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**>> FEELING A BIT RUFF**

Sgt. Alon Humphrey / 3rd ABCT, 1st AD

**Spc. Tank Chester, English bulldog and mascot for 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team "Bulldog," 1st Armored Division, is sedated in preparation for an entropion correction surgery, which is designed to correct his eyelids from rolling in, causing irritation of the eye, at Camp Humphreys, South Korea, Feb. 20. For more on our little buddy's day at the doc, turn to page 3A.**

**Army reveals plans to improve military housing to Congress**

By Sean Kimmons | Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Army senior leaders introduced an action plan to lawmakers March 7 that outlines steps to remedy military housing issues.

The plan includes a draft Tenant Bill of Rights, which is a joint effort by all military services expected to be finalized in the coming weeks.

In it, there are 12 rights intended to protect residents of privatized military housing.

"The recent reports of substandard conditions in some of our military housing units are deeply troubling," said Secretary of the Army Mark T. Esper. "It is unacceptable for our families who sacrifice so much for our country to endure these hardships in their homes."

Testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Capitol Hill, Esper said garrison leaders will soon be given more oversight to ensure housing companies on installations are held accountable.

Current proposals are for garrison staffs to conduct quality control checks on all life, health and safety work orders performed by contractors. They will also be present every time a resident moves in or out of a home.

To better empower them, members of garrison staffs will even be trained on contracting and housing management, he added.

A reporting system is being developed as well that will allow residents to rate the timeliness, quality of work and customer service of contractors that will be relayed to garrison teams.

"Many Army families are concerned that they lack the ability to hold the privatized housing companies accountable for poorly-performed services," Esper said, "and are inadequately protected from retaliation."

**Increasing oversight**

The Army has about 104,000 houses and apartments worldwide, and of those about 89,500 have been privatized under the Residential Communities Initiative.

Seven private companies now manage the properties across 49 installations, he noted.

While the initiative helped tackle inadequate housing at the time, Esper said the Army eventually lost sufficient oversight of the program.

"In too many cases, it is clear that privatized housing companies failed to uphold their end of the bargain, a failure that was enabled by the Army's insufficient oversight," he said.

Within hours of the first Congressional hearing to address housing concerns last month, the Army took actions to fully understand the scope and scale of the problems, he said.

Senior leaders have since visited families in homes affected by lead paint, mold and other toxic hazards at Fort Meade, Maryland; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Fort Campbell, Tennessee; Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Fort Belvoir, Virginia; and the U.S. Military Academy in New York.

Garrison commanders have been ordered to complete a 100 percent screening of installation housing by Monday. Town halls have also taken place across the Army.

"This has provided families a forum to voice their concerns and to report problems directly to garrison commanders," the secretary said.

**Chains of command**

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley also testified that chains of command need

**Trusted care anywhere**

**WBAMC app offers convenience, service feedback options**

By Amabilia Payen | WBAMC Public Affairs

William Beaumont Army Medical Center recently launched a smartphone app aimed to empower patients with easy mobile access to manage their healthcare and medical needs.

Interdepartmental collaborations and months of mobile app development led to the app's launch in December 2018.

"The WBAMC app is another step in the right direction to achieve readiness through patient-friendly access to high quality healthcare," said Col. Erik Rude, commander, WBAMC. "Now that it is out there, we can only get better at it, so please let us know what we can do to make it better."

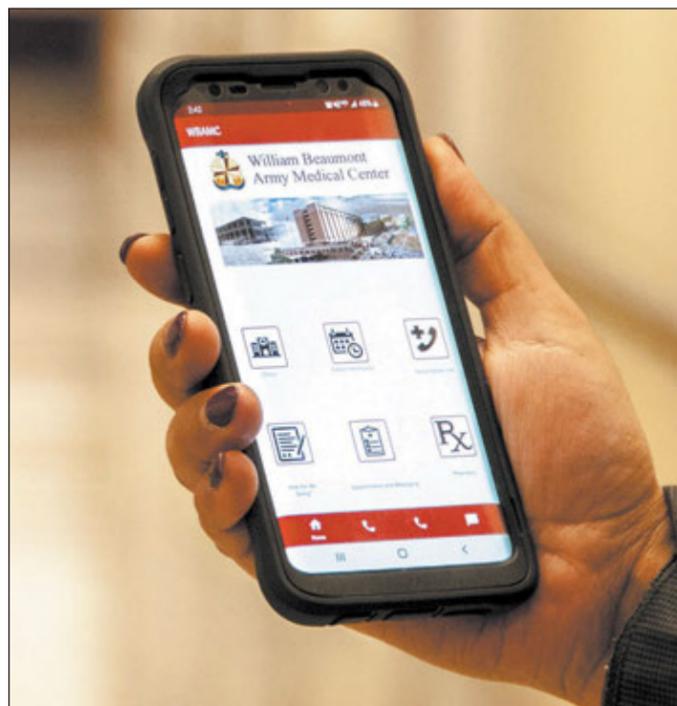
Since the launch, patients can find information they need at a fast pace, right in the palms of their hands. The app provides patients with clinic information, such as phone numbers, directions and hours, and allows access to the always-open TRICARE Nurse Advice Line.

Other features include the ability to directly make ICE comments to the specific clinics and informs patients about the Joint Outpatient Experience Survey and the TRICARE Inpatient Satisfaction Survey, both of which can be accessed through the app.

WBAMC's Information Management Division has received positive feedback and are working to further improve the app for patients.

"As of right now, we are looking for a way to add more features, like pharmacy wait times, and maybe even forms for download that will help with expediting appointments," said Henry Flores, webmaster and app developer for WBAMC.

Patients are encouraged to download the app for either iOS or Android by searching for "William Beaumont Army Medical Center."



WBAMC graphic

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# Military spouses can boost job skills with free finance certification

By **Erinn Burgess** | IMCOM

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany – Now through April 19, military spouses can apply for the opportunity to earn a free financial counselor accreditation to help them find employment at any military installation or in the civilian sector.

The FINRA Foundation Military Spouse Fellowship Program offers this career-enhancing credential to military spouses so they may in turn provide financial counseling and education to fellow members of the military community.

The program provides a clear pathway for participants to obtain an Accredited Financial Counselor designation, said Jennifer Chambers, a Baumholder military spouse who is currently enrolled in the program.

“The fellowship provides participants with textbooks, an exam study guide and an online webinar review course. The curriculum is comprehensive and has given me a broad understanding of financial issues that families regularly encounter,” Chambers said.

Chambers and her family are moving back to the States this summer, but she’ll be able to take her AFC designation with her to pursue career opportunities at their next location.

“I am hopeful that the skills and knowledge I have gained from the program will enable me to find suitable employment,” Chambers said. “In the future, I hope to work as an accredited financial counselor and educator within the military community.”

Alicia Hernandez, a Kaiserslautern military spouse, is also enrolled in the program and hopes to gain future employment as a financial counselor with Army Community Service after



Mary Ann Davis / IMCOM

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she receives her certification.

“The accredited financial counseling certificate earned from this course will help me break into the financial counseling field, which is what I am hoping to do. The volunteer hours that are required with the program will also give me the experience and background to be able to work with individuals in regards to their finances,” Hernandez said. “With each Permanent Change of Station move, military spouses often have to reinvent themselves in regards to their career.”

The more skills military spouses can add to their résumés, the more it helps with their career searches, she explained.

The AFC designation is a gateway for military spouses to have a flexible and portable career while their Soldier serves on active duty, said Kristin James, an Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program manager

and accredited financial counselor at Kaiserslautern.

Two members of the ACS Financial Readiness Team are fellowship alumni. James said “one of those spouses has worked in the industry for over eight years across three PCS moves because she obtained the AFC certification.”

“Obtaining the AFC certification takes time and effort to pass the national exam and to build the necessary counseling hours, but it’s an investment in yourself and it can definitely pay off,” James concluded.

Since it began, the FINRA Foundation Military Spouse Fellowship Program has provided more than 1,530 military spouses the opportunity to earn the AFC certification. Those interested in applying for the 2019 fellowship must submit applications no later than April 19 at <http://www.militaryspouseafcpce.org/application>.



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## >> THEY FIGHT TONIGHT

Capt. Roxana Thompson / 1st AD CAB

Iron Eagles conduct pre-flight inspections and checks on a CH-47 prior to a mission on Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, where the 1st Armored Division Combat Aviation Brigade will transport forces and equipment in support of our Coalition and NATO partners across parts of Afghanistan.

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to “step up” to ensure their Soldiers have adequate housing.

“Our duty as commanders is to be responsible for everything our units fail to do or succeed at,” he said. “I want all of the Soldiers out there to know that their chain of command is now fully engaged. It is our personal responsibility and we will be held personally accountable for the condition of their living quarters or their houses.”

Ongoing housing inspections also include barracks for single Soldiers, Esper said, adding that Soldiers and families living in off-base homes should be checked on, too.

“We have a responsibility to take care of our Soldiers [and their dependents] wherever they live,” he said.

Following meetings with senior leaders, housing companies also agreed to have a sufficient number of trained technicians and staff on installations to handle issues in a timely manner.

“All of the housing contractors are committed to working together to find ways to improve customer service and increase transparency,” he said.

Senior leaders even ordered the Army Inspector General to investigate the service’s privatized housing to find the best way forward.

By 2021, plans already call for the Army to eliminate its lowest level of military housing, known as Q4. Only 190 families are currently



Dawn Arden / U.S. Army

Soldiers ask a military family to respond to a survey as part of an ongoing Army-wide effort to resolve inadequate housing on installations. Army senior leaders introduced an action plan that outlines steps to remedy military housing issues to the Senate Armed Services Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., March 7.

living in Q4 housing, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey told lawmakers last month.

