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Clear skies for **DOD Cloud Initiative**

By Terri Moon Cronk | Defense.gov

WASHINGTON - The Defense Department unveiled the DOD Cloud Initiative Feb. 4 that will move its computing and storage functions to the cloud, the department's chief information officer said.

"DOD has never stepped back and created a holistic view of what it is we're trying to do with the cloud," Dana Deasy said. "The strategy addresses what we're trying to do, ... the problems we're trying to solve and the objectives [we want

The biggest reason DOD needs a cloud strategy is because it's a rallying point for everyone to be able to talk in a common language and understand the end state they're trying to achieve, Deasy said.

One key feature of the cloud is accelerated computing speed, which compresses the time it takes to stand up new capabilities and get them into the hands of the warfighter, he said.

Secondly, Deasy said, DOD can build next-generation applications differently.

"It allows us to take advantage of all the new technology from the various commercial cloud providers and create applications that are a lot more resilient [and elastic]," he said, adding that such apps can ask for computer power when needed and decrease accordingly.

Third, and most important, Deasy said, is the warfighter.

"One of the things traditional computing has always had a problem with is the warfighter sitting out on the tactical edge, [with the] cloud sitting [elsewhere]. Now imagine a world where we can take that compute power with new applications on top of it, and put the cloud right into the hands of the tactical fighter on the edge. That's why the cloud is so important to us," he said.

JEDI Cloud

The cloud strategy incorporates multiple cloud providers, including the firstever enterprise general-purpose cloud, known as the Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure, or JEDI, which will help DOD put in place enterprise cloud solutions to meet its needs.

The general-purpose cloud can be used by employees who need large-scale computer power at their fingertips, the CIO

But because a general-purpose cloud cannot meet every DOD need, the department will also have special-purpose also known as fit-for-purpose - and internal-purpose clouds.

Cloud capability also allows DOD to communicate with other agencies, which could be categorized as a special-purpose category. Internal-purpose clouds will be for in-house needs, such as office tools, Deasy said.

Cybersecurity

A critical feature of the cloud is its topnotch security, he said.

"Imagine being able to take advantage of a cloud and all the tools that come with it so you can inherently build an application from the start with a lot more robust security than how we've traditionally built applications," Deasy said.

Additionally, the scale, speed and technological advancements being made in the security "space" are profound, and they are going to be dramatic as the cloud moves forward, he said.

DOD wants to embrace all the technology offerings that are going to be built in the space called cyberprotection, Deasy

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Spc. Jaylyn Wilson, an Echo Company, 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Battalion, 11th ADA Brigade wheeled vehicle mechanic, prepares a military vehicle's tires for rotation as part of routine maintenance Jan. 28 at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. Soldiers of E Co. perform mechanical work and repairs for various equipment and assets that support Al Udeid's air defense capabilities, including surface-to-air missile systems. For more on this mission as the Cobra Strike Battalion continues to serve our teammates and allies in Qatar, turn to page A3.

There's an app for that

1st AD CAB aircrews adopt 'paperless cockpits'

By Sqt. Ashton Hofmeister | 1st AD CAB PA

The 1st Armored Division Combat Aviation Brigade has migrated to Electronic Flight Bags (EFBs), which will streamline the aircrews' functionality through the use of electronic devices.

In the past, flight bags contained the necessary paper documents aircrews needed for missions. Now, this information has been consolidated into Electronic Flight Bags, helping transition the brigade to paperless cockpits.

"Basically, what it does is allows us to carry all the publications, which are required for flight, on an iPad, in addition to others things like regulations, doctrinal publications, SOPs, and even mission products," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Paul Beretey, the brigade's standardization officer.

This transition from paper-based documents to commercial innovation resources is an ongoing aspect of the U.S. Army's modernization process leveraging cutting-edge science and technology to help Soldiers and units be more lethal in combat.

EFBs allow for the immediacy of informa-



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First Lts. Natlia Drew and William Viana use Electronic Flight Bags to perform preflight checks on an aircraft, Feb. 1, at Fort Bliss. EFBs will streamline the aircrews' functionality through the use of electronic

tion, which is a significant advantage when it comes to content distribution.

"During the middle of a mission briefing, if a change is made, it can be transmitted and received by all the aircrews within two to three seconds," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Steve Donahue Jr., the 1st AD CAB command chief warrant officer. "Everybody has a common operating picture."

In addition to providing major changes with the way information is received by flight crews, the EFBs also help bring major cost savings to the brigade.

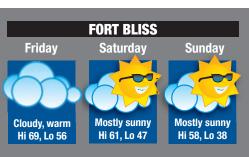
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Forum highlights priorities, future of **Army aviation**

By Kelly Morris | US Army

FORT RUCKER, Ala. - "It's our job to be ready. It's what we do."

That's according to the Army's senior aviator, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. James C. McConville, who explained the Army's topline remains constant as the service prepares for the future, during his remarks at the Aviation Senior Leader Forum at Fort Rucker Jan. 29.

McConville emphasized key Army priorities of readiness, modernization, and managing the Army's most important weapons system – its people, as he spoke to more than 150 current and legacy Army Aviation leaders who gathered at the home of Army Aviation for the annual event.

The forum, hosted by Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, provides an opportunity each year for Army Aviation brigade commanders, command chief warrant officers and command sergeants major to hear from senior leaders and tackle issues together to ensure a more ready Aviation force.

McConville highlighted the National Defense Strategy as an important read for every leader, because it will "drive everything we're doing" going forward, he said.

While many aviators for most of their careers have focused on irregular warfare, counterinsurgency and counter terrorism (since 9/11), the nation and the military are at an inflection point.

"You have a generation of Soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers who may not be familiar with where we're going. They've grown up thinking you can go anywhere on the battlefield, and as long as you're above 1,500 feet you're uncontested....

"In the future, we anticipate we're going to be contested at every single place on the battlefield. We're going to have to change a generation of leaders who have grown up do-

hue said. "Those are the three main themes."

as well as during the planning process."

up the whole cockpit [is valuable.]"

"There are significant cost savings," said Donahue. "We no longer have to ship and print publications. One tablet replaces approximate-

ly 20 different publications into one document and replaces our entire reference library, which can exceed hundreds of Army doctrine and

The change gives aircrews several different advantages, but Do-

"Money saving, and synchronization, as well as relevance," Dona-

First Lts. William Viana and Natalia Drew, both pilots with the 1st

AD CAB, said they believe that the transition is beneficial to avia-

tors because it creates an easier way to access vital resources that are

necessary for aircrews in comparison to the flight publications bags

and the development of the EFB bring to the aviation community,"

said Drew. "The ability to have access to multiple publications and

TMs (training manuals) right at your fingertips – both in the aircraft

"Not only is it easier when you're carrying one little device versus

five to six books in an entire bag, but all of the cockpits that we work

in don't have unlimited space," said Viana. "So, just being able to fit

one device with everything you need in one spot, rather than taking

"I'm really excited about the capabilities that the modernization

nahue said there are three aspects in particular that truly makes this

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other manuals.'

that were used in the past.

ing something different, who haven't massed Fires, who haven't had to worry very much about an intensive Air Defense capability,' McConville said.

