Going through the rigors of obtaining a master's degree through this program can be chal-



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lenging. However, there are systems in place to help the sergeants major be successful, not only through the program, but throughout their career.

Representatives from both institutions visit their students once a quarter and even though the program is conducted through an online platform through USASMA, instructors from both Penn State and Syracuse University remain available to students.

Students coming through the program are also assigned a USASMA faculty member as a mentor who can guide them through the process and give a fellow face-to-face time.

"This program gives the military educator a different way to see education, and blending it at the senior level at USASMA to give the future sergeants major different ways to collaborate, to digest the material and to receive it from the subject matter experts," Lee said. "This is one of the best experiences in my military career, I served as a battalion command sergeant major before and coming here with this kind of staff and this kind of energy, learning from the students as I would facilitate to them has just been phenomenal. We are looking for the best and brightest who want to enhance their career A senior-enlisted Soldier stands in for a photo following a program graduation ceremony at US-ASMA on East Fort Bliss.

and not end it "

Who can apply?

Any sergeant major who has less than 25 years of military service, is either Active Component, National Guard, or Active Guard Reserve with a completed bachelor's degree, with a 3.0 grade-point average or higher, from an accredited institution. Additional information can be found at http://ncolcoe.armylive.dodlive.mil/usasma-fellowship/

Already have a master's degree?

If you are a sergeant major with a master's degree and are interested in being an instructor at USASMA, contact the Sergeants Major Branch at HRC. You can find out more information about the NCOL CoE or USASMA at http://ncolcoe.armylive.dodlive.mil/usasma.

Massachusetts NG culinary troops turn field kitchen into fine dining

By Sgt. 1st Class Laura Berry | Mass. National Guard PA

There was the usual smell of diesel in the air while pulling through the entry control point of the 1058th Transportation Company's area of operation at Joint Base Cape Cod, Massachusetts, March 16, but upon arriving closer to the Food Service Section's Mobile Kitchen Trailer, there was a different smell.

It was almost lunchtime and that new smell in the air indicated Army chow was going to be alot better than being tossed an MRE.

"We're having chicken parmesan, we're having corn, and they served up a great carrot cake," said Capt. James Bower, commander of the 1058th Trans. Co., Massachusetts Army National Guard. "You would think you were out dining in the civilian world."

The meal was a typical meal for the 1058th, and because of their excellent culinary skills they were participating in the 51st Philip A. Connelly Awards Program for Excellence in Army Food Service, and competing in the Reserve Component Field Feeding category. There was a regional competition, and they were selected along with Alaska, Minnesota and Rhode Island to compete at the Department of the Army level.

The Philip A. Connelly Awards Program is named after Philip Connelly of Framingham, Mass., who was a leader in food service management. The program was designed to improve the professionalism of food service personnel and provide recognition for excellence in the preparation and serving of food in Army dining facilities and field kitchen operations.

Providing incentives and training the food

Barrel House



Photos by Sgt. David Wilkinson / Mass. National Guard PA

Food service specialists competing for the Philip A. Connelly Award Program for Excellence In Army Food Service from the 1058th Transportation Company, Massachusetts Army National Guard, serve chicken parmesan out of a Mobile Kitchen Trailer during a field exercise in Massachusetts March 20.

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service specialists to prepare nutritious and delicious food is beneficial, not only for stateside training environments, but it also gives them the experience for preparing

meals while deployed as well. The Philip A. Connelly Program is aligned with the National Restaurant Association and the Department of the Army, Deputy Chief of Staff, G4. The Joint Culinary Center of Excellence, Special Programs Directorate administers the program.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael Langille, one of the Department of the Army evaluators for the competition, said that the winner and runner-up will be announced in April. "The unit will be notified if they're the

winners and in May, the NRA, the National Restaurant Association, has a big show in Chicago and they come to

the show to get their presentation of the winning trophy that they received," said Langille.

He explained that the units are evaluated on the in-brief they provide to the evaluators in the morning, the layout of the field site, the maintenance of the equipment, the

preparation of the meal itself and the way the meal comes out in the end.

According to Bower, there was over six



Massachusetts Army National Guard troops were only one of four state guard programs that were invited to participate in the 51st Philip A. Connelly Awards Program for Excellence in Army Food Service.



Culinary troops from the 1058th Transportation Company, Massachusetts Army National Guard served a special meal during their Army-level culinary award evaluation at Joint Base Cape Cod, Massachusetts, March 20.

months of planning. The culinary team, led by Sgt. Lacy Phongsaly, prepared practice meals and conducted training with her team prior to this event.

"I have a really great team, we're all very positive," said Phongsaly, culinary sergeant, 1058th Trans. Co.