Providing a safe, quality living environment, the secretary said, is critical to the readiness of the force.

“This is essential to building trust, so when Soldiers deploy they can rest assured that their families are taken care of back home,” Esper said. “To do this, the Army needs to get back involved in the housing business.”

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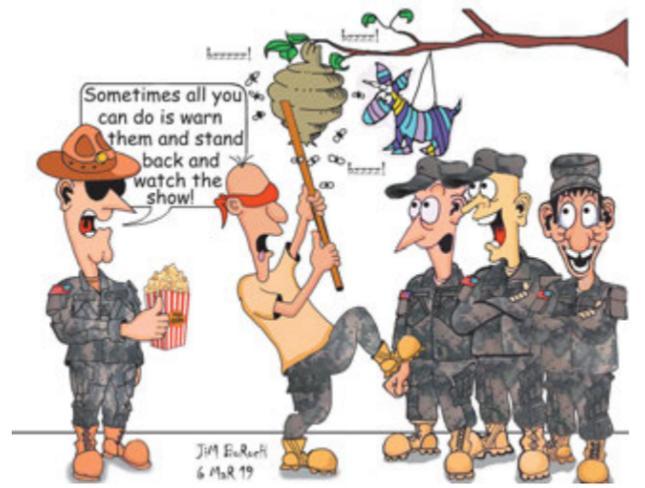


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**Attention new command spouses:** The Spouse Leadership Development Course is a new 40-hour course run by the Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Center of Excellence and United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. It will offer an introduction to 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. The first class will start in April. Contact Michelle Mebane at 744-1201.



# Ruff day

## First-class care for Bulldog brigade mascot, Army MWDs in South Korea

By Maj. Anthony Clas | 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea – Care for military working dogs and government-owned animals is not taken lightly in the military; and there many quality control measures in place to ensure these service animals are getting the care they deserve to accomplish their mission.

Spc. Tank Chester, English bulldog and mascot for 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team "Bulldog," 1st Armored Division (Rotational) had surgery to fix a condition called entropion, which occurs when the eyelids roll in, irritating the eye, at Camp Humphreys, South Korea, Feb. 20.

"Certain breeds will get this condition (entropion) due to having excess skin on their face, so when the eyelids roll in, the hair on their eyelids is irritating the eyelid or actually the eyeball and they tear up a lot," said Capt. Sean Curry, a veterinarian with the 106th Veterinary Detachment, 65th Medical Brigade. "In Chester's case, he's got extra skin folds, so he has water eyes. The water gets down in the skin folds, and it creates a moist environment, which results in bacterial and fungal infections."

U.S. Army dog handlers and animal control officers spend a lot of time working with veterinarians and veterinary technicians to coordinate care for military service animals like Chester due to the diverse operational requirements placed on these animals.

"Taking care of Chester is a lot like having your own dog, except for there's more time invested in him because that's my purpose, just like if he was one of my Soldiers," said Cpl. Mitchell Duncan, an animal control officer with 3rd ABCT, 1st AD. "It's my job to make sure that he's taken care of and since he's a government-owned animal there are certain procedures we must follow. He's required to have monthly visits to the vet, and he's required to maintain a certain weight and health standard. Prior to becoming his handler, I received training from the veterinary technicians which covered everything from emergency care to daily standard maintenance."

Chester's entropion surgery was a success and it is the second one he's endured since he and the Bulldog Brigade arrived in South Korea last fall.

Fortunately for Chester, his health and welfare are not only important to Duncan and the Bulldog Brigade, but also one of the biggest reasons why Curry has chosen to serve.

"Dogs like Chester and the working dogs are why I do what I do," he said. They're just unique animals. They represent the unit, and if I can spend the day helping Chester feel better, or helping a working dog complete his job and save Soldiers' lives, then that's a great day for me."



Photos by Sgt. Alon Humphrey / 3rd ABCT, 1st AD

Cpl. Mitchell Duncan, an animal control officer with 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division waits with Spc. Tank Chester, English bulldog and mascot for the brigade, as the 106th Veterinary Detachment prepares to conduct entropion correction surgery on Chester at Camp Humphreys, South Korea, Feb. 20.



Spc. Naquan Stokes, a veterinary technician with the 106th Veterinary Detachment, preps Spc. Tank Chester, an English bulldog and mascot for 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team "Bulldog," 1st Armored Division, for a procedure to correct entropion, at Camp Humphreys, South Korea, Feb. 20



Capt. Sean Curry, a veterinarian with the 106th Veterinary Detachment, gives two thumbs up signifying a successful entropion correction procedure for Spc. Tank Chester at Camp Humphreys, South Korea, Feb. 20.



## JOB WELL DONE

### >> ARMY RESERVE BG VISITS TROOPS AT BLISS

Master Sgt. Anthony L Taylor / 85th Support Command

Brig. Gen. Kris A. Belanger (left), commanding general of the 85th U.S. Army Reserve Support Command, presents a command coin to Capt. Andrea Fasel, Alpha Team officer-in-charge, 3rd Battalion, 345th Regiment, 85th RSC, operationally controlled by First Army's 5th Armored Brigade, during a command site visit recently. Belanger traveled to Fort Bliss with her newly appointed command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Theodore Dewitt, to meet with her battalion commanders and Soldiers, to visit training facilities and to discuss her vision and the way ahead for the command within the shared multi-component partnership with First Army. Belanger additionally conducted a town hall session with her observer coach/trainers that are currently mobilized at Fort Bliss to support and ensure the readiness of mobilizing-and-deploying forces.

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# ‘Ready First’ hosts EIB testing

By David Burge | Special to the Fort Bliss Bugle

The blue rectangular badge fits in the palm of your hand.

It may be small in size, but it is a hugely-coveted award among infantry Soldiers.

Last week, Soldiers from 1st Armored Division’ 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, as well as a handful from 2nd Brigade, went through a series of grueling mental and physical tests out in the Fort Bliss Training Complex.

The goal was to earn the Expert Infantryman Badge, but also to train and improve readiness.

At the beginning of the week, 379 Soldiers began the intense five days of testing. What followed was a series of exhausting events designed to test their basic Soldier and Infantry skills – while whittling down the field each day.

In the end, 45 soldiers received the badge.

Pvt. Devon Cathcart is assigned to Cobra Company, 3rd Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment. Cathcart said participating was an amazing opportunity to measure himself against his peers.

“It has been pretty grueling,” Cathcart said. “You come out and do the best you can. I think every training event we do contributes and makes us better.”

The week started out with a modified Army physical fitness test. Candidates had to do a minimum of 49 push-ups and 59 sit-ups and complete a four-mile run in 32 minutes or less. They then proceeded to do a challenging day and night land navigation event.

And that was just the first day.

Over the next three days, groups rotated through three different training lanes designed to test a wide range of skills --- weapons, patrol and medical.

On the final day, they finished up with a 12-mile ruck march while carrying 35 pounds of gear. At the end of everything, candidates had to check the functions on their weapon.

Earning the badge is a way to demonstrate

that Soldiers have mastered their skills and are considered experts in their field, said 1st Sgt. Travis Bingaman, with Atlas Company, 3-41 Infantry.

“It is a big deal,” said Bingaman. “It helps a lot with promotion. It shows they are in the top percent of their peers,” added Bingaman, who helped to run the patrol lane.

Even if you don’t earn the badge -- which was the case for nearly 90 percent of the participants -- it is still a valuable experience, said 1st Sgt. Jason Booth, who helped run the weapons training lane.

“Whether they earn the EIB or not, they can still take something back to their unit and they can teach their peers and subordinates the same things,” said Booth, who is with Courage Company, 4-17 Infantry.

Booth said he didn’t get an opportunity to earn the EIB until he was a staff sergeant and feels it is a testament to 1st SBCT leadership that the unit has conducted EIB testing, which extended the opportunity to earn the EIB to more troops at Fort Bliss.

Command Sgt. Maj. John Knight, the senior enlisted leader with 3-41 Infantry, said it is a demanding event that is meant to test a Soldier’s skills and spirit.

It is a way of training and staying sharp while striving for an important award, Knight said.

“It is what identifies an infantryman,” Knight said. “It says it all – Expert Infantryman Badge.”

Nineteen of the successful 45 candidates came from Knight’s battalion.

**“Whether they earn the EIB or not, they can still take something back to their unit and they can teach their peers and subordinates the same things.”**

>> 1st Sgt. Jason Booth

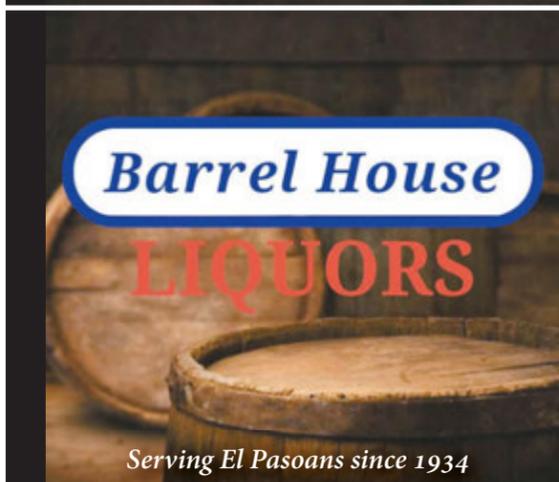


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(Top right) First Lt. John Donnelly handles an anti-tank weapon during Expert Infantryman Badge testing recently.

(Right) The Expert Infantryman Badge may be small in size, but it is a coveted symbol that infantry Soldiers are among the best in their field.