With a focus shifting to preparing for "great power competition" and Multi-Domain Operations in the future, "the battlefield is going to get bigger, it's going to become more dispersed, we're going to need a different type of Soldier to operate in that battle—a different type of training, a different type of capability," Mc-Conville said.

Going forward, the priority is building a more lethal force, strengthening traditional alliances and building new partnerships, and reforming business practices to ensure the Army remains ready.

Readiness includes ensuring the deployability of Soldiers, and a new Army Combat Fitness Test to help produce a more physically-fit

"We want to inculcate a culture that if you're on this team we call the Army, you need to be able to play at away games, and you've got to do that," McConville said.

The Army also looks to reduce requirements on brigade and below when it comes to tasks that are not related to readiness, and also improving the readiness of general officers.

"We have senior leaders, and a lot of you (here), that have been in combat for 16 or 17 years and we want them to stay around 35 or 40 years. We've got to take care of them," Mc-Conville said.

This includes leaders and subordinates making time to take care of themselves and their

"We're serious about it because this is a marathon, not a sprint. It's for all of you. There's time to take leave, there's time to get balanced. If you don't want to do it for you, do it for your staff," he said. "We want to make sure people are ready."

The Army's modernization priorities take aim at making Soldiers and units more lethal to win the Nation's wars, and then come home safely.

"The modernization effort is huge, and it's going to fundamentally change the way we operate," he said.

Topping that list is Long Range Precision



With a focus shifting to preparing for "great power competition" and Multi-Domain Operations in the future, "the battlefield is going to get bigger, it's going to become more dispersed, we're going to need a different type of Soldier to operate in that battle - a different type of training, a different type of capability," Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. James C. McConville said.

Fires at the tactical, operational and strategic levels, according to McConville.

He emphasized two major programs within the Future Vertical Lift modernization priority-the Future Attack Reconnaissance Aircraft and a Future Long Range Assault Aircraft, as the Army leaps ahead and looks to increase reach, protection and lethality, and improve agility on the objective.

While technology is changing, Aviation will always exist to support troops on the ground.

Each of the Army's modernization priorities, which also includes the Next Generation Combat Vehicle, Army Network, Air and Missile Defense, and Soldier Lethality, will be funded; and each has a dedicated cross-functional team to bring together operators, acquisition, and science and technology all on one team to break away from industrial age processes and reduce the timeline it takes to go from developing a requirement to actually getting the technology in the user's hands.

According to McConville, another impor-

tant focus for the Army is improving procedures to identify, manage and retain talent across the force in the future, including Aviation warrant officers.

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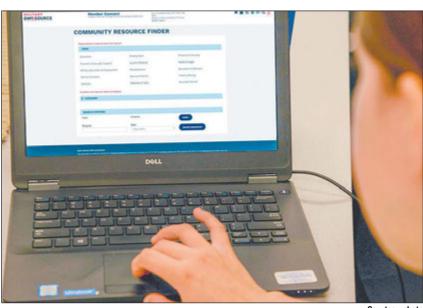
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First Lt. William Viana utilizes the Electronic Flight Bag while performing preflight checks, Feb. 1, at Fort Bliss. EFBs allow for the immediacy of information, which is a significant advantage when it comes to content distribution during flight operations.

The CAB's investment in EFBs will be a significant combat multiplier that aids in accomplishing the Army's modernization strategy to make Soldiers and units more lethal to win our nation's wars, then come home safely.



To build great Al applications, a DOD spokesperson said, massive computing and massive storage capabilities will be required. "By having an enterprise cloud," said Dana Deasey, "it's what we put on top of it — in this case, artificial intelligence — [so] it's almost a fundamental imperative to have a cloud in place to do great things with Al."

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Digital Modernization

The CIO said the cloud is fundamentally important to everything DOD is doing in its digital modernization reform.

"Cloud in itself just gives you compute capability," he explained. "It's what you choose to build on top of that that matters. And in this case, I believe what DOD is going to want to focus on — really embrace and accelerate as fast as we can — is how we adopt and bring artificial intelligence into the organization.

To build great AI applications, Deasy said, massive computing and massive storage capabilities will be required. "By having an enterprise cloud, it's what we put on top of it — in this case, artificial intelligence - [so] it's almost a fundamental imperative to have a cloud in place to do great things with AI," he said.

Besides AI, DOD will have command and control and next-generation communications. "And all of that has to be wrapped around with robust cybersecurity,"

"I always like to say if you put a great enterprise cloud in place, you then can use that as an enabler to do great things," he said.



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Patriots for the win

Echo Co., 1-43 ADA helps keep Al Udeid ready

By Tech Sgt. Christopher Hubenthal | 379th Air Expeditionary Wing PA

Al Udeid Air Base is home to more than just Airmen and aircraft.

Soldiers from Echo Company, 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery regiment, 11th ADA Brigade also call Al Udeid home, providing support to the 1-43rd's automotive, communications, and ground support equipment for U.S. Central Command's "Patriot Air Defense" capability.

"Echo Company is the logistical, maintenance and supply company that provides field level maintenance support to the 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment," said 1st Lt. Jazmin Guevara, 1-43 ADA's executive officer. "From a logistical perspective, our Soldiers' abilities to effectively do their jobs directly affects the battalion's ability to conduct their Air Defense mission.'

Guevara said Echo company's maintainers tirelessly monitor the status of their ADA systems, and provide rapid maintenance and repair when necessary.

"The Patriot system repairers make up our intermediate support element, responsible for ensuring that all the major end items of the Patriot missile system are ready to fire at a moment's notice," said Guevara. "Daily they conduct courtesy calls, during which they check on the current operating status of the Patriot operating sites. The ISE's mission is unique because they must be ready to respond 24 hours a day."

Echo Company's Soldiers also provide conventional maintenance on the vehicles, communications equipment and electronics needed to fulfill their mission requirements. These assets can include forklifts, High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles, Light Medium Tactical Vehicles, air conditioning units and generators.

Spc. Shanikka Smith, a 1-43 ADA utilities equipment repairer, said the combined experiences and efforts of every Soldier in Echo Company makes the unit better as a whole.

"Everybody has their own part, but everyone's capable of doing different types of mechanical work," Smith said. "Without mechanics, equipment wouldn't be up and running smoothly how it is now. Everybody plays a big role.'

According to Guevara, Echo Company's united effort to ensure warfighting equipment is well maintained and well supplied is essential to supporting military efforts the USCENTCOM area of responsibility.