The food service specialists were not the only ones that made the team successful. The field sanitation team also had to go through a long certification process. The maintenance section set up a generator and set up one on standby to power the equipment, and mechanics with a maintenance contact truck was readily available if there was an equipment failure during the evaluation.



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Becoming a leader worth following: Part VI of VI

By Chaplain (Maj.) Kevin Mucher | USAG Fort Bliss

The moment we become parents, leadership begins.



Next to leading ourselves, leading our children must be ranked as our top priority because our once told me, "Don't worry that your children listen

Kevin Mucher

children value most, and they are looking for someone to follow. One leader to you, worry that they are always watching you."

I have often pondered on that thought especially after I have had an emotional outburst in front of my six children. What are they observing and learning from me during times of stress and frustration? Here's a truth worth chewing on. My only unique leadership role, is the role of father. Every other leadership opportunity that comes around is a position that someone else could have and eventually will have. So, if you are a father or a mother, let me strongly encourage you with this thought. Don't give up what is unique to you for something someone else will do. This is a leadership issue. If we don't get this right, I don't think it matters what else we get right when it comes to leadership.

Leadership isn't as much about competency as it is engagement.

If you are super engaged in your profession, I want to encourage you to be equally as engaged in your home. The real legacy we leave in our children's lives is not what we leave behind for them, but what we have lived out before them. If you are a Christian, you are charged with raising up and training your children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord in accordance with their own unique bents (Eph. 6:4; Prov. 22:6). One parenting tool that is extremely helpful for my family is the Holy Scriptures because they

are alive and active and have the capacity to judge the thoughts and attitudes of the heart (Heb. 4:12). But God's written word cannot do what it is designed to do unless I read and teach it to my children. There is a verse from the Holy Bible that is strategically displayed in our home that reads, "And these words that I command you today shall be on your hearts. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise" (Deut. 6:6-7, ESV). This passage reminds me as a father to actively and intentionally engage my children when we sit down during family meals, when we are out and about and on the go, during bedtime, and early in the morning as the opportunity presents itself. I am charged to diligently engage and lead my children.

Parenting is a lot like a coin; you can spend it any way you wish, but you can spend it only once. My children spell love "time." They want to connect with me and want me to spend the time to connect with them. My wife and I use to have several parenting goals or objectives, but recently we have reduced our goals for parenting down to one overarching objective. "Children who want to be with us and each other when they no longer have to be." We have other goals, but we feel that this is the bullseye, the North Star. This objective has helped us re-center ourselves on our desired end-state as parents. We have shifted from parenting towards behavior modification toward relationships. This approach is a different path, a different strategy towards parenting. And we believe it's all about leadership because we lead people in the direction of healthy relationships. And that's our primary responsibility as parents.

So if we want to be a leader worth following-both for our subordinates and our children, let's just decide.

I will not lie to myself even when the truth makes me feel bad about myself.

I will prioritize what I value most over what I want now.

I will not attempt to lead myself by myself.

And, I will not give up what is unique to

me to someone or something else. Rather, I will actively and intentionally engage my children. If every person made these decisions we would be greater than ever because

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"We saw how they process our orders and how they store our food," said Lt. Col. Debra Hernandez, chief of nutrition care at WBAMC. "It was really an eye-opener."

WBAMC Dining Facility to upgrade menu: Breakfast bar, sustainability part of plan

By Amabilia Payen | WBAMC PA

Nutrition Care Division leaders with William Beaumont Army Medical Center visited the U.S. Foods facility in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to meet with business partners and conduct a quarterly business review. A food demonstration held during the March 6-7 visit educated leaders into implementing exciting new ideas.

The WBAMC NCD successfully maintains a working business relationship with U.S. Foods to provide patients and their family members, staff, active duty service members and visitors, healthy foods.

"We saw how they process our orders and how they store our food," said Lt. Col. Debra Hernandez, chief of nutrition care, WBAMC. "It was really an eye-opener."

Dining facilities are now looking toward sustainability options to

help the environment, and the visit allowed the team to look at compostable and biodegradable paper goods, said Hernandez.

Felipe Ornelas, supervisory dietitian, WBAMC, felt the trip was beneficial as he and his coworkers met with the U.S. Foods staff, which included the president of the company's Rocky Mountain area, the national accounts manager and executive, the company's transportation manager, ware-house manager, and culinary chefs.

In April, the normal three-week cycle menu currently in use will change to a twoweek cycle, with new items on the menu.

A new breakfast fitness bar will include new fresh fruits such as organic mangoes. New leafy greens will include organic baby

> spinach and wild arugula that will be added to the salad bar. A new breakfast item is all natural turkey sausage patties raised without antibiotics. All natural ground turkey will also be used for other meals and recipes.