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Program Executive Office Soldier officials presented Staff Sgt. Steven McQueen with his damaged Enhanced Combat Helmet during a personal protective equipment return ceremony on Fort Belvoir, Va., March 3. During the insider attack on Sept. 3, 2018, McQueen was struck in the back of the helmet at a distance of about 20 feet. The helmet protected him from the shot. McQueen quickly recovered and helped secure the team's position.

## PEO Soldier shares lifesaving ECH story, unveils new protective gear

By Devon L. Suits | Army News Service

FORT BELVOIR, Va. – It was around lunchtime on Sept. 3 when the shots rang out across Camp Maiwand in eastern Afghanistan.

Two gunmen – one armed with an AK-47 assault rifle and the other operating a mounted PKM machine gun in the rear of a pickup truck – had just opened fire on a group of Soldiers from the 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade visiting the Afghan base.

“The plan was the fully automatic machine gun was going to open up on us, and the AK was going to pick us off one by one,” said Staff Sgt. Steven McQueen, assigned to the brigade’s Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment.

“It just so happened that the terrain we were operating in, there was a choke point that we were walking through – it was a perfect opportunity to attack us,” he added.

During the insider attack, McQueen was struck in the back of the helmet with a 7.62 x 54mm Russian round at a distance of about 20 feet, knocking him off his feet, he said. Understanding the gravity of the situation, McQueen quickly recovered and started checking on his Soldiers as they worked to secure their position.

“It’s nothing that I’ve experienced in my life that I can relate it to,” McQueen said. “If I had to guess, [it would feel like] you stood there and let a horse kick you in the back of the head.

“I was surprised that I was able to react as quickly as I did because I knew what had happened ... I knew I was shot,” he added.

The attack lasted about ten minutes before Afghan National Army forces moved in to



Staff Sgt. Steven McQueen accepts his damaged Enhanced Combat Helmet from Program Executive Office Soldier officials during a personal protective equipment return ceremony at Fort Belvoir, Va., March 3.

apprehend the rogue policemen, McQueen said.

Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Bolyard was fatally shot in the attack and was laid to rest at the West Virginia National Cemetery later that month. McQueen was sent to Germany and treated for a traumatic brain injury.

“I had no surgeries. Basically, the eight days that it took me to get (from Germany) to Fort Benning (in Georgia), the brain bleed was healed,” he said. “Other than some physical therapy to correct some balance issues, that’s the only treatment I’ve had.”

### Equipment return

On March 4, leaders at Program Executive Office Soldier presented McQueen with his damaged Enhanced Combat Helmet during

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a personal protective equipment return ceremony.

"My dad used to have this saying. He would say, 'Son, Superman is not brave,' Brig. Gen. Anthony Potts, head of PEO Soldier, said at the ceremony. "My dad was telling me [that] Superman was invincible. He couldn't be hurt. The reality is our servicemen and women can be hurt."

Affixed to a plaque, the section of McQueen's damaged headgear shows clear signs of distress with a portion ripped open to expose layers of shredded padding underneath.

"I want our equipment to make our Soldiers invincible," Potts added. "We're going to do our best to provide you the equipment that you need to go out there and fight and return."

**Soldier Protection System**

After the presentation, PEO Soldier officials met with the media to discuss the new Soldier Protection System, or SPS. The new system provides Soldiers with a modular, scalable integrated system that can be tailored to meet their mission requirements.

The fact that McQueen is still alive today is "a testament to what we do as acquisition professionals, in terms of providing capabilities that will bring our Soldiers home safely," said Col. Stephen Thomas, Soldier protection and individual equipment project manager.

The Enhanced Combat Helmet, he noted, resulted from collaboration between the services after it was procured by the Marine Corps.

"This allowed us to provide the highest level of capability to our warfighters going into harm's way," Thomas added.

The new SPS features an Integrated Head Protection System, or IHPS, a modular scalable vest, a ballistic combat shirt, and the ballistic combat belt. Overall the new system is said to weigh less while maintaining the same level of ballistic protection and mobility than current systems, officials said.

The IHPS, for example, has shown a 100 percent improvement against a blunt force impact when compared to the ECH, said Lt. Col. Ginger Whitehead, Soldier protective equipment product manager.

In simple terms, blunt force protection refers to the way the energy is dissipated after a round strikes the helmet, Whitehead added.

Additionally, the IHPS will feature a bolt-less retention system, making it easier for Soldiers to mount accessories to their helmet, or have the ability to integrate a visor or mandible protection device. When compared to current head protection technology, the bolt-less retention system eliminates the need for pre-drilled holes, which has the potential to weaken the ballistic material, she said.

Security force assistance brigades are currently using a version of the SPS, Thomas added. The 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, will be the first conventional force to receive the upgraded personal protective equipment.

Even if it is the new SPS or the current equipment, McQueen has a newfound appre-



Photos by Devon L. Suits / Army News Service  
 McQueens damaged Enhanced Combat Helmet.



The new Integrated Head Protection System, or IHPS, is displayed at Fort Belvoir, Va., March 4.



The new Soldier Protection System, or SPS, at Fort Belvoir, Va., March 4.

ciation for his military-issued gear.

"Before this incident, I thought the helmet was cumbersome, and it was overkill," said McQueen, joking that he once preferred to wear a ball cap and a plate carrier. "I was sorely mistaken. This helmet works, and I'm a living testament to it."

A lot of science and a lot of innovation go into producing the helmet and other protective equipment, he said.

"From now on, all my Soldiers will wear [their helmet] – and if they are in a hostile environment, they won't take it off," he said.

Having served for seven years, McQueen is determined to meet the goals he set for his Army career. And while he is slightly delayed, he said. The sergeant is still committed to making the selection for Special Forces and completing Ranger training.

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# 2-43 ADA to support Europe exercise this summer

By 2nd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment

This summer, Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment "Warriors" will pack their bags and become the first unit from the 11th ADA Brigade, "Imperial" to support an annual Air Defense training exercise to take place in Poland. The exercise is an annual event testing the capabilities of a combined NATO Air Defense force that includes Poland, Slovakia, Latvia, Netherlands, France, Germany, and Great Britain as well as units from the 10th AAMDC stationed in Germany.

The exercise will span two weeks and give all the units involved a chance to participate in a realistic environment that will teach them how to operate across borders of language, nationality and weapons systems.

"Integrating all these weapons systems will be a challenge, especially when every country has their own way of doing things,"

said 1st Lt. Zachary Hartzell, the 2-43 ADA Fire Distribution Center officer-in-charge. "However, training like this is a great opportunity to see what conducting a real-world mission with international partners would be like. Many of these Soldiers have never even stepped outside the United States and now they'll have to work daily with Europeans to make the mission happen."

Hartzell and other members of the Warrior team went to Warsaw, Poland, in January to attend the mid-planning conference for the exercise to iron out the details. Working with representatives from over 12 different countries, to include their comrades from 10th AAMDC, they coordinated various aspects of training, logistics, and communication.

The participants gained valuable knowledge about the training exercise as well as about how different working in a foreign country can be from operating at Fort Bliss.



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# DOD sends Space Force legislation to Congress

By Jim Garamone | DOD News

WASHINGTON – The Defense Department has proposed legislation that would create the U.S. Space Force as the sixth branch of the armed forces.

If approved by Congress, the U.S. Space Force would be the first military service established since the Air Force stood up in 1947.

The new force recognizes how vital space is to U.S. economic prosperity and national security, Defense Department officials said. The legislative proposal follows a directive President Donald Trump signed Feb. 19.

DOD proposes that the U.S. Space Force initially be established as a new military service within the Department of the Air Force.

In this model, the new Space Force would have a similar relationship to the Department of the Air Force that the Marine Corps has with the Department of the Navy, officials explained.

The uniformed four-star Space Force chief of staff would be granted full membership in the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Additionally, the proposal calls for a new undersecretary of the Air Force for space, who would provide dedicated civilian supervision of the Space Force.

If Congress passes the proposal, the Space Force would be authorized to organize, train and equip space forces “to provide for freedom of operation in, from and to the space domain; to provide independent military options for joint and national leadership; and to enable the lethality and effectiveness of the joint force,” the proposal says.

### Threats from space

China and Russia recognize that U.S. space capabilities underpin the ability of the United States to project power around the globe.

“China and Russia are actively developing a range of counter-space capabilities to deny the United States the advantages of space in a crisis or conflict,” an official said on background. “China and Russia are also rapidly developing space capabilities to enhance the lethality of their own military operations. There is an increased likelihood that the U.S. military will need to defeat the space capabil-

ities of adversary forces in order to prevail in a potential conflict, protect lives and secure U.S. interests.”

China has demonstrated anti-satellite capabilities, and a recent report from the Defense Intelligence Agency says Russia is known to be developing them as well, officials said. China and Russia also are looking at all other aspects — from jamming to hacking to kinetics — to destroy or degrade U.S. space capabilities, they added.

### Five-year plan

The Defense Department’s legislative proposal outlines a five-year phased stand-up of the Space Force beginning Oct. 1 — the start of fiscal year 2020 — if Congress passes the legislation. This will allow force leaders to

prepare for mission transfer beginning in fiscal year 2021. The plan calls for the Space Force to continue to build out its force structure through fiscal year 2024.

Officials estimate that about 15,000 military and civilian personnel could transfer to the Space Force. Initially, most of the personnel in the new service will come from the Air Force, but Soldiers, sailors and Marines also will be

considered for transfer to the new force.

“The secretary of defense, in consultation with each service secretary and service chief, will determine which existing space forces will transfer into the USSF after its creation,” a Pentagon official said.

DOD has established a full-time planning task force to conduct detailed planning for the new military service. The department’s fiscal year 2020 defense budget request asks for \$72.4 million to begin the process of establishing the headquarters of the new service. The headquarters would be in the Pentagon.