"In every major conflict or war fought by the United States, the ability to provide sustained logistics has been one of the largest force multipliers," said Guevara. "Echo Maintenance Company is the bridge between system operations and logistics. There is a special sense of pride and commitment gained through maintaining the battalion's equipment readiness. This translates to a unique group of Soldiers who grow close together and work hand in hand to guarantee the mission is a success.'

(Top right) Spc. Shanikka Smith, an Echo Company, 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Battalion, 11th ADA Brigade utilities equipment repairer, recovers refrigerant from a Patriot system's air conditioning unit compressor Jan. 28, at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. Soldiers of E Co. perform mechanical work and repairs for various equipment and assets that support Al Udeid's air defense capabilities, including surface-to-air mis-

(Right) Spc. Brent Fleming, an E Co., 1st Bn., 43rd ADA Bn., 11th ADA Bde. allied trade specialist, assists in conducting operations checks on military vehicles Jan. 29, at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.



Photos by Tech Sqt. Christopher Hubenthal / 379th Air Expeditionary Wing PA



210th RSG special projects, facilities support Bliss mobilization station

By Sgt. Christopher Hernandez

Since April 2018, Army Reserve Soldiers of the 210th Regional Support Group, Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, have functioned as an essential component of the Mobilization and Deployment Brigade - Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security at Fort Bliss. Abiding by the brigade's motto of 'support the troops,' the 210th RSG supplement their civilian counterparts to deliver logistical and administrative support to pre- and post-mobilization units

One of the crucial segments in the 210th RSG/MaD Brigade, the Soldiers and civilian contractors of the special projects and facilities section, have greatly contributed to the total operation.

that continuously rotate through

this installation.

"We manage all of the billeting for all (inbound) demobilizing units, mobilizing units, and PMET (pre-mobilization exercises and training)," said Master Sgt. Jorge

Coreano, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the special projects/facilities section for the 210th RSG/MaD Brigade "When there are mobilizations, they stay at Fort Bliss for about four-to-five days. Then, they'll move out to McGregor or any other base camp after that for about 30 days. We make sure that their billeting is set up, and those buildings that they're going to be staying are operational for them to be housed in. Whatever requests that they have, we will provide that to them."

According to Sgt. 1st Class Miguel Carrasquillo, billeting NCOIC of the special projects/ facilities section for 210th RSG/ MaD Brigade, his section diligently tracks their billeting metrics and the amount of personnel in the installation on a daily basis.

More than 40,000 personnel have been processed and taken care of by the 210th RSG/MaD Brigade since the 210th RSG's arrival here, Carrasquillo said.

One of the greatest challenges

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>> Master Sgt. Jorge Coreano

that the 210th RSG/MaD Brigade encountered back in April and May 2018 was the mobilization phase of the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Brigade, 30th Armored Division, Mississippi Army National Guard. With over 3,500 Soldiers, the 155th ABCT gave the 210th RSG/MaD Brigade a wake-up call and necessitated the need for expansion.

Because of their prior experience, the section has committed to the development of new facilities in Fort Bliss and its respective base camps in order to accommodate greater number of personnel.

Another design initiative by the section has been to relocate the

Soldier Readiness Processing Center to the old commissary building at Fort Bliss, pending a 90,000 square foot remodeling project.

"The SRPC was constructed back in 1952," said Romero. "The building was not suitable for our mission, as there are no proper waiting areas and (the SRPC staff) had to create a lot of overflow all around the building to be able to manage 500 Soldiers. So, the Corps of Engineers and our contractors were awarded the design contract. At this point, it has been estimated at \$13 million dollars to do this project, and we're at 35 percent completion of our design."

Romero further emphasized

how critical the new SRPC project MaD Brigade and incoming Army Reserve RSGs.

"There are only two MFGIs (Mobilization Force Generation Installations) in the United States, which are Fort Hood and Fort Bliss," Romero said. "However, we're the only one who can manage ABCTs. Now, with this new facility, we'll be able to manage them much better. I will say that the new SRPC will be a great legacy for us in the 210th RSG."

Overall, the Soldiers of the special projects and facilities section have made many significant accomplishments.

Although the 210th RSG nears the end of its mobilization here, the unit nevertheless remains dedicated to their mission to support the Fort Bliss mobilization station.

"Our priority mission has and always been to support the troops, and we haven't failed at that ever since the beginning," Carrasquillo



BULLDOGS IN SOUTH KOREA

>> 123RD BSB HOSTED ROK ARMY G4 FRIDAY

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- 1. Maj. Gen. Sung II, right, deputy chief of staff, G4, for the ROK Army provides insight to U.S. and ROK Army leaders during the 123rd Brigade Support Battalion-led tour of Bulldog Brigade combined sustainment facilities in South Korea Friday.
- 2. Soldiers from the 123rd BSB, 3rd ABCT, 1st AD, provide a maintenance overview to Maj. Gen. Sung, II, deputy chief of staff, G4, for the ROK Army Friday.
- 3. Lt. Col. Charles Montgomery, commander of 123rd Brigade Support Battalion "Iron Support," 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division provides Maj. Gen. Sung, Il with an overview of Bulldog Brigade's sustainment program and combined sustainment operations across the Korean Peninsula, Friday.
- 4. Sung II discusses logistics infrastructure and capacity with Soldiers from 123rd BSB.









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32nd AAMDC CSM, 'Boomerang' Soldier considers Bliss second home

By David Burge | Special to the Fort Bliss Bugle

For Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry Jacobitz, being back at Fort Bliss just feels right.

Jacobitz took over as the senior enlisted leader with the 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command Dec. 6.

This is the fourth time that Jacobitz – an Air Defense noncommissioned officer – and his family have been stationed at Fort Bliss.

"I consider El Paso, Texas, to be our second home," said Jacobitz, a 46-year-old from Henderson, Nebraska. "My family, we have always loved this area – the culture, the food, the people. As we travel around the U.S, there is no more friendly group of people than right here. We absolutely enjoy coming back to El Paso."

Jacobitz was first stationed at Fort Bliss back in 1997 as launcher section sergeant with 3rd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artil-

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lery Regiment. He likes to joke that a tumbleweed blew across the road as they arrived.

"There wasn't a lot happening on post – a lot of older facilities and infrastructure," Jacobitz said. "Now, this post is just transformed and has become probably the premier installation in the U.S. Army as far as facilities and the size of it as far as maneuver. You can do anything here (for training)."

In two other tours at Fort Bliss, he served as an instructor at the NCO Academy, a platoon sergeant, the first sergeant for the 32nd AAMDC headquarters and attended the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy.

So, this assignment definitely has the feel of a homecoming to it, Jacobitz said.

As the senior enlisted leader for the division-level 32nd AAMDC, Jacobitz helps to oversee about 8,000 troops at five U.S. installations and four foreign countries. That includes the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade here at Fort Bliss.

Jacobitz said his chief role is to make sure the command is producing ready and focused Soldiers who are prepared to deploy anywhere in the world.

The 32nd AAMDC has two big training events coming up that are designed to enhance readiness, Jacobitz said.