Every quarter, new items will be part of the anticipated menu, however, the NCD wanted to announce that they will also be bringing back the chicken wings bar. The chicken wings will be all natural and oven roasted. A new

fire-grilled chicken breast will also be used. The chickens have been farm-raised without antibiotics.

"We are also making an effort to educate our customers on what they are eating," said Ornelas. "We are going to do more advertising and have posters and signs made so customers can see what the nutritional value is."



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>> Felipe Ornelas

Autism awareness: What a difference two decades make

By Lisa Smith Molinari | www.themeatandpotatoesoflife.com

In 1998, our son, Hayden, was diagnosed with "atypical autism." After recovering from the shock, my husband and I inundated ourselves with information, desperate to provide our three-year-old boy with whatever might help him lead a relatively normal life.

We embarked on a home therapy program called "Floortime," a type of play therapy developed by Dr. Stanley Greenspan, in which the a primary caregiver, often a parent, follows the child's lead while opening and closing "circles of communication." The thought was that Floortime helped children who hadn't met necessary milestones for social-emotional growth, which affected their ability to relate and communicate.

A few civilian friends I knew with autistic children were paying for Applied Behavior Analysis therapy. which rewards positive behaviors during taskoriented sessions conducted 20 to 40 hours per week by trained ABA therapists. Back then, most insurance companies did not cover autism therapies which were considered "experimental" or "not medical in nature." At that time, I didn't know any World Autism Awareness Day military families who could afford ABA.

Although I believed that Floortime would be more effective than ABA for Hayden, I also had no choice but to pick the therapy that I could do myself. ABA was done by paid professionals, so it was out of the question. But Hayden's doctor also prescribed physical, occupational

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and speech therapies, as well as special diets, evaluation by a nutritionist, and regular doctor's appointments.

Like other insurance carriers, Tricare did not recognize autism as a coverable diagnosis, but offered a small financial supplement for certain individual symptoms that significantly impaired the "activities of daily living"

through its Program For Persons With Disabilities, now known as Extended Care Health Option. Hayden's autism profile included a speech disorder and motor planning delays which quali-

fied, so we received a small stipend each month to pay part of the speech and occupational therapy bills. As for the rest of Hayden's autism symp-

toms, we were financially on our own. We paid for expensive liquid nutritional supplements since Hayden's sensory imbalances made him reject many food textures and tastes. We paid for expensive mail order flours and consultations with a specialized

nutritionist when Hayden's doctor ordered a gluten-free, casein-free diet. (Gluten-free foods were not prevalent like they are today.) After applying the money received from our monthly PFPWD stipend, we paid the thrice-weekly speech and occupational therapy bills. We paid to see a developmental psychiatrist once or twice a year to

the tune of \$500 a pop, and a psychologist who trained us in Floortime at \$250 per session.

But like many parents of children with autism spectrum disorder who desperately hoped for progress, we were more

than willing to go into debt if we thought it would help our son. And go into debt we did. In a big way.

As a Brookings Institute fellow astutely observed in 2008, "Many military families choose to pay for medically prescribed autism treatment themselves, to the extent possible, and incur significant debt. This unduly burdens already stressed families, which often have one parent deployed abroad these days."

By age nine, Hayden had made so much progress, his autism diagnosis was downgraded to "regulatory disorder," and although he still struggled with social delays and sensory processing, he no longer needed intensive therapies.

Ironically, at the very same time there was a movement to reform autism insurance coverage in the United States. Although Tricare considered ABA therapy to be "educational rather than medically necessary," it began allowing families to use the monthly ECHO supplement to go toward limited ABA costs. Then in 2007, states began passing laws requiring insurers to cover autism. And finally, in July 2014, Tricare began fully covering ABA and other autism treatments through its Autism Care Demonstration program which will remain in effect through December 2023.

Although Tricare still considers its program to be "experimental," it has been forced to change its policies toward autism significantly. When Hayden needed treatment, autism wasn't recognized as a coverable diagnosis. Two decades later, 48 states have mandated autism coverage.

The system is certainly not perfect, but it's come a long way, baby.

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Stephanie Santos / 1st AD

"Our future is information – and a big part of every war is information skills," said Staff Sgt. Felicia Jagdatt. "I want to become a better mentor and teacher to our Soldiers. Any person that has a skill and then develops that skill - becomes an asset to the entire Army.'

1st AD Soldier selected for DOD journalism program

By Stephanie Santos | 1st Armored Division

There's an incomparable force of energy that always travels right alongside dedicated Soldiers as they take on new challenges and excel during assigned missions.