Additional resources will be dedicated to building out the USSF headquarters and establishing and maintaining new support elements such as education, training, doctrine and personnel management centers, officials said. Once fully established, they added, the additive costs will be about \$500 million annually, which they noted is about 0.07 percent of the annual DOD budget.

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Soldiers and Air Defense Artillery Fire Coordination Officers gather after honing their gunnery skills while participating in Resilient Shield 19 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, last month.

## Army ADAFCOs hone their skills through joint training certification

By Capt. Adan Cazarez | U.S. Army

Army Air Defense Artillery Fire Coordination Officers assigned to the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command honed their gunnery skills while participating in Resilient Shield 19, February 22 through March 1, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

The annual exercise is a computer-based Fleet Synthetic Training-Joint exercise. It replicates real-world theater challenges by using current command and control (C2) weapons systems at the Tactical to Operational levels.

The three Army Air and Missile Defense Command ADAFCO crews trained for countless hours during the weeks leading up to the seven-day exercise. Their emphasis was coordination and engagement capabilities. Resilient Shield 19 simulated air and ground warfare. This exercise included the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy and Japanese Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense ships, U.S. and Japanese Patriot Forces and Terminal High Altitude Area Defense Battery's within the U.S. Indo-Pacific Theater.

The exercise also afforded the ADAFCOs the opportunity to perform their Table VIII certifications, which is a requirement for ADAFCO crews to conduct their operational missions.

"This particular exercise is allowing us to demonstrate how we would conduct the operation in a 'fight tonight' scenario, so we are performing a proof of concept during this exercise," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Caroline Surprenant, the ADAFCO Standardization Officer and Planner.

"I'm super excited about this training exercise because everything has been on paper, but now we're going to prove the concept really works," Surprenant added.

For the ADAFCOs participating in the exercise their goal is to become certified in Table VIII. In order to earn their certification, the AAMDC ADAFCOs must participate in a Joint exercise. They must also control a THAAD

battery and engagements from at least one inter-service theater mission command platform and coordinate with at least one additional upper tier weapon system such as the Aegis or the Arrow.

"Resilient Shield has given us the opportunity to test and validate our AAMDC ADAFCOs abilities to perform their doctrinal role of upper tier shot deconfliction in a Joint operating area airspace," she said. "The ADAFCOs perform deconfliction to prevent missile wastage and reduce the amount of post-intercept debris."

This training exercise also offered the ADAFCOs an evaluation on their Table VIII certification.

"This is officially our first certification because this is the first time we have had someone external to our unit fully evaluate us," she stated.

An Upper Tier Coordination Officer Course instructor from the U.S. Navy provided the evaluation during the Joint exercise.

"It's clear that 94th AAMDC, 613th AOC, and C7F (U.S. 7th Fleet) collaborated extensively to develop effective joint plans and defense designs in the run up to this event," said U.S. Navy Lt. Cdr. John Mastriani.

"Each branch brings unique capabilities and when employed together, the Joint force is stronger than any service-specific solution," Mastriani added. "We're seeing that here."

The successful defense from unanticipated ballistic missile threats requires detailed planning and quick defensive reactions. In turn, the ADAFCOs table VIII certification during Resilient Shield 19 produced positive results while also finding room for improvement.

"The exercise and certification over the last couple of days ensured our AAMDC ADAFCOs are confident in performing their operational mission regardless of the scenario," said Surprenant.



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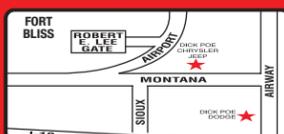
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**St. Paddy's Music Fest:** Freedom Crossing at Fort Bliss, 1611 Pleasonton Road, hosts a two-day music festival 2-11 p.m. Saturday and noon-6 p.m. Sunday, with traditional Irish music, bagpipes, and family activities. FREE.

**Twilight Zone of Artistry show:** Kaleidoscope Art Space presents the art show and market 7-11 p.m. Friday, at the German Pub, 9530 Viscount, with a vast array of the strange and unusual from art, performances and eats. Free. All ages welcome and pet friendly. 630-4867 or [KaleidoscopeArtSpace@gmail.com](mailto:KaleidoscopeArtSpace@gmail.com)

**Celebrate El Paso History:** The joint project of the El Paso History radio show on KTSM AM 630; Celebration of Our Mountains and CelebrateSTEAM offers weekly tours exploring local history. Information: [celebrateelpasohistory.org](http://celebrateelpasohistory.org). Join them Sunday, 1-2 p.m. at Magoffin Home State Historic Site. Meet at 12:45 p.m. at the Visitors Center at 1117 Magoffin. Cost: \$4.

**Poppies Festival:** The 13th annual Poppies Festival is 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 23, at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, 4301 Transmountain in Northeast El Paso (west of U.S. 54). Free. 755-4332 or [archaeology.elpasotexas.gov](http://archaeology.elpasotexas.gov)

**Star City Tattoo and Arts Expo:** More than 150 tattoo artists from across the nation will be on hand during the Star City Tattoo and Arts Expo, noon-10 p.m. March 22-24, at El Paso Convention Center. Cost: \$20 single day; \$45 weekend pass; free for age 12 and younger. 231-1100 or [starcityexpo.com](http://starcityexpo.com)

**El Paso Psychic Fair:** The Psychic Fair is 11 a.m.-7 p.m. March 23-24, at Hawthorn Inn, 1700 Airway, at Boeing. Cost: \$5. 345-6245 or [elpasopsychicfair.com](http://elpasopsychicfair.com).

**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. No reservations required. 575-678-1134 or [wsmr.army.mil](mailto:wsmr.army.mil)

**Sun City Craft Beer Festival:** The Downtown El Paso celebration of craft beer is April 21-22, at the El Paso Convention Center Plaza. Age 21+ only. Cost: \$20, \$35 for both days. [suncitycraftbeerfest.com](http://suncitycraftbeerfest.com)

**'A Night In the '40s':** Paso Del Norte Big Band, a 17-piece group, hosts 1940s style dancing and music 8-11 p.m. March 22, at Shundo Ballroom Dance Studio. All ages welcome; BYOB, food and snacks. Door prizes and raffle offered; participants are encouraged to wear 1940s theme attire. Cost: \$15. 120 N. Paragon, Suite 201 532-2043, 203-7292, [music@pdnbigband.com](mailto:music@pdnbigband.com) or on Facebook at PDNbigband.

**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 Veteran's 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](http://missiontrailartmarket.com)

**Downtown Artist/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](http://elpasoartsandculture.org)

**Upper Valley Artists/Farmers Market:** The Upper Valley Artists and Farmers Market is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, at the Substation on Doniphan at Sunset. Free.

**One World Water Lantern Festival:** The premier water lantern festival is 4:30-9 p.m. March 30, at Ascarate Park 6900 Delta. Tickets: \$30 through tomorrow; \$35 March 16-29, and \$40 day of event; includes entry into festival area, floating water lantern, LED flashlight keychain, marker and wristband. [waterlanternfestival.com/elpaso](http://waterlanternfestival.com/elpaso)



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The AER Kickoff Campaign Feb. 26 at Fort Bliss. Established in 1942, AER can help Soldiers and their dependents by providing emergency aid, in the form of either a direct grant, or an interest-free loan.

# Army Emergency Relief launches campaign, encourages support

By Stephanie Santos | 1st Armored Division

Disaster, loss and financial distress can affect anyone at any given moment. These factors do not discriminate and can leave feelings of isolation and despair.

Hearing several of these tragic scenarios painted a clear picture of how the Army Emergency Relief program can provide financial help to Soldiers and their families during the AER kickoff ceremony Feb. 26 at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center on East Fort Bliss. Senior leaders in attendance were given a vivid recount of the devastation left behind when hurricanes damaged the island of Puerto Rico in 2017.

"This state of emergency showed me the power of Soldiers helping other Soldiers," said 1st Sgt. Nelson Rivera, a Soldier from the 210th Regional Support Group/Mobiliza-

tion and Deployment Brigade.

"I will never forget the look in these Soldiers' eyes as they saw emergency evacuations and homes lost. I witnessed family care plans and homes collapse, but the program was there," he said. "When disaster struck, AER quickly eased the financial stress and worry that came with this devastation."

He added that no one expects to need help or aid, but when it is needed, AER was ready and prepared to help. Rivera prompted attendees to share the importance of the AER program.

"Let Soldiers know not to be afraid to ask for help and to get the word out...at the end of the day, by helping one person we can help millions," said Rivera.

Established in 1942, AER can help Soldiers and their dependents by providing emergency aid, in the form of either a direct grant, or an interest-free loan. AER can also give college scholarships to children of Soldiers.

Loans up to \$1,000 do not require command recommendation, and there is no limit to the amount of funds Army Emergency Relief may authorize for eligible Soldiers.

AER Officer Ruth Nero emphasized the importance of the program and how it's also personally rewarding to help Soldiers and their families during their time of need.

"Every day that we leave here, it is with the belief that we have made a difference in someone's life," said Nero who has worked with AER for 19 years.

Although the program is highly recognized throughout the Army, there are still several misconceptions that Nero clarified:

- Soldiers CAN have more than one AER loan out at a time
- Retired Soldiers are still eligible for AER
- National Guard and USAR Soldiers on Title 10 orders for at least 31 consecutive



First Sgt. Nelson Rivera speaks at the AER Kickoff event Feb. 26 at Fort Bliss.

days are still eligible for AER assistance.

In addition, Nero stressed that there should never be any type of negative stigmas associated with applying AER since the program is designed to help Soldiers and their families.

Last year, the program generated \$234,000 in donations from active duty and retired Soldiers stationed at Fort Bliss. This year organizers are hoping to reach at least \$250,000.