The first is Roving Sands. This exercise will be held at Fort Bliss during the first two weeks of March and will draw Air Defense Soldiers from all over the far-flung command.

It is designed to be an Air Defense-version of a National Training Center rotation, Jacobitz said.

Roving Sands was regularly held at Fort Bliss during the 1990s. The exercise was resurrected last year by the 32nd AAMDC's previous command team of Brig. Gen. Christopher Spillman and Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Burnley after a 15-year hiatus.

"It showcases what we are doing well, but also what we need to improve on," Jacobitz



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Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry Jacobitz is the senior enlisted leader for the 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command. This is is fourth tour at Fort Bliss.

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Roving Sands is a "complicated and challenging exercise for our soldiers and leaders" and stresses all the areas and functions associated with readiness, Jacobitz said.

It is basically a practice deployment – with many Soldiers moving themselves and their equipment across the country to participate, he said.

In April, Soldiers from the command who are deployed in the Middle East will join with partner nations for a large Air and Missile Defense exercise. The command's head-quarters will also travel to the Middle East

to take part.

Jacobitz said he is thrilled to be part of the command team for the 32nd AAMDC – along with new commanding general Brig. Gen. Clem Coward. Coward is another Air Defense "boomerang" Soldier who has done multiple tours at Fort Bliss.

"He is the right leader for this organization," Jacobitz said. "He will take it to the next level. It's exciting times."

Jacobitz most recently served as the senior enlisted leader for the 31st ADA Brigade at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.



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Guard members to see expanded use of robots in warfighting missions

By Sgt. 1st Class Jon Soucy | National Guard Bureau

ARLINGTON, Va. – The use of robots continues to grow within the National Guard and Guard members are likely to soon see additional robots with expanded capabilities, said an Army National Guard acquisitions official.

"It's going to be a big difference in the future and I think it could impact the Guard in different areas," said Col. Nicole Clark, the Army Guard's chief of acquisition management. "From what we're seeing, there is just more and more development of this at a faster pace."

Robots are currently used for a number of mission sets including engineering, explosive ordnance disposal, reconnaissance and detection of chemical and biological agents. Future robots will expand on the capabilities of the current Talon series of robots, as well as take on additional, more generalized functions within a unit, said Bryan McVeigh, the project manager in the Force Projection section for the U.S. Army's Program Executive Office for Combat Support and Combat Service Support.

Those robots range from small, 25-pound robots to large-scale versions capable of carrying more than 1,000 pounds.

"As we look at robots today, you basically have four different sizes of robots that are being fielded either today or within the next 12-to-15 months." said McVeigh.

The smallest is the Common Robotic System – Individual, used to clear buildings or confined areas, identify enemy positions and scout for explosive hazards. Weighing in at 25 pounds, the new iteration is smaller and lighter than current versions.

"It's designed so you can basically carry it in a MOLLE pack [rucksack]," said McVeigh. "You're no longer lugging 40 to 50 pounds of robot to execute a mission."

At the opposite end of the scale is the Squad Multi-purpose Equipment Transport, or SMET.

"It's a golf cart-sized robot designed

to carry a squad's basic load, up to 1,000 pounds," said McVeigh. "It can carry [the squad's] water, ammunition and their ruck-sacks to support a 72-hour mission."

Still under testing and development, the final version of the SMET may also have a remotely operated weapons system mounted to it.

"We currently don't have that requirement, but we are working on demonstrations," said McVeigh.

The technology for that already exists in the Common Remotely Operated Weapon Station, which allows vehicle crews to operate machine guns and other weapons from inside the vehicle, rather than an exposed turret position. The question, said McVeigh, is what distance the operator needs to be from the SMET when the weapons are used.

"In a perfect world, we want [that distance] to be 500 to 1,000 meters away," said McVeigh. "That way you are engaging a target where the Soldier is out of harm's way."

McVeigh acknowledged that distance isn't always possible, or practical, on the battle-field, adding that in reality the greater likelihood is the SMET operator, and other squad members, would be in a nearby covered or concealed position using the SMET to provide suppressive fire.

"I think we're going to have to work on the tactics, techniques and procedures and the safety constraints we're going to have to do to build a level of confidence in it," he said.

The new series of robots are designed to have integrated controllers running from a common application-based system.

"If I can have a common controller that is basically app-based, the same button you use on one [robot] for forward is the same button you're going to use on all of them for forward," said McVeigh. "It significantly reduces the cognitive burden on Soldiers who are entering 16, 24 and beyond hours on a mission because it's rote memory."

A common app system also allows an



2nd Lt. Jorge Intriago / NG Bureau

Staff Sgt. Kevin O'Conner, a combat engineer with the South Carolina Army National Guard's 122nd Engineer Clearance Company, examines parts of a Talon IV Reset robotic vehicle while conducting training at the unit's home station in Graniteville, S.C., in Oct. 2018. In the coming years, Soldiers throughout the Army National Guard can expect to see a wider variety of robots with expanded capabilities to meet a number of missions sets. That may include a golf cart-sized robot designed to carry a squad's equipment as well as advances in autonomous vehicles that follow a lead vehicle driven by Soldiers.

easy way to adapt to future control function needs, he said.

"The controller I pick today is not going to be the controller we're going to need five years from now," said McVeigh. "As long as we are building all of our systems apps [so they are integrated and expandable] the toggles, the buttonology, whether I have it residing on Controller A or Controller B, is irrelevant."

Having that common controller and app system also makes for easier mission planning, he said.

"If all the robots have a common controller and you basically understand their functionality, then it's easier to write an [operations] order because you understand how the systems interface with each other, how they hand off to each other and go forward," said

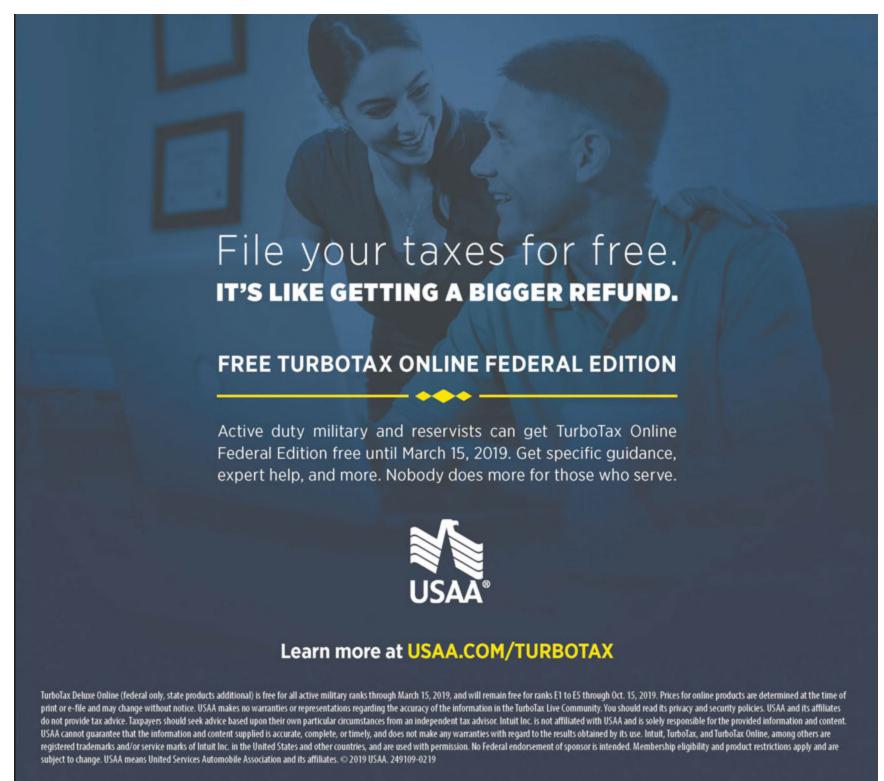
McVeigh.