That passion is what led Staff Sgt. Felicia Jagdatt, who serves as the public affairs non-commissioned officer in charge for the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, to earn a coveted seat in the Military Visual Journalism Program at Syracuse University's Newhouse

School. The 10-month, military program curriculum focuses on teaching its students to

become better storytellers through courses in communications. Upon completion, students will earn 30 credits of college coursework.

Jagdatt received one of four Army slots awarded to public affairs professionals annually. She will begin this summer and said she is looking forward to starting this new chapter in her career.

"I was so excited, and at first I couldn't believe it," she said, "It took awhile for me to absorb everything, then I ran to tell my commander and called my family members."

The 28-year-old expressed that she is not only hoping that this experience will enhance her storytelling abilities to tell the U.S. Army's story in an ever-changing communications environment, but it will also help her become a better leader to mentor her future Soldiers.

"Our future is information - and a big part of every war is information skills," said the New York native. "I want to become a better mentor and teacher to our Soldiers. Any person that has a skill – and then develops that skill – becomes an asset to the entire Army."

Capt. Lindsay Roman, the public affairs officer for the 2nd ABCT, described Jagdatt

as hardworking and professional. Roman said that although she has only worked with Jagdatt for less than a year, she has seen this NCO

"She always keeps herself one step ahead and brings her 'A game' to the table every day," she said.

the public affairs NCOIC for 1st Armored Division, said her passion, motivation and

"She's a self-motivated, positive force who is consistently growing and learning," said Licea. "Jagdatt is not afraid to ask for advice and guidance, and she is always looking to challenge herself. I know she will continue to grow within the public affairs career field and our Army."

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Kick Ball Tourney: Eta lota Zeta Sorority will host a fundraising kick ball tournament at 11 a.m. Sunday at Franklin Park, 6050 Quail. Register at Eventbrite. (919) 961-8272 or Facebook at etaiotazeta.elpaso

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. Registration: \$15 for 2 events and tshirt, plus \$5 for each additional event; \$45 for all events. Includes t-shirt. 503-6544 or elpasotexas. gov/parks

JackRabbit Classic: The 19th annual JackRabbit Classic trail race is 8 a.m. April 7, at Franklin Mountains State Park's Tom Mays Unit. Four and 8-mile trail options available. Park entrance fee: \$5. tpwd.state.tx.us or Chris Rowley, 478-5663. Registration: raceadventuresunlimited.com

Sand Volleyball Tournament: Come out April 12 from 4-10 p.m. for a sand volleyball tournament at Monti Warrior Zone. Bring your friends and play against other competitors. Cost: \$15 per person, per tournament. Cost includes a t-shirt and one drink of your choice. Open to the public. 18+. 741-3000

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El Paso Chihuahuas: The city's AAA baseball team, El Paso Chihuahuas, plays home games at Southwest University Park on Santa Fe Street in Downtown El Paso. Weekday game times are 7:05 p.m. (11:05 a.m. April 17 and 22). Sunday games are 1:50 p.m. Season kick-off is April 4-8 versus Las Vegas 51s, April 16-18: Tacoma Rainiers, and April 19-22: Reno Aces. Tickets: \$11-\$30. 533-BASE or EPChihuahuas.com

El Paso Locomotives FC: El Paso's new professional soccer team, the Locomotives, hosts its home game at Southwest University Park. April 13 against Phoenix Rising FC,7 p.m.; April 27 against Reno 1868 FC, 7:30 p.m. Cost:\$5-\$49. 235-GOAL, eplocomotivefc.com, or tickets@ eplocomotivefc.com

EI Paso Coyotes: The El Paso Coyotes, El Paso's Major Arena Soccer League team hosts the Rio Grande Valley Barracudas at 7:15 p.m. April 12, at El Paso County Coliseum. Cost: \$12; \$20 box seating; kids admitted free with purchase of adult ticket. 229-1416, elpasocoyotes.com

Army announces team for DOD Warrior Games

By Christopher Fields | Army Warrior Care and Transition

ARLINGTON, Va. – The Deputy Chief of Staff for Warrior Care and Transition is proud to announce the 40 wounded, ill and injured Soldiers and veterans who will represent Team Army at the 2019 Department of Defense Warrior Games in Tampa, Florida June 21-30, hosted by the U.S. Special Operations Command.

Approximately 300 warrior-athletes with upper-body, lower-body, and spinal cord injuries; traumatic brain injuries; visual impairment; serious illnesses; and post-traumatic stress will engage in friendly competition and experience the healing power of sports.

The Warrior Games were established in 2010 as a way to enhance the recovery and

rehabilitation of wounded warriors and to expose them to adaptive sports. The Paralympic-style competition between teams of wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans from the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and SOCOM has grown to new heights as it prepares to light the torch for the tenth time.