Active-duty military and retirees can donate by allotment, online, cash or check. Anyone else wishing to donate may use cash, check, or visit: <https://www.aerhq.org/Donate/Donate-Now>. Call 569-4706 for more information.

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# From spouse to mentor through SLDC

By Danielle O'Donnell | NCO Leadership Center of Excellence

The NCO Leadership Center of Excellence develops, integrates, and delivers training readiness through a multitude of NCO professional military education courses, to include a special course created for senior enlisted spouses under the direction of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. The Spouse Leadership Development Course teaches senior enlisted spouses the importance of team building, leadership, readiness support and effective communication to complement their servicemember in their new role as sergeant major.

The 40-hour resident course is recognized as a program of record and prepares senior spouses for the future leadership support positions they will hold within their military community.

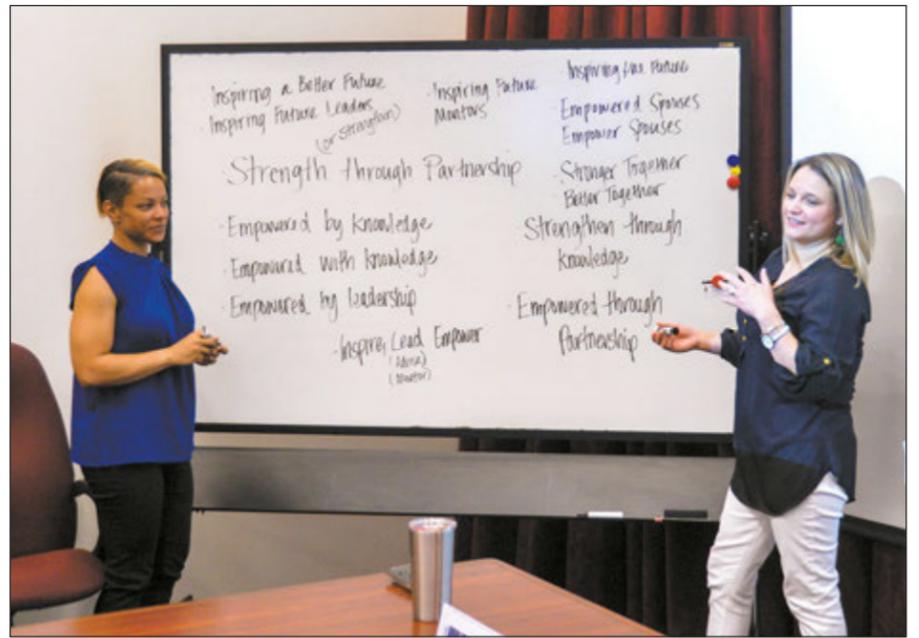
"This course will help spouses from day one become the mentors they are meant to be," Stefanie Llamas, an SLDC student, said. "There is so much value found in the training and information we receive, and if we know about it, we can help other spouses."

SLDC is accessible to all senior spouses who are a part of the NCOL CoE and they are encouraged to attend. There are three different tracks provided throughout the year, from eight-day and five-day training options, to evening classes. The course is provided with the military spouse in mind, ranging from spouses who work full time jobs to spouses with children in school.

"As future sergeants' major spouses you have people who can help you. Spouses need to reach out and get to know your resources," Michelle Mebane, SLDC director said. "Everyone in this course has a story to tell to help young spouses grow."

As a student of the course, expect to learn something new, the range of topics and discussion with other spouses throughout the course is broad, yet relevant to the spouses' new role as mentor.

"This course is really beneficial because it will give you the resources to be a good



Danielle O'Donnell / NCO Leadership Center of Excellence

Sherree Garcia, left, and Dana Lashley, students of SLDC class 69-006, brainstorm with their peers March 6.

sergeant major spouse and team member. Through this course you will learn to lean on each other and understand the ins and outs of the Army programs and Army life," Amy Sherk, an SLDC student, said. "It gives you the understanding of camaraderie to know you are not alone and there are people out there to help you through your Soldier's career."

Subject-matter experts are brought in to discuss the programs and resources available to all military spouses. Spouses learn about the benefits and entitlements preparation for retirement, ethics, resilience and self-awareness throughout the course.

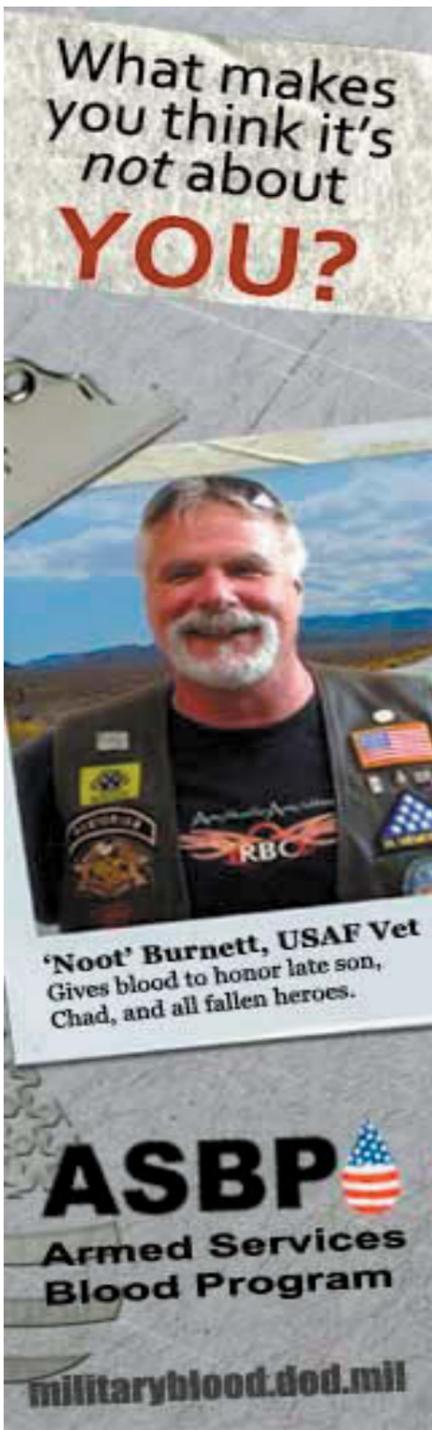
The SLDC is conducted through small-group learning exercises, lecture and open discussions. The final day of the course consists of a special panel with senior-enlisted spouses who are able to give examples,

and give valuable information to the new sergeants major spouses as they prepare to assume their new role.

During the course, spouses are reminded of the vast resources and training opportunities available throughout their service member's career. They are taught from day one to be a resource in helping other spouses, help themselves.

"Remember you are a resource not a rescue; be a mentor," Mebane said.

The SLDC occurs monthly and is open to all spouses who have a service member attending the Sergeants Major Course or are a part of the staff at the NCOL CoE. For more information on SLDC or want to know about the upcoming classes, visit the NCO Leadership Center of Excellence World Campus page at <http://ncolcoe.armylive.dodlive.mil/spouse-leadership-development-course/>



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# Patton's granddaughter revisits father's time as Armor commander

By Eric Pilgrim | Fort Knox News

FORT KNOX, Ky. – Helen Patton stepped into Maj. Gen. Frank Muth's quarters Feb. 26, and stepped back in time.

The commanding general of U.S. Army Recruiting Command and his wife, Lesley, welcomed the granddaughter of legendary World War II tank commander Gen. George S. Patton Jr., back into the house she had lived in for two years as a young girl.

At times, Helen's tour of the Muths' home and later at the General George Patton Museum, brought tears to her eyes as she recalled memories of her father's time as commander of the U.S. Army Armor School and deputy commander of Fort Knox as well as the many stories about her grandfather she has encountered since.

"I haven't been here since 1973," Helen said. "My final memory from here was sneaking off early after my father's retirement party at the officer's club, which is near the theater, walking past the Henry House and crying my eyes out the whole way back to our quarters on 5th Avenue to say goodbye to my best friend."

Her father, then Brig. Gen. George S. Patton III, had served a tour in the Korean War and three in the Vietnam War, earning several medals for valor in both, before eventually arriving to Fort Knox with the family.

"It was the longest I had ever lived in a place," she said. "That was a big, big chunk of my life, and incredibly formative."

Helen filled in several blanks of that period in Fort Knox history with personal recollections for historians and others who met her during the visit.

"Our piano sat right there and mom played it a lot," Helen told Muth as she pointed to a corner of the front living room. "Our television sat right there," she recalled in the back room. "I remember the wonderful shows we watched."

She pointed to a chair in the front room where she said actor George C. Scott sat and talked with the family about his role as Patton in his Academy-award winning portrayal.



General George Patton Museum director Alice Hart, left, points out some of the distinctive markings of Patton's famed pistols to Helen Patton, granddaughter of the legendary tank commander. Helen visited Fort Knox, Kentucky, Feb. 26, as part of a trip to the United States from her home in Belgium.

Later in the tour of the house, Lesley led Helen through a bedroom into what was once her father's office.

"When I walked through the bedroom and into his office there was no door, it was as if I banged into a door," Helen said. "I thought, 'I can't go in there!' That was the little girl's instinct in me because that was my dad's office and that was no-no because he was always afraid we would shuffle his papers."

Helen said she and Hans Van Kessel, president of 101st Airborne Division Museum in Bastogne, Belgium, along with his two sons Dennis and Marcus, came to the United States to meet with 101st ABD leaders at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

They are planning for the second annual "Game That Never Happened" football game, what they call the Remembrance Bowl - the first one was played in Bastogne by Scream-

ing Eagle Soldiers June 2, 2018. This year's game will pit Soldiers from 82nd ABD against a team from 101st.