Up until now, the controller and the operating system have been specific to each robot series, said McVeigh.

While the current and near-future robot designs all require a human operator, other systems are in development that allow for more autonomous operations, including one designed for route clearance.

Currently, engineers running many route clearance missions use the High Mobility Engineer Excavator (HMEE) -- essentially an armored backhoe -- to dig out and neutralize roadside bombs. The excavator is driven by a Soldier, often in convoy with other route clearance vehicles, such as the Buffalo mine resistant ambush protected vehicle.

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Army National Guard aviation test their mettle at Fort Bliss

STORY AND PHOTOS BY SGT. CHRISTOPHER HERNANDEZ | 210TH RSG

Huddled inside a tightly compacted room off of a flight hangar, a group of National Guard Soldiers shuffled playing cards as they exchanged jokes with one another. Suddenly, the jovial ambiance was interrupted by an urgent radio call for medical evacuation. Without hesitation, the Soldiers sprang into action as they ran toward their UH-60 A/L Black Hawks, gathered all of their equipment and then ascended into the skies...all in a matter of about 15 minutes.

This aforementioned scene encompasses one of many exercises conducted by four National Guard aviation regiments as part of their culminating training event conducted at Biggs Army Airfield at Fort Bliss, Jan. 30.

"We'll be sitting there on standby, so we wait for a call to come in and then we go out and practice our run-ups all the way through the mission," said Sgt. Tyler Monts, a UH-60A/L helicopter repairer and flight instructor for 1st General Support Aviation Battalion, 168th Aviation Regiment, Mississippi Army National Guard. "All of that gets us into the battle rhythm, so we're ready when we go overseas."

For three weeks, National Guardsmen of the 171st Av. Regt., 211th Av. Regt., 168th Av. Regt. and 135th Av. Regt. exhaustively took part in their pre-mobilization training exercises here. This collective of units comprise of personnel and equipment pooled from the Nebraska and Colorado Army National Guards, which made up the CH-47 Chinook helicopter crews; as well as the Mississippi, New York, New Jersey, and Wyoming Army National Guards, which made up the Black Hawk crews.

"It's nice being in a company that's split between different states," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Warren Buchanan, a CH-47F Chinook maintenance test pilot with 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 135th Aviation Regiment, Colorado Army National Guard. "This is one of the first times since our last deployment that we were able to pull everybody together. Each state tries to run things the same exact way, so that when we do come together, there's no issues."

Of course, the success of the pre-mobilization training operation is attributed to the oversight, evaluations and guidance provided by Soldiers of the Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Armored Division; and First Army Division West out of Fort Hood, Texas.

"This mobilization was definitely unique," said Sgt. 1st Class Reid Carpenter, UH-60 A/L team noncommissioned officer in charge of the observer controller/trainers, 1st Training Support Battalion, 351st Av. Regt., 166th Av. Bde., First Army Division West. "We typically do these at Fort Hood, but the training unit that was deploying (fell) under an aviation task force here at Fort Bliss. They were around and had the personnel and resources in place to act as a higher command."

The Chinook and Black Hawk flight teams were presented real-world scenarios in their validation and military rehearsal exercises (MRXs), mirroring as closely as possible to what they would most likely encounter in their forthcoming deployment.

"We've been doing the simulated 9 Line MedEvac requests, and there's been a couple of mass casualty situations as well, just to get everyone familiar as to what the routine will be like overseas," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Preston Blocker, an air medical evacuation pilot 1st General Support Aviation Battalion, 168th Av. Regt., Mississippi Army National Guard. "We've also been doing hoist extractions, rescue seats, and some simulated skid lifts. We've done live lifts with our medics, because they need to be proficient in case that we must do that overseas."

Alternatively, the Chinook teams were given dif-

ferent mission sets to train on, respective of their own unique capabilities.

"Infils and exfils (infiltrations and exfiltrations) are our main job, and it is known as direct support. We also have general support missions, (which is) anything from providing food, water, and personnel," said Sgt. 1st Class Jared Wiehn, CH47F Chinook Helicopter Repairer and platoon sergeant for 2nd Bn., 135th Av. Regt., Nebraska Army National Guard.

Many of the National Guard Soldiers said that First Army Division West and 1st Armored Division's Combat Aviation Brigade. were vastly accommodating to them in their entire pre-mobilization process

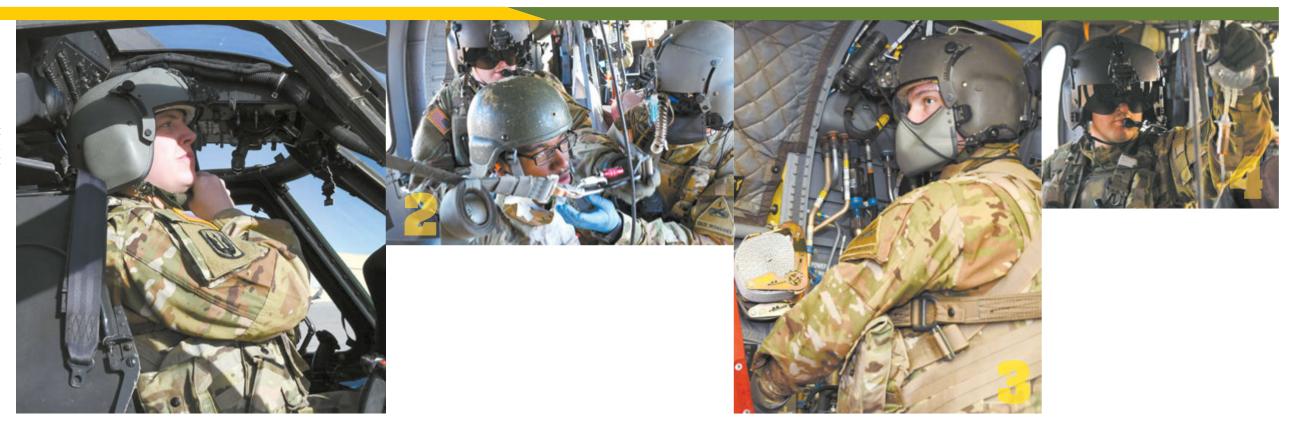
"I really do not have anything negative to say about my experience here, and it was the best premobilization that I've ever went through," Buchanan said. "It was nice was that (First Army Division West) actually came out to our states and did some work with us during our annual training. We were able to link up with them and get them to see how we were running things, and they give us some TTPs (tactics, techniques and procedures) there for some things to adjust and what they were looking for."