This year's Warrior Games will include a record five additional teams from U.S. allied nations: the Australian Defence Force, Canadian Armed Forces, British Armed Forces, the Danish armed forces and the Armed Forces of the Netherlands. The Warrior Games was also the inspiration and motivation for the Invictus Games, which is hosted by Prince Harry, the Duke of Sussex, of the British royal family.

The ten teams will go head-to-head in 14 adaptive sports: archery, track, field, indoor rowing, powerlifting, road race cycling, time trial cycling, shooting, sitting volleyball, swimming, wheelchair basketball, and new this year, golf, wheelchair rugby, and wheelchair tennis.

This year's Games will continue the tradition of showing the amazing resilience of wounded, ill and injured servicemen and women from across the world and their ability to thrive and overcome their challenges.

The active duty and veteran athletes selected to represent Team Army at the 2019 DoD Warrior Games are:

Active duty:

- Sgt. Jonathan Alexander, Fort Bragg, NC Staff Sgt. Kenneth Arnold, Fort Campbell, KY Sgt. Aaron Averre, Fort Bragg, NC Spc. Nikita Bowen, Fort Drum, NY Staff Sgt. Matthew Brown, Joint Base San Antonio, TX Pfc. Kyia Costanzo, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA Sgt. 1st Class Ian Crawley, Fort Campbell, KY Capt. David Espinoza, Schofield Barracks, HI Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Fontenot, Fort Campbell, KY Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Fontenot, Fort Campbell, KY Sgt. 1st Class Angel Gonzalez-Cintron, Fort Carson, CO Capt. Mya Gordon, Fort Bliss, TX Spc. Austin Harwick, Fort Drum, NY Spc. Kevin Holyan, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas Sgt. Cory Ivins, Fort Stewart, GA Spc. Stephanie Johnson, Walter Reed National MMC, Bethesda, MD
- Sgt. Tanner Kane, Fort Carson, CO
- Sgt. 1st Class Jay Martin, Fort Belvoir, VA
- Spc. Christopher Mask, Fort Stewart, GA
- Sgt. 1st Class Shannon McLimans, Fort Bragg, NC
- Sgt. Gleimarie Mendoza, Fort Hood, TX





Capt. Shirley Morales, Schofield Barracks, HI Spc. Desiree Price, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA Staff Sgt. Paul Reifke, Fort Belvoir, VA Sgt. Jorge Rodriguez, Joint Base San Antonio, TX Sgt. Ist Class Tiffany Rodriguez-Rexroad, Fort Huachuca, AZ Sgt. Brent Sixkiller, Fort Bragg, NC Capt. Casey Turner, Fort Bragg, NC Sgt. Katherine Young, Fort Bragg, NC Veterans:

Retired Staff Sgt. Ross Alewine, Williamston, SC Retired Capt. Tim Bomke, Bainbridge Island, WA Retired Spc. Angela Euson, Jacksonville, FL

Retired Spc. Brent Garlic, Atlanta, GA Retired Sgt. Sean Hook, Summerville, SC Retired Staff Sgt. Beth King, Deming, NM Retired Staff Sgt. Matthew Lammers, Fairmont, NC Retired Spc. Brandon Nielson, Olalla, WA Retired Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Olson, Spokane, WA Retired Sgt. Joel Rodriguez, Tampa, FL Retired Sgt. Jonathan Weasner, New London, OH Retired Capt. Dandy "Alex" Wilson, Alexandria, VA



Old Ironsides Mud Challenge: May the Mud be with you! Come dressed in Star Wars attire at the Old Ironsides Mud Challenge May 4 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Air Assault tower on West Fort Bliss. Join Fort Bliss Sports, Fitness and Aquatics team for a 4-mile obstacle course that will get your adrenaline pumping! Register at Stout, Milam or Soto PFCs, until April 28 or online at raceroster.com until May 1. 744-5785

Ladies night golf and martinis: Ladies night at Underwood Golf will happen April 17 from 5-6 p.m. and enjoy one hour of golf instruction and a free martini! This is a new social event, open to the public 21+. \$25 per person. 568-1059

POUND®: Are you guys ready to Sweat, Sculpt and Rock with POUND®? Using Ripstix®, lightly weighted drumsticks engineered specifically for exercising, POUND® transforms drumming into an incredibly effective way of working out in this exhilarating full-body workout that combines cardio, conditioning, and strength training with yoga and pilates-inspired movements. Cost: \$3 per class or \$35 for unlimited monthly pass. 744-5800

Indoor Cycling: Get back on the bike and push your endurance at Indoor Cycling. Classes are held at Soto and Stout PFCs Cost: \$3, or \$35 unlimited monthly pass. 744-5800

Iron Divas: This well-rounded class is designed to improve muscular strength and endurance. Classes are held at Soto and Stout PFCs. Cost: \$3, or \$35 unlimited monthly pass. 744-5800

Robert Whetstone / Brooke AMC PA

(Top) Athletes head into the first turn of the recumbent cycling event at the 2019 Army Trials at Fort Bliss March 8.