While in Kentucky, Helen's group decided to stop by Fort Knox.

After a windshield tour of the post and lunch with the Muths, the group stopped by the museum to see all the items on Patton. Alice Hart, the museum's director, sat down with Helen and discussed a myriad of things about Patton, to include the several historical artifacts they received, historical mysteries surrounding Patton and ways Helen can assist the museum.

After an extensive tour of the museum, Helen said she is very pleased with how well they have preserved her grandfather's legacy.

"We're carrying a name and that name needs to be accessible to people because that name comes with a character who was not



Maj. Gen. Frank Muth, commanding general of U.S. Army Recruiting Command, listens as Patton, describes what his quarters looked like in the 1970s when she lived there as a young girl. Helen stopped by Fort Knox, Kentucky, Feb. 26, as part of a trip to the United States to coordinate the second annual "Game That Never Happened" football game that is set to be played again in Bastogne, Belgium later this year.



Amanda Morgan, General George Patton Museum technician, shows Patton one of the uniforms belonging to her father George S. Patton III that the museum has preserved Feb. 26.

only larger than life, but who still serves," said Helen. "That is why the Patton museum is so important, because you're going to get to know my grandfather, warts and all."

"His legacy has the potential to be like a precision piece of steel," she concluded. "His legacy and the truth of his purpose on this planet continues, and that is about liberation."

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# No-go to predatory lending

By Donna Herron | Fort Bliss Legal Assistance Office

Money is always tight for servicemembers and their dependents, but particularly after the holidays. When you listen to the radio or read the newspaper, you'll hear about "short-term" loans to help you out when you need cash for an unexpected emergency or something to keep the bill collectors away until you get your paycheck.

These short-term loans generally fall into three problematic credit products: payday loans, vehicle title loans, and refund anticipation loans. It is not uncommon for the interest rate on these loans to exceed 500 percent. These loans are also considered to be predatory.

In August 2006, the Department of Defense

investigated predatory lending practices directed at members of the Armed Forces and their dependents.

The predatory lenders reviewed in the report typically provide short-term loans (payday, car title, and tax refund anticipation loans) and installment loans (unsecured loans focused on the military and rent-to-own). These lenders have several characteristics in common.

First, they seek out young and financially inexperienced borrowers who have bank accounts and steady jobs, but also have little in savings, flawed credit or have hit their credit limit. These borrowers are less likely to weigh the predatory loan against other opportunities and are less likely to be concerned about the consequences of taking the loan.

Second, the lenders make loans based on access to assets (through checks, bank accounts, car titles, tax refunds, etc.) and guaranteed continued income, but not on the ability of the borrower to repay the loan without experiencing further financial problems.

Third, predatory lenders market to the military through their presence around military installations and/or through the use of terms to make it appear it has an affiliation with the military. This report by DoD resulted in the Talent Amendment (10 U.S.C. §987) which

provides federal protections to servicemembers and their dependents from these types of loans. Federal regulations created by the amendment focus on three problematic credit products: payday loans, vehicle title loans, and refund anticipation loans. Other types of loans are not subject to the regulation.

A payday loan is defined as a closed-end credit transaction having a term of ninety-one (91) days or fewer, where the amount financed does not exceed \$2,000. The definition is limited to transactions where the borrower contemporaneously provides a check or other payment instrument that the lender agrees to hold, or where the borrower contemporaneously authorizes the lender to initiate a debit or debits to the servicemember's or their dependent's account. The final rule does not apply, however, to any right of a depository institution under statute or common law to offset indebtedness against funds on deposit in the event of the servicemember or their dependent's delinquency or default.

A vehicle title loan is defined as closed-end credit with a term of one hundred and eighty-one (181) days or less, which credit is secured by the title to a motor vehicle owned by a servicemember or their dependents and that has been registered for use on public roads. The definition expressly excludes purchase money

transactions where the credit is secured by the vehicle that is being purchased or leased.

A tax refund anticipation loan is defined as closed-end credit in which the servicemember, or one of their dependents, expressly grants the lender the right to receive all or part of the borrower's income tax refund or expressly agrees to repay the loan with the proceeds of the borrower's refund. The intent of the regulation is to cover credit products that are designed expressly to use tax refunds as collateral for the loan. The rule does not cover loans where borrowers merely note that a tax refund may be used to repay the advance.

The bottom line on payday loans or similar type of loans: find an alternative. If you must use one, be aware of the requirement of the maximum interest that a lender can charge (36 percent) and the disclosures the lender must make to you.

If you have a payday loan, car title loan, or tax refund anticipation loans and you think that the lender hasn't complied with the law, contact the Fort Bliss Legal Assistance Office at 568-7141/7150 or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). To file a complaint with the FTC or get free information on consumer issues, visit [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) or call toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357).

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# Becoming a leader worth following: Part IV of VI

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

Good self-leadership is hard work, often uncomfortable, but absolutely necessary if we want to be a leader worth following. Last week, we began with the first decision exceptional leaders need to make when it comes to self-leadership - a decision to be brutally honest with ourselves. I will not lie to myself even when the truth makes me feel bad about myself.



Chaplain (Maj.) Kevin Mucher

There is another decision we need to make if we want to lead ourselves well: I will prioritize what I value most over what I want now. This decision speaks to our long-range approach to self-leadership and should compel us to examine our "end state"—the thousand-meter target out there in the far distance. The tension here is choosing the ultimate over the immediate. To lead myself towards what I value most, I must determine that which I value.

For example, I value my health, but I also desire desserts when they are presented to me. Choosing to consume desserts during every meal is counterproductive towards maintaining good health.

Likewise, if you are leading a team or an organization, you have to know what the mission or goal is. Knowing what you are trying to accomplish as a team is necessary in order to develop systems and processes to get you there. We should all ask when it comes to self-leadership, "Where am I leading myself?" The correct answer to this question in regards to self-leadership is this, "I am leading myself towards what I value most, not what I want now, because what I want now is rarely what I value most."

As professionals, employees, and members of the United States Army, we are all obligated to promote a climate of trust and excellence in all that we do. In a recent mes-

sage from the Army top senior leaders titled, "Don't be a Bystander", the CSA, Gen. Mark A. Milley, and Secretary of the Army Mark T. Esper reminded us of the importance of living the Army Values because it directly impacts what our leadership values most—the readiness and the wellbeing of our Force.

One part of the message I would like to highlight is this statement, "We all have a responsibility to look out for one another—there can be no bystanders." Actively and intentionally knowing our Soldiers and looking out for one another needs to be what we value most.

Now, in addition to being an Army professional, I am a Christian and I have committed my life to following Jesus who says to me and the rest of his followers, "Follow me..." (Matt. 4:19). Therefore, as a follower of Jesus, I am compelled to value most what the one I follow values. So, what does my Savior and God value most and how do I arrange my life around what he values most? Most of us have heard the Golden Rule, which is a moral maxim or principle found in many human cultures and religions. It simply says you should treat others how you want to be treated, or do for others what you want them to do for you. Jesus raises the standard for his followers by giving them a new commandment. He says, "As I have love you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34, GNT). So, to be a follower of Jesus, I must value what he values and what He values most is people—you and me. I must lead myself towards loving the Soldiers and employees I get the privilege to lead, serve, and sit with. The Apostle Paul says it this way, "...The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love (Galatians 5:6, NIV). My faith has little value unless it compels me to love others - and if I love others, I value them. If I value them, I lead myself towards actively caring and assisting them even if what I want now is to be passive and remain on the sideline.

We are to lead ourselves towards valuing people because people value, people count, and along the way we will get a lot of other things accomplished. Let us all choose to prioritize what we value most over what we want now. Let us choose people over products because people value most.

*The is part four of a six-part series.*

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## Former infantry NCO strives for excellence at Army Trials

By **MaryTherese Griffin** | Warrior Care and Transition

Two years ago, retired Staff Sgt. Ross Alewine was adjusting to his "new normal" after undergoing multiple surgeries. The twice-deployed infantry Soldier was dealing with an Achilles rupture and shoulder reconstructive surgeries that would take him out of the Army.

"I was real competitive in high school I played all sports then I went in the Army and I wanted to be the best in my job. When I couldn't do my job anymore, it came back to 'Hey, I can do sports again, so let's be the best at that,'" said Alewine.

He truly was the best after earning the title "Ultimate Champion" at the 2018 Department of Defense Warrior Games, a title reserved for the top athlete.

Alewine is going for back-to-back wins of the title, something that's never been done before. Competing in this year's Army Trials at Fort Bliss has Alewine wanting to show others how you can recover and overcome any setback.

"It means showing other guys and gals that you can come back and try. There's no reason you can't come back and compete like I'm doing."

Coming back from injuries can be hard and Alewine knows it. He lived the impossible dream and dared to dream it again but he says you have to never give up.

"I say be persistent and keep your head up. If you get knocked down ten times get up 11, laugh and then ask for more. Get off the couch that's the biggest thing," said Alewine.

Adaptive sports helped get this champion off the couch. His recovery at the Fort Belvoir Warrior Transition Unit was more than a fix for what was broken.



**Leanne Thomas** / U.S. Army Warrior Care and Transition  
Retired Staff Sgt. Ross Alewine competes in the rowing competition during the 2019 Army Trials at Fort Bliss Mar. 7. The 2019 Army Trials is an adaptive sports competition with over 100 wounded, ill and injured active-duty Soldiers and veterans competing in 14 different sports for the opportunity to represent Team Army at the 2019 Department of Defense Warrior Games in Tampa, Florida.

"(Fort Belvoir WTU) absolutely saved my life. From saving my life to it helped me get around more and be more active. I'm in great shape, I'm able to do more with my kids and I'm able to be a functioning member of society," he said. It wasn't easy but he encourages any wounded, injured or ill Soldier to go for the gold but cautions you have to start small like he did.