For Carpenter, facilitating these training exercises provided a sense of accomplishment for himself and First Army Division West in its entirety.

"Overall, I felt like this was a good experience, as it was definitely something different," Carpenter said. "With the opportunity to have the training unit work with the people that they'll work with prior to getting deployed, it will make the transition much quicker and make them more effective. I'm sure that they be able to execute their missions at a much higher proficiency and much faster than they would've otherwise."



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Preston Blocker, an air medical evacuation pilot with 1st General Support Aviation Battalion, 168th Aviation Regiment, Mississippi Army National Guard, makes adjustments on his flight helmet prior to a UH-60 A/L Black Hawk medical evacuation exercise at Fort Bliss Jan. 31.



- 1. Sgt. Brenden Krejci, right, a critical care flight paramedic with Gulf Company, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment, Wyoming Army National Guard, makes adjustments on his flight helmet prior to a UH-60 A/L Black Hawk medical evacuation exprises at Fact Plice Jan. 21
- 2. Sgt. Daniel Schoenwolf, left, a critical care flight paramedic with 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment, Wyoming Army National Guard, and Sgt. Kendrick McRaney, also a critical care flight paramedic with 1st General Support Aviation Battalion, 171th Aviation Regiment, New York Army National Guard, perform combat lifesaver techniques on an casualty roleplayer during a UH-60 A/L Black Hawk medical evacuation exercise at Fort Bliss Jan. 31.
- 3. Pfc. Colton Doyle, a CH-47F Chinook helicopter repairer with 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 135th Aviation Regiment, Colorado Army National Guard, secures the Chinook cabin during a night infiltration and exfiltration exercise at Fort Bliss Jan. 31.
- 4. Sgt. Daniel Schoenwolf, a critical care flight paramedic with 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment, Wyoming Army National Guard, maintains his grip on an intravenous saline solution bag during a UH-60 A/L Black Hawk helicopter medical evacuation exercise at Fort Bliss Jan. 31.

Quality of life, retention, among service priorities

By Joe Lacdan | Army News Service

WASHINGTON – As service members continue to be heavily tasked overseas, separation from families and the impact of deployments on children rank as top areas of concern, a Blue Star Family survey revealed.

The 2018 Military Family Lifestyle Survey, which evaluated responses of more than 10,000 service members, spouses and veterans, also showed quality of life remains a key issue.

"Improvements in our quality of life for our men and women and their families is our focus each and every day," said Lt. Gen. Gwen Bingham, the Army's assistant chief of staff for installation management. "I think when we do this well, our Soldiers, civilians and families really prosper."

Additionally, military spouse employment also scored high, as spouses often must transition their careers and home life to frequent deployments and change of duty stations.

ACSIM has partnered with U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command to develop a vision for future installations and the services provided for the comfort and well-being of military families and spouses.

ACSIM conducted surveys among young-

er Soldiers and their families. The results showed the top priority was accessibility and interaction through social media to learn about installation benefits and services, Bingham said. She addressed concerns of veterans and military families during a panel discussion in Washington Wednesday.

"They want to be connected in a way that gives them that instantaneous response," she said of young Soldiers.

Bingham added the Army is looking into the possibility of adding more self-service cash registers at installation facilities to expedite the purchasing process for service members and their families.

Partnering with local community leaders will also be crucial to improving quality of life for service members, as on-average, only 35 percent of an installation's population lives on base, she said.

"That's really one of the things that we benefit from: those strong relationships and partnerships," Bingham said. "We cannot do it by ourselves."

Strengthening the force

Lt. Gen. Nadja West, Army surgeon general and commander of U.S. Army Medical Command, addressed the issue of long-term

retention in the service in another panel discussion. The general said the Army must gain an understanding of young recruits' career aspirations.

When Army leaders and recruiters can help chart the path of a young Soldier or lieutenant, they can increase the possibility of a long-term commitment to the Army. Showcasing the diversity of career fields in the Army can be crucial to retaining women and men, she said.

In recent years, the number of careers for female Soldiers has increased, as the Defense Department opened combat-related jobs to women in 2015, including combat engineers and Army Rangers.

"That only makes us better as a nation – as a military," Bingham said.

An educational campaign to better inform female recruits about jobs could also be key in retaining female service members, the general said. A mentoring program that addresses issues and challenges of each career field could provide assistance.

Safety and well-being could also be a concern of potential female recruits, West said.

She said the Army remains dedicated to ending sexual harassment in the service.

While sexual harassment in the workplace remains an ongoing battle, Army leaders continue to strengthen prevention efforts.

"Our senior leaders take this extremely seriously at the highest levels," West said.

Among the strategies: the service has stressed Army values early in Soldiers' careers. Soldiers are given lessons on acceptable behavior, and Army values are established as a foundation for professional conduct.

Each unit has been assigned an advocate and educator trained on sexual harassment and sexual assault issues. Victims can seek counsel from these individuals and provide assistance. They also create a welcome, safe environment for victims who may be afraid to seek help.

"If anyone is a victim of any of those types of behaviors, they have someone to go to directly that knows how to get them help if they need it," West said. "Just to make sure that there is a culture that the victims – no matter if they're males or females – can go somewhere to get assistance. There's no tolerance for [sexual harassment and sexual assault]."



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"It is imperative that we fortify our efforts to promote and sustain safe and respectful climates," said Navy Rear Adm. Ann Burkhardt, director of the department's sexual assault prevention and response office. "We must strive to keep the trust of the parents who send their sons and daughters to serve that they will be treated with dignity and respect. Unwanted sexual contact is one of the most destructive factors in building a mission-focused military, so we all must take a more active role in combating this horrendous crime."

DOD releases Annual Report on Sexual Harassment and Violence at the Military Service Academies

By Department of Defense

The Department of Defense released the Annual Report on Sexual Harassment and Violence at the Military Service Academies, Academic Program Year 2017-2018, Jan. 31.

This Congressionally-mandated report evaluates policies and programs addressing sexual assault and sexual harassment at the department's three academies. This year, the department reviewed self-assessments provided by each academy and included results from a biennial survey of cadets and midshipmen.

There were 117 reports of sexual assault received across all three academies. This is an increase of five from the prior academic program year, indicating confidence in response measures, however, surveyed measures of unwanted sexual contact and sexual harassment increased compared to rates last measured in 2016. There was also an overall increase in sexual harassment.