(Top right) Athletes prepare at the 2019 Army Trials at Fort Bliss March 11.

(Right) Pfc. Kyia Constanzo and other powerlifting finalists pose for a photo following their event at the 2019 Army Trials at Fort Bliss March 8.

Spc. Samantha Ruiz / 55th Combat Camera



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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

GAFADC German Spring Bazaar: The German Air Force Air Defense Center of Fort Bliss will host its 16th annual spring bazaar 11 a.m. 5 p.m. Saturday at the former Oktoberfest Building, Building 747 on Carter Road in Fort Bliss. Hobby craftsmen and women will display various goods, including items for Easter. There will also be German specialties like bratwurst, waffles and German cakes and pastries, German beer, coffee and soft drinks. Free. Information: 201-5939, 201-5942 or betreuunginelpaso.com.

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. Visit bliss.armymwr. com, search parade. Fill out the registration form and email it to blissmwr@gmail.com. Deadline to sign up is April 22. 588-8247 or 568-2554.

Bliss Briefs Tax Center open: The Fort Bliss Tax Center is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturdays and training holidays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 2910 Cassidy Road. 568-1040

Run for the Fallen 5K and 1-mile walk: Bring the whole family to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice April 13 at Run for the Fallen 5K and 1-mile walk. There will be a remembrance ceremony at 8:30 a.m. at the Field of Honor, where the names of the fallen will be read. The race begins at 9 a.m. Registration required and can be done until April 7 at Soto, Stout, Milam PFCs, or raceroster.com through April 10. Race fee includes a t-shirt. \$15/pp. Late Registration and packet pick-up will be available April 12 from 4:30-7pm at the Freedom Crossing Food Court. \$10 fee incurred for late registration. 744-5785

Center Chapel 1 closed: Due to necessary construction/repair, the Traditional worship service at Center Chapel 1 (no change in time) is now being held at neighboring Sage Hall until

will be June 17-21; and Sept. 16-20. Issue documents can be submitted through TAMIS during the closures. 569-9528

Army contracting open house: The MICC Fort Bliss Contracting Office and the El Paso Procurement Technical Assistance Center invites you to the MICC Fort Bliss Acquisition Forecast Open House Forum April 4 to discuss anticipated contracting opportunities for Fiscal Year 2019. This forum is an opportunity for industry to learn about prime and subcontracting opportunities at Fort Bliss and White Sands Missile Range, N.M. For informational purposes only. Also, representatives from the following agencies will be in attendance: El Paso Small Business Administration, Albuquerque Small Business Administration, Las Cruces Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), General Services Administration (GSA), and FedBid. Registration required. Register at http://www.elpasococ-events.org/miccforecast before March 29. Free. 9-1 p.m. El Paso Community College Administrative Services Center, 9050 Viscount Blvd

Easter-A-vaganza: Come out to Biggs Park April 20 12-4 p.m. There will be inflatables, FREE photos with the Easter Bunny and our new 24 Carrot Egg Quest! Free. Open to the public. 588-8247

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. Classes start in April. Contact Michelle Mebane at 744-1201.

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

Easter Brunch: Celebrate Easter Sunday, April 21 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center. Enjoy breakfast favorites, lunch classics, and luscious desserts in the beautiful ballroom. Photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny so bring your camera. Cost: \$22.95 for adults, \$11.95 for kids ages 5-10, and free for kids 4 and younger. Reservations required by April 18. 744-8427.

ICE comments: Make your voice heard. Tell us exactly how we are doing. Good or bad: Bring it on. You may remain anonymous, if you choose to do so. Listing your contact information allows us to provide direct feedback. Fort Bliss has an outlet available, the Interactive Customer Evaluation program, fully functional again to all customers. Find it online at https:// ice.disa.mil/ index.cfm?





Youth Sports Girls' Summer Volleyball League

Date: Mar 15 2019, 12 a.m. - Apr 15 2019, 11:59 p.m.

forth Sports Place - 195 Chaffee Road West Fort Bliss 🖗 Google Map

Is your teen a volleyball enthusiast?

Youth Sports offers **Girls' Summer Volleyball League** for girls ages 10-16 years old. Don't miss out on this fantastic program focusing on fun, fitness and sportsmanship! Stay active, make new friends, and learn proper tactics of the game!