"I could barely push around in a basketball wheelchair and now I just won a gold medal with Team U.S. at Invictus, but you have to start somewhere."

Alewine started at regional-level trials, then won at the Army-wide trials, then went

on to win at the Department of Defense Warrior Games. His trip to Invictus Games in Sydney last October, he says was priceless. In fact he claims he felt like a million dollars at those games.

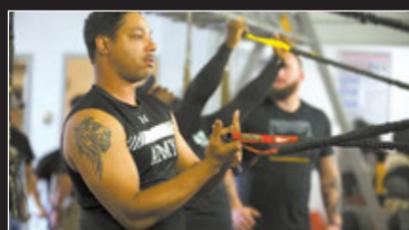
"Walking in with Team U.S.A. on your back representing the country you fought for and then actually going over there and doing pretty good, there's nothing like it," he said.

Alewine is competing in swimming, rowing, archery, powerlifting, cycling, seated volleyball and wheelchair basketball at Fort Bliss through Saturday, with the desire to go back to Warrior Games on Team Army as an Ultimate Champion once again.

## >> ARMY TRIALS

Photos by 55th Combat Camera

The 2019 Army Trials at Fort Bliss is an adaptive sports competition, being held at Fort Bliss through Saturday, with over 100 wounded, ill and injured active-duty Soldiers and veterans competing in 14 different sports for the opportunity to represent Team Army at the 2019 Department of Defense Warrior Games in Tampa, Florida.



# Deep dog doo doo and the five-point scale

By Lisa Smith Molinari | www.themeatandpotatoesofflife.com

There's nothing that fights winter melancholy quite like a brisk dog walk on a brilliant, crisp, blue day. A bit of fresh air and sun does wonders for my soul during these long, chilly months. Moby trots happily a leash length ahead of me, with his tongue wagging from his stout English Lab frame. I sip my travel mug of coffee, communing with nature and my trusty canine companion.

Life is good.

However, our mutual bliss is inevitably interrupted by one goal of our outing — getting Moby to do his business.

While he does his best kangaroo impression on someone's front lawn, I set my travel mug on the curb, then reach into my pocket. Every coat I own is stuffed with dog waste bags, so I invert one onto my gloved hand, and close my nasal passages in preparation for the loathsome task.

Even with my fingers fully ensconced in protective plastic, picking up dog feces is a revolting experience. I grab the pile quickly, then tie a knot in the top of the bag without breathing. My job is done. I am proud to be a rule-follower, a model citizen, a conscientious neighbor.

But how can I continue my soul-cleansing journey while carrying this disgusting bag of foulness? Having a bag of dog poo swinging from one's hand puts a significant damper on communing with nature and enjoying one's coffee.

Do I find the nearest trash receptacle — usually a garbage can on the curb in front of a house or a dumpster at a construction site — and toss in the noxious bundle? Or, do I lug Moby's steamy business all the way home, ruining my daily sojourn?

With almost 90 million pet dogs in the United States, about 30,000 tons of dog poo is deposited on lawns, parks and sidewalks every day.

Dog waste is not a natural fertilizer like cow dung; due to dogs' carnivorous diet, dog feces is full of acid, toxic bacteria, and parasites. Studies indicate that about 90 percent of fecal coliform bacteria, which is used as a measure of water health and quality, is mostly from abandoned canine feces. Two or three days worth of abandoned feces from 100 dogs can increase bacteria levels in wa-

ter enough to warrant closing waterways to swimming and shell fishing.

So, it's no surprise that many municipalities, homeowners associations, landlords and military base housing authorities have issued ordinances and policies requiring pet owners to pick up waste. Nowadays, most municipalities post signs, and provide biodegradable bag dispensers and waste receptacles in public spaces. But ironically, as the biodegradable dog waste bag industry booms, scientists warn that dog feces biodegradation in landfills will eventually release methane gas and contribute to global warming.

Who knew the pooper scooper issue was this complex?

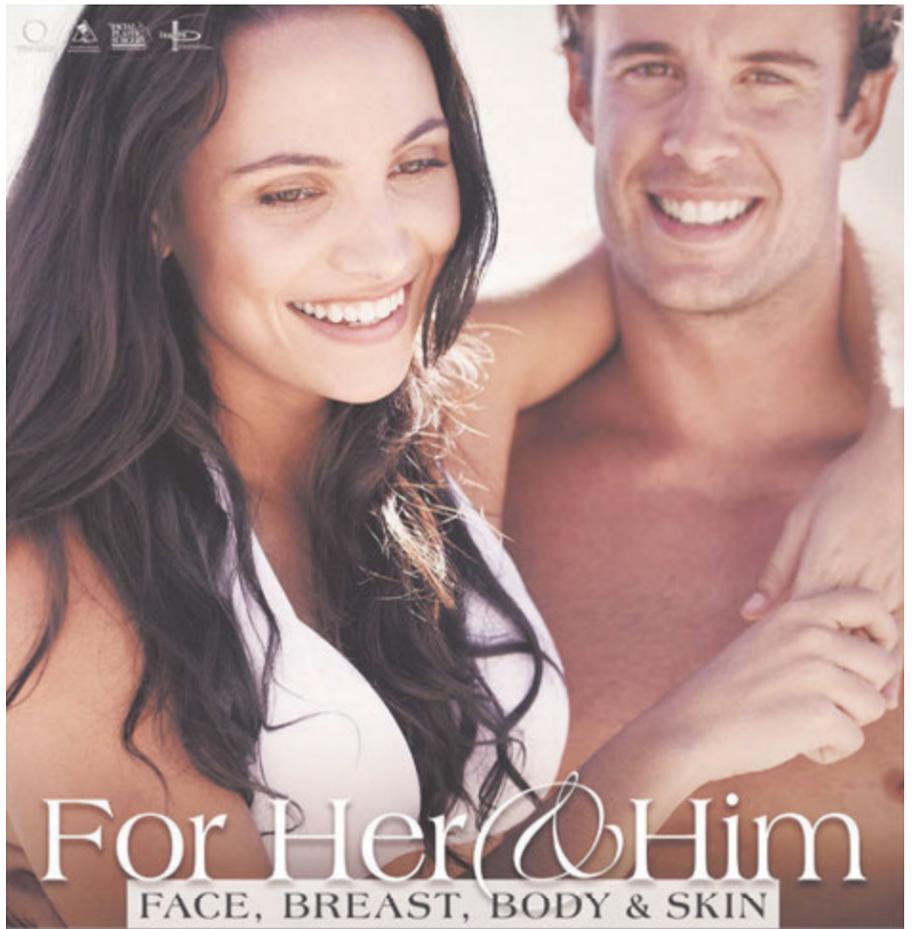
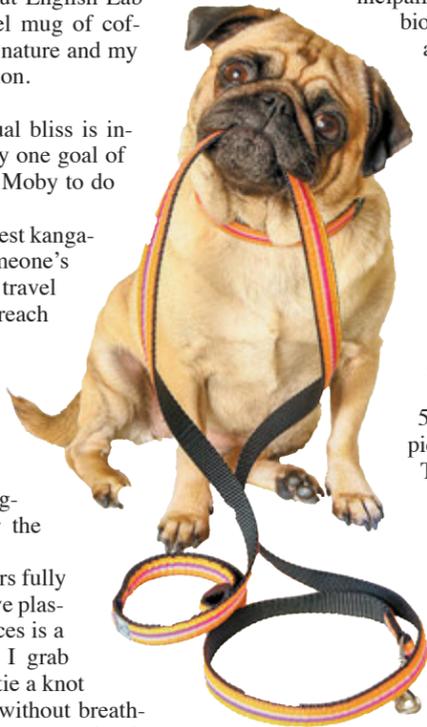
Despite it all, only about 59 percent of dog owners pick up their dogs' feces. That's more than 8 billion pounds of abandoned dog poo per year.

One study attempted to profile dog walkers, finding five typologies:

1. Those "proud to pick up" and carry dog poo,
2. Those who "do the right thing" by picking up, but seek to dispose of the waste as soon as possible,
3. Those who feel they've "done their job" by bagging the poo but leave the bag for others to deal with,
4. Those who only pick up in the presence of others, and
5. Those who are so "disengaged" they won't pick up at all.

My sister-in-law, who carries a dog waste bag filled with two clementines to give the appearance of being a pooper scooper, but never actually picks up her boxer's business, is a four-and-a-half on that scale. The last time we lived on a military base, there was an unidentified "number five" in our neighborhood that caused much drama and finger-pointing. And with a tiny pang of guilt, I admit that I am a number two. Since my daily dog walks serve the dual purpose of both cleansing Moby's bowels and cleansing my soul, I commit the minor infraction of throwing my dog's bagged poo into other people's trash cans.

I ask for leniency, because besides my dog Moby, nobody's perfect.



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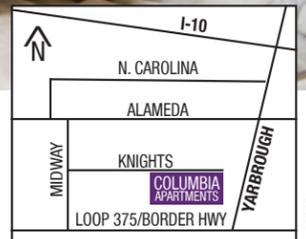
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## Bliss Briefs

**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

**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 May 1. 568-1519

**McGregor/FBTX ammo point closings:** The McGregor Range/FBTX Ammunition Supply Point will be closed next week; as well as June 17-21; and Sept. 16-20. Issue documents can be submitted through TAMIS during the closures. 569-9528

**Army contracting public open house April 4:** 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. This event is strictly for informational purposes. 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, General Services Administration, and FedBid. Registration is required. To register for this event, visit <http://www.elpasococ-events.org/miccforecast> before March 29. Free. 9-1 p.m. El Paso Community College Administrative Services Center, 9050 Viscount Blvd.