"A disciplined force thrives in an environment of mutual respect," says Hon. James Stewart, performing the duties of undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. "Our cadets and midshipmen must be role models if they're to lead the world's finest fighting force. This year's report demonstrates that there is more work to be done to meet this goal. We are resolved to identify solutions that not only benefit our academies, but also our nation's civilian institutions of higher learning."

The academies implemented plans in the

summer of 2018 focusing on prevention, improved reporting, enabling a culture of respect, and promote a more disciplined force. Even though the effect of these plans was not reflected in this year's survey outcomes, the academies are using the data to target their efforts.

"Our commitment is absolute," said Dr. Elizabeth Van Winkle, executive director of the Office of Force Resiliency for the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. "While we are disheartened that the strategies we have employed have not achieved the results we had intended, we are not deterred."

The department is also applying a variety of resources to augment and strengthen the academies' initiatives, including technical expertise, new reporting avenues, and onsite assistance.

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Big game equals big night for 3rd ABCT, teammates in ROK

By Sgt. Raquel Villalona | 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS, Republic of Korea – Warriors showed their Second-to-None commitment to their nation thousands of miles from home as they appeared on one of the most-watched televised events in the United States.

More than 100 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division Soldiers participated in the first-ever 2ID National Anthem live-shot from South Korea during Super Bowl LIII, with an estimated audience of 114 million viewers, Feb. 4 at Freeman Hall.

As the only permanently forward-deployed combined division, 2ID/RUCD includes both American and Republic of Korea soldiers, as well as rotational units to enhance cohesion and interoperability of forces.

Currently, Soldiers from 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division are serving with 2ID/RUCD on the Korean Peninsula. CBS Sports, the official channel for the Super Bowl, broadcasted live from Korea as both ROK Army soldiers and U.S. Army Soldiers stood side-by-side during the live-shot as Gladys Knight sang the National Anthem.

"This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience," said Pvt. Tavian Washington, Tifton, Georgia native, Rams fan, and aviation operations specialist, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2ID/RUCD. "Never imagined being featured on national television and enjoying



Sgt. Raquel Villalona / 2ID/RUCD Public Affairs

Brent Tucker, left, Angie Dahlstrom and Erik Dahlstrom, American Red Cross volunteers, provide support and light refreshments during Super Bowl LIII, Feb. 4 at Camp Humphreys, South Korea.

the game with my unit from Korea."

In another Super Bowl first, Maj. Gen. D. Scott McKean, the 2ID/RUCD commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Phil K. Barretto, a Aiea, Hawaii native, and the 2ID/RUCD sergeant major, were interviewed during the pre-game show and were provid-

ed the unique opportunity to ask professional commentators about the National Football League.

"John Lynch (49ers general manager) and Kyle Shanahan (49ers head coach) are starting their third year. Will the (San Francisco) 49ers be able to compete next year with the Rams? And the second part of that, is Jimmy Garoppolo (49ers quarterback) going to be the comeback player of the year," asked McKean, a San Jose, California native, inquiring about the future of his hometown team.

With a loud and boisterous 'Second to None,' the interview was over and Soldiers enjoyed snacks and beverages provided by the USO at U.S. Army Garrison Camp Humphrey and the American Red Cross, who teamed up to provide support throughout the event while Soldiers watched the live game.

"Being part of the USO, we are here for the service members and their families," said Sonya Tuuao. "I grew up in a military family, and my husband is in the military, so I know what it's like to be in a place you've never been before, so it's especially important to be here for the military community."

Regardless of the outcome of the game, the Soldiers left with a renewed sense of allegiance after representing the U.S. Army in front of a nation they've sworn to defend.

"Nothing could describe the overwhelming feeling of pride that I felt being in that room during the national anthem, knowing that my family was watching from the states thousands of miles away," said Pfc. Joey Mendoza, a New York native and a cable systems installer for 2ID/RUCD. "It opened my eyes to the endless possibilities the Army has to offer. It's a day I will never forget."





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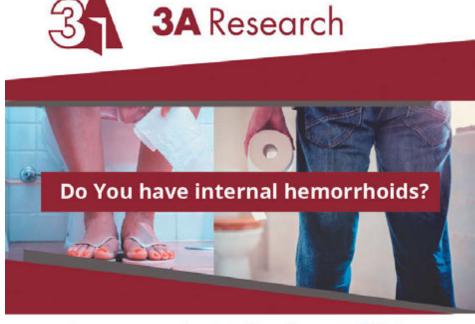
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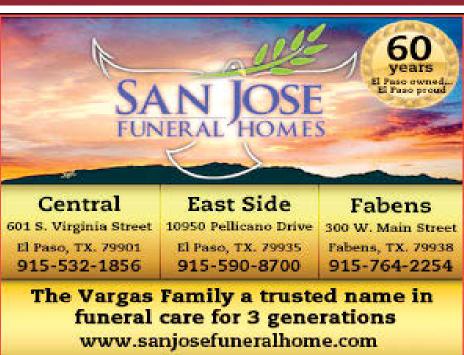
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New protections for servicemembers and veterans

Free credit monitoring, medical debt credit reporting restrictions, and mortgage protections for those recently back from active duty

By Patrick Campbell and Brian Lavin | CFPB

In May 2018, new protections for servicemembers and veterans were signed into law. The Federal Trade Commission and the Bureau previously highlighted the new federal law that went into effect on September 21, 2018 requiring free security freezes and one year fraud alerts at the three nationwide credit reporting agencies.

In addition, this law also addresses a number of key financial issues for the military, including:

- Holding lenders to more stringent requirements when they participate in VA refinance programs.
- Ensuring continued foreclosure protections for servicemembers up to one year after they leave active duty.
- Prohibiting medical debt that should have been paid by the VA to be reported as part of a veteran's credit history.
- Providing free credit monitoring for active duty military, including the National Guard.

Here's what to look for in the new laws and when they go into effect:

Refinancing VA home loans

If you are a veteran with a VA home loan then you have probably received regular advertisements offering you the opportunity to refinance your loan with terms that may sound too good to be true. Marketing phrases such as "Extremely low interest rates!", "No mortgage payment for months!", or "Thousands in cash back!" can be warning signs that you may pay more in the long run for something that looks like a good deal upfront. We have previously highlighted how some offers are designed to get you to refinance without adequately disclosing the

Previously, lenders did not have meaningful incentives to ensure that refinancing a VA loan would be beneficial to the veteran. Lenders will now be held to more stringent requirements in order for the loan to be guaranteed or insured by the VA.

These requirements include:

Net tangible benefit test: In order to refinance a VA loan, a lender must be able to provide the borrower with a net tangible benefit test that shows the interest rate for a new fixed loan is at least 0.5 percent less than the previous loan or two percent less than an adjustable rate loan, and can demonstrate that the rate drop is not solely due to the effect of upfront discount points.