Registration is required and can be done at CYS facility.

Registration dates: March 15 - April 15

League play: May-June

For more information about the program, call 915-568-2617

jump in the pool at the Easter Egg Swim April 20 at Replica Pool. There are two sessions, the first will be 9:30-10:15 a.m., the second will be 10:30-11:15 a.m. Each session is limited to the first 100 participants. There will be six golden eggs, three per session, available to "find' and redeem for a free week pass at the pool! Redeem eggs at the Bunny store for great prizes, while supplies last. The Easter Bunny will also be taking photos. Swim fees, all pool rules and policies do apply. Open to DOD ID cardholders, children 3-12. 741-5901

Yappy Hour: Enjoy the evening with your favorite four-legged friends April 18, 6-8 p.m. at the Sam Adams Pub Patio. There'll be toys, treats and eats for your furry friends to enjoy. Dress up in your flowery shirts, hats and more! We will be having a best dressed contest, this is a chance to win a prize. Happy Hour specials throughout the night. Open to the public. 568-6814

Gaming tournament: The Monti Warrior Zone will host a Dragon Ball FighterZ tournament April 27 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Includes a t-shirt and one drink of your choice. Prizes for first, second and third place winners. Open to the public, 18+ \$15. 741-3000

Go Youth

The two-day event features more than 170 national, regional, local and newly released craft beers, ciders, wine and mixed drinks, as well as a game zone, food trucks, vendor booths, a liquor lounge, live bands and djs. Cost: \$20; \$35 for both days. Designated Driver admission \$10 per day. Suncitycraftbeerfest.com

El Paso Comic Con: WWE legend Jake "The Snake" Roberts, and voice actor Johnny Yung Bosch are among the special guests at this year's El Paso Comic Con April 12-14, at El Paso Convention Center. Exhibit Hall. Gaming area hours are 5-11 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. (575) 405-0461, epcomiccon@gmail.com, elpasocomiccon.com Brave et the Zeat The El Pase Zealagiel Seci

Brew at the Zoo: The El Paso Zoological Society's host its Brew at the Zoo from 6-10 p.m. Saturday at the El Paso Zoo, 4001 E. Paisano, with beer samples paired with BBQ bites from local restaurants, live music, animal encounters, prizes and more. Tickets at webstore1.centaman.net. 212-0245, elpasozoosociety.org or Facebook at El Paso Zoological Society

Water Lantern Festival: One World Water Lantern Festival: The One World Water Lantern Festival is 4:30-9 p.m. Saturday, at Ascarate Park 6900 Delta. Tickets: \$40; includes entry into festival area, floating water lantern, LED flashlight and wristband. Food marker sic and activities from 4:30-7 p.m., with lantern designing at 6:30 p.m. and lantern launch 7-8 p.m. waterlanternfestival.com/elpaso OCS Alumni Assoc. Reunion: Calling all branches, all classes 1941-present. There will be an OCS Alumni Association Reunion April 28. This is going to be a great time with the opening of Phase I of the OCS Heritage Center; the dedication of more bricks, pavers, and class memorials; the induction of the 2019 The U.S. Army OCS Alumni Association Hall of Fame class; and the presentations of the Nett Award and the Patterson Award. Mini class reunions are welcome to celebrate with the national reunion. www.ocsalumni. org/ or ocsalumnireunion@gmail.com Spring Cactus Garden Tours: El Paso Cactus and Rock Club and Native Plant Society hosts its garden tour and plant sale 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Satur-day at Westside/Central gardens, and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, at Northeast gardens. The residential landscapes feature cactus and native plants. Gardeners will be on hand to discuss plants and their care. Tickets: \$5 per carload per day; available at each site and good for all gardens on that day. Information: 240-7414, elpasodesert/epcrc Super kite contest: The 17th annual kite flying contest, sponsored by Westside Community Church, is noon-3 p.m. April 6, at Francisco Delgado Park, on Imperial Ridge behind Franklin High School. Prizes for most unusual and longest-time in the air and most beautiful kite. Event

May 1. 568-1519

McGregor/FBTX ammo point closings: The McGregor Range/FBTX Ammunition Supply Point

Federal District and Magistrate Court Trial Results

U.S. v. Terrence Eugene Hawkins: Terrence Eugene Hawkins pled guilty Feb.1 to Trespass of Military Installation on Fort Bliss. Mr. The court sentenced Hawkins to three years of probation.