**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.

## 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

**March is Brain Injury Awareness Month**

Warrior Care Center - TBI Clinic is having an  
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The first class will 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

**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?fa=site&site\\_id=435](https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site_id=435).

## FMWR

**\$10 Tuesdays:** Join the Art & Hobby Shop this Tuesday and every Tuesday in March from 6-7 p.m. for a cutting system class and learn how to use your Cricut or Silhouette Cutting Machine to their full advantage. Bring your own machine to practice with, or see what ours has to offer. Cost: \$10, includes instruction. Open to DOD ID card holders and family members 15+. 568-5563

**Unit Book Kits:** Are you part of a unit who is going into the field or deploying soon? If so, stop by the Mickelsen Community Library and pick up book kits for free. Book kits contain a selection of popular fiction and non-fiction paperback items. 568-1902

**Pershing Pub:** The Pershing Pub is a great place to gather at the end of a long week. Open every Friday at 4 p.m. (except training holidays). Come enjoy weekly drink specials and free snacks. 568-6272

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

**Kick it at the Monti Warrior Zone:** The Monti Warrior Zone is open Mondays through Sundays. There's lots to do with a fully stocked bar and snack bar, six pool tables, two mini-bowling lanes, Alienware, Playstation/Xbox gaming center, outdoor basketball, sand volleyball and more! Open to the public, ages 18+. 741-3000

## Go Youth

**In-home Saturday childcare:** 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

**Folklorico Dance Saturdays:** Join SKIESUnlimited for their Folklorico Dance Class open for ages 6-18 years old. Students participating in this course will learn a variety of traditional Latin American dances, as well as dances and culture of various regions of Mexico. Cost: \$40 per month, Saturdays 12:15-2 p.m. 568-5544

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

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

**Teen Basic Automotive Maintenance Class:** SKIESUnlimited will be hosting this event every second Saturday of the month. Students with their driver's licenses or permits will learn basics such as changing the oil to replacing a tire and more. When the class is completed, students will receive a safety card to work at Auto Crafts. Cost: \$25 per student, registration is required and can be done at SKIESUnlimited. All students, ages 15+, must be enrolled with Child Youth Services before registering for any SKIESUnlimited class. 568-5544

**Kids Golf:** Join Underwood Golf Complex as children get to play golf for \$5 Monday-Friday. Children ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Open to children 16 and younger, they must walk, can only ride in a cart with a paying adult. 568-1059

**Tennis Scramble:** The Tennis Scramble is on the last Wednesday of every month. There is a \$5 fee for non-ID card holders and is free for DoD ID card holders. The scramblers are held at the Tennis Club, 262 Club Road. 569-5448

**Group tennis class for beginners:** Group tennis class for beginners will be held from 8:30-10 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday at Building 262 on Club Road. It is a very social and fun class to participate in. If you've never played tennis before it is a great way to be introduced to the sport. Tennis rackets will be provided. 569-5448

## Community

**Brew at the Zoo:** The El Paso Zoological Society's host its Brew at the Zoo from 6-10 p.m. March 30, 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](http://webstore1.centaman.net). 212-0245, [elpasozoosociety.org](http://elpasozoosociety.org) or Facebook at El Paso Zoological Society

**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. March 30, at the former Oktoberfest Building, Building 747 on Carter Road. 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 [betreuinginelpaso.com](http://betreuinginelpaso.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. March 30, at Westside/Central gardens, and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. March 31, 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. 240-7414, [elpasodesert/epcrc](http://elpasodesert/epcrc) or Facebook at EPCRC. March 30 gardens: 812 Dulce Tierra, 417 Valplano, 5734 Kingsfield, 2932 Piedmont, 803 Baltimore, and 705 Centauro. March 31 gardens: 2023 Grant, 2030 Grant, 3309 Moonlight, 3008 Titanic, and 4432 Loma Diamante.

**OCS Alumni Assoc. Reunion Apr. 28:** 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/](http://www.ocsalumni.org/) or [ocsalumniunion@gmail.com](mailto:ocsalumniunion@gmail.com)

**Purple Heart recipients sought:** The Military Order of the Purple Heart El Paso Chapter 393 meets the first Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. at the 82nd Airborne Memorabilia Museum, 2608 Fort Blvd. Transitioning from the battlefield to the home front has never been more difficult, and volunteers make a difference in the lives of our men and women in uniform, yesterday, today and tomorrow. Stand with the MOPH Chapter 393 and honor the sacrifice of American veterans by continued commitment. Facebook @MOPHChapter393

**Celebrate El Paso History:** The joint project of the El Paso History radio show on KTSM AM 630; Celebration of Our Mountains and CelebrateSTEAM offers weekly tours exploring local history. Information: [celebrateelpasohistory.org](http://celebrateelpasohistory.org). Join them Sunday, 1-2 p.m. at Magoffin Home State Historic Site. Meet at 12:45 p.m. at the Visitors Center at 1117 Magoffin. Cost: \$4.

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

**Upper Valley Artists/Farmers Market:** The Upper Valley artist and farmers market is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, at the Substation on Doniphan at Sunset. Free. Facebook at Upper Valley Artist and Farmers Market.

**Borderland Rainbow Center Art Showcase:** The Borderland Rainbow Center will

host the Borderland Queer Arts Showcase March 30 to give young performers a platform to showcase their art. The first place winners in each category: Drag and Live Singing—will receive a prize of \$200. A panel of judges will select winners. Visual artists may also submit drawings, paintings, and photography for exhibit at the event. The Drag category is open to any drag performer under 25. The Live Singing category will be open to any young queer performers under the age of 25. martin@borderlandrainbow.org

**Concert tour:** Sofar Sounds brings intimate music performances to unique spaces around El Paso. Discover new artists and locations. Join us Wednesday at 7 p.m. Cost: \$20. Limited tickets available. RSVP at [www.sofarsounds.com/el-paso](http://www.sofarsounds.com/el-paso)

**'PAW Patrol Live! The Great Pirate Adventure':** The Nickelodeon presents a live adventure March 23-24, at El Paso County Coliseum. Chase, Marshall, Rubble, Skye, Rocky and Zuma take over the stage for an action-packed, music-filled live stage show with stars of the top-rated animated preschool series. Tickets start at \$20.

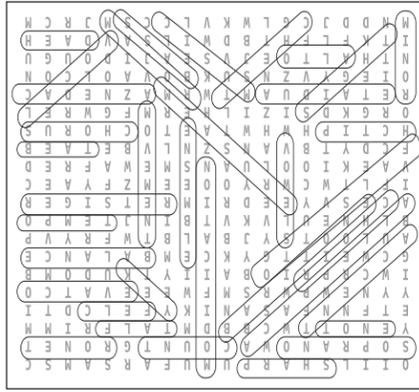
**Reception for April Trinity Site opening:** On the first Saturday in April and October, the New Mexico Museum of Space History hosts a guided motorcoach tour to Trinity Site, where the world's first atomic bomb was detonated on July 16, 1945. This April, a new activity has been added the evening before to enhance the experience – a Friday-night reception on the first floor of the museum with a special presentation by Museum Executive Director Chris Orwoll. Limited advance tickets are on sale now through the museum's marketing department or online. Cost: \$80, \$70 for museum members. 575-437-2840 ext. 41132 or visit [nmspacemuseum.org](http://nmspacemuseum.org).

**Sun City Crit:** The USA Crits cycling event is March 30, in Downtown El Paso. Crits are bicycle races, involving multiple laps on a short-circuit course. The Sun City Crit course runs along Main, Oregon, Overland and Stanton; starting

line is at Mesa and Main. The event will feature categories ranging from juniors ages 9 and up, to pro cyclists, with a top prize of \$7,500 for both men and women pros. The categories include handcycle and recumbents for Project Hero. There will also be a 5K running race. Cost: \$20-\$60. [bikereg.com/destination-el-paso-criterium](http://bikereg.com/destination-el-paso-criterium)

**Kick Ball Tourney:** Eta Iota Zeta Sorority hosts a fundraising kick ball tournament from 11 a.m.-p.m., March 31, at Franklin Park, 6050 Quail. Register at Eventbrite. (919) 961-8272 or Facebook at [etaiotazeta.elpaso](https://www.facebook.com/etaiotazeta.elpaso)

**Opening Reception for MUJER 2019 Art Exhibit:** In proud celebration of Women's Month, Centro De Salud Familiar La Fe invites you to join them Friday for the opening reception of MUJER 2019, a collection of the works of three of the US-Mexico Border's bold female visual artists. This year's exhibit includes works by El Paso and Ciudad Juárez visual artists Erica Marin, Jeanette Ramirez, Emily Pearl González, and Francella Salgado. The MUJER 2019 Art Exhibit will remain on display from 9 a.m.- 6 p.m., Monday-Friday, starting next Monday-April 19. 6 p.m. La Fe Culture and Technology Center 721 S. Ochoa St.-Rear Building. Free. 545-7190 or "Centro De Salud Familiar La Fe" on Facebook.



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### CRYPTO FUN

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Solve the code to discover words related to music. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 19 = o)

**A. 17 25 3 9 19**  
Clue: Beat

**B. 13 19 17 25 11**  
Clue: Specific tones

**C. 3 25 20 19 2 6**  
Clue: Sequence of notes

**D. 7 18 16 3 19 13 6**  
Clue: Note combinations

Answers: A. tempo B. notes C. melody D. harmonies

### WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to music.

A F S F T

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Answer: Staff

### Guess Who?

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Answer: Dee Snider

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| BASS     | MOVEMENT     |
| BEAT     | MUSIC        |
| CADENZA  | OCTAVE       |
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