U.S. v. Gilbert Conrado Duran, Jr.: Gilbert Conrado Duran, Jr. pled guilty Feb. 6 to Assault by Striking, Beating, or Wounding on Fort Bliss. Mr. The court sentenced Duran to 15 months of probation.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Debt collection notices:

This is a debt collection notice for **Staff Sgt. Terrence D. Everheart**. All services under Everheart's name should be put on hold. All those with debts to be collected under the name of Everheart or for information regarding collections, call Capt. Eileen Kidder at 741-1693 fa=site&site_id=435.

Special Olympics: Spend a day of hope and inspiration with Fort Bliss athletes April 27, 8 a.m. at Burges High School for their regional sprint track and field meet. Opening ceremonies will be April 26 at 6:25 p.m. at Burges. Volunteers are welcomed. 569-4227, ext. 5

Yard Sale: The spring bi-annual yard sale will be 8 a.m.-2 p.m. April 27 throughout post housing. Open to all those living in military housing. This is a perfect opportunity to unload some of your unwanted household goods, especially if you have an impending PCS move. For DOD ID card holders who are not living on post, they can sell at Old Fort Bliss Replica, located at 5054 Pershing Road, Participants must bring their own table to display. Only personal items, no commercial sellers. To reserve a spot at Old Fort Bliss for the sale, call 588-8482. Open to the public. 568-2554

FMWR

Earth Day Pallet Art: Are you ready for Earth Day? Celebrate with the Art & Hobby Shop and 1AD EOO Office, April 6 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. While supplies last. Open to DOD ID cardholders and family members 15+ 568-5563 UFC Fight Night: Catch UFC Fight 235 6 p.m. April 13 at Monti Warrior Zone. 21+ drink specials available throughout the night. 741-3000 Easter Egg hunt: Bring your bathing suit and In-home Saturday childcare from CYS: Family Child Care offers in-home providers for CYS-registered kids. For care information, or to receive an updated list of FCC providers, call 568-4198 or visit the office at 3503 Story Rd. Cost: \$5/hr. with \$10 deposit. Reservations required. 744-7879

School Age Book Club: The School Age Book Club is 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

Community

German Spring Bazaar: The German Air Force Air Defense Center of Fort Bliss hosts its 16th annual spring bazaar 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the former Oktoberfest Building, Building 747 on Carter Road in Fort Bliss. Hobby craftsmen and women will display various goods, including items for Easter. There will also be German specialties like bratwurst, waffles and German cakes and pastries, German beer, coffee and soft drinks. Free. 201-5939, 201-5942 or betreuunginelpaso.com

Sun City Craft Beer Festival: The Sun City Craft Beer Festival is this weekend at the El Paso Convention Center (indoor and outdoor event).



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Las Cruces Space Festival: The 2nd annual celebration of space-related activity and interest in Southern New Mexico and beyond is April 7-13, with film screening, hands-on activities and more. Free, unless otherwise listed. Information: (575) 541-2444, lcspacefestival.com or on Facebook

White Sands Muscle Car/Truck Show: Alamogordo Mustang Club's 16th annual American Muscle Car and truck show is 9 a.m.4 p.m. Saturday, April 13, in the Home Depot parking lot, 3400 N. White Sands in Alamogordo. Spectator admission is free. alamostang.com

Vietnam Vets: In recognition of their service and sacrifice, Vietnam veterans can receive a special memorial lapel pin from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service March 29 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. Veterans should contact their local Exchange for details on the time and location of the pinning ceremony.

Mount Cristo Rey: The Mount Cristo Rey mountain trail will be open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. April 19. The trail features stops for the traditional 14 Stations of the Cross, as well as shrines to Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Guadalupe. The trail is 5 miles round trip. 252-9840

'Party for the Planet': The El Paso Zoo, 4001 E. Paisano, combines its annual Earth Day and Easter weekend events into one celebration 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 20-21. 212-0966, elpasozoo.



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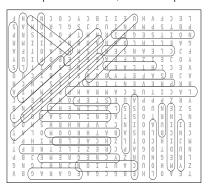
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org, or on Facebook at ElPasoZoo

Easter Egg Hunt/Spring Bash: The 18th annual Easter Egg Hunt/Spring Bash family event is noon-3 p.m. April 20, at Francisco Delgado Park, on Imperial Ridge behind Franklin High School. Free. 877-8000, 490-0288 or westsidecommunity.org

Golden Egg Hunt/April Pools Day: The City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department will host a Golden Easter Egg Hunt April 20, at Armijo Aquatic Center, 911 S. Ochoa. Free. 212-0397 or elpasotexas.gov/parks-and-recreation

Northeaster Parade: The 41st annual Transmountain Optimist parade is 10 a.m. April 20, along Dyer Street. This year's theme is "Sports Eggtravaganza" with the El Paso Rhinos as Grand Marshals. Co-sponsored by Mimbela Contractors. northeasterparade.wix.com/northeasterparade



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