Minimum time between loans: A lender cannot offer VA loan refinancing unless at least 210 days have passed since the first payment has been made on the current loan or the date on which the sixth monthly payment has been made on the loan, whichever is later.

Fee recoupment: Lenders must show that the savings from the refinance will exceed all the fees and costs associated with the refinance within 36 months of getting the new loan. In other words, the veteran must "break even" on the transaction within 36 months, even after considering the fees and costs paid in connection with the refinance.

Continued foreclosure protection for one year after active duty

We've heard from service members who are concerned about staying on top of their mortgage payments when they received Permanent Change of Station orders or deployed to active duty. The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act provides active duty service members with some foreclosure protections for mortgages they took out before serving on active duty.

Specifically, the SCRA requires creditors to get a court order before foreclosing on active-duty service members and up to a year after a servicemember separates from active duty. However, that "additional year" of foreclosure protections after separation was originally a temporary protection added to the SCRA. While extensions have been granted several times, there was uncertainty about whether this protection would remain available. Under this new law, those foreclosure protections for recently separated servicemembers are now permanent. Check out our factsheet to learn more about how the protections afforded by the SCRA can help reduce your stress about financial issues back home while you're out serving your mission.

Medical debt credit reporting changes

We recently found that about one in three consumers have been contacted by a creditor or debt collector in the past year, and more than half of those contacted cited medical debt as the reason for the contact. Regardless of income level, age range, and credit scores, medical debt is consistently the category most cited for having past-due bill issues by all consumers.

This new law gives veterans greater credit reporting protections on certain medical debts owed to private medical providers when the VA has authorized payment for those services. The new law also grants credit reporting protections when the VA is wrongly charging a veteran for medical services.

With the passing of the VA Mission Act in June 2018, veterans will have increased access to private sector health care options available to them, which will likely increase the volume of veterans relying on the VA to pay their private medical bills on time. The OSA will continue to monitor how these new changes will impact medical debt complaints from veterans

Upon the effective date, the nationwide credit reporting agencies (CRAs) will be prohibited from reporting certain veterans' medical debts incurred within one year of the care or services if they know that the information relates to veterans' medical debt.

If CRAs continue to report medical debts that should be excluded, veterans will be allowed to dispute these medical debts with the CRA provided that they send the CRAs either a VA notification that the VA has assumed liability for the debt, proof of the VA's liability for payment, or documentation that the VA is in the process of paying the debt. Upon receiving this information, the CRAs must delete all information related to the debt in question from the veteran's credit report and notify the furnisher of the information and veteran of that deletion.

Finally, the VA must establish a database that will allow nationwide CRAs to easily verify a veteran's medical debt to determine whether they must exclude it from the veteran's credit report.

These provisions will become effective on May 24, 2019.

Credit monitoring

We regularly hear from deployed service members who are worried about identity theft or other fraud while serving down range. The new law provides active duty servicemembers, including members of the National Guard, free electronic credit monitoring. If you are active duty, you can enroll in the credit monitoring service by submitting proof of service and contact information to the nationwide CRAs. This credit monitoring, at a minimum, will notify you of any material additions or modifications to your credit file.





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It makes cents: Put your tax refund to work for you

By Marion Walker | Finance specialist, Bliss ACS

Tax season is finally here, and it is undeniably a stressful time.

Create a written "money" game plan

Think about your personal finances and determine a course of action. Give your tax refund a purpose and be realistic. Write down everything you owe, add the balances, monthly payments and interest rates. This will help you to create a strategy.

Using a tactical approach with a written strategy will allow you to succeed before your refund disappears. Sticking to your plan will be challenging, this is normal. However, adhering to your plan will provide you with a great sense of accomplishment and a reward for sound money management.

There are numerous benefits of setting written financial goals, it is all about helping yourself to achieve what you want to achieve.

There are many things you can do with your tax refund:

Start or increase your emergency fund

There is no better sleep aid than knowing that you have a large emergency fund for those unexpected expenses such as car repairs or dental co-payments.

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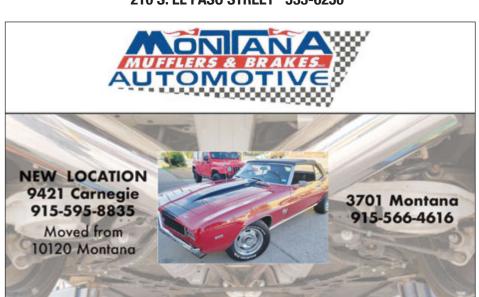


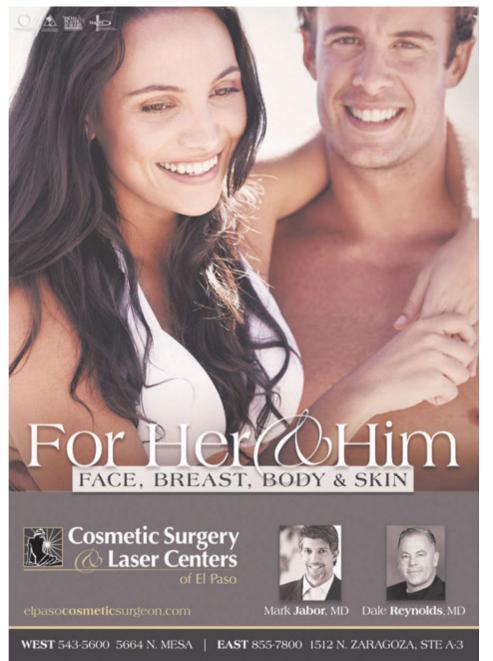






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Lt. Col. Scott Morley (left), commander, Phoenix Recruiting Battalion, administers the oath of enlistment to 35 future Soldiers from the battalion, Nov. 18, at State Farm Stadium, Glendale, Ariz. The mass enlistment ceremony took place shortly before a National Football League game between the Arizona Cardinals and Oakland Raiders.

RECRUITING A 21ST CENTURY ARMY

Army reaches milestones in modernizing recruiting efforts

By Michael Vernon Voss | U.S. Army TRADOC

FORT EUSTIS, Va. - The Army has reached several milestones to modernizing recruiting, since approving the Fiscal Year 2019 Army Accessions Campaign Plan in November 2018.

The new plan, approved by Gen. Stephen Townsend, commanding general, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, detailed the 12-month plan for Army recruiting and represented the first major overhaul to recruiting practices in nearly a decade.

During fiscal year 2018, the Army accessed 70,000 active duty enlisted Soldiers, the most the service has attracted since 2010; however, recent factors including an increasingly disconnected military from the civilian population in parts of the country including the Southeast, the South, and the Midwest, have made recruiting considerably more difficult.

'Most young Americans only know the Army and service from what they see on TV, in the movies or on a video game," Townsend said.

Reconnecting with the American public



Amber Osei / U.S. Army Recruiting Bn. - Oklahoma City "Many young Americans are not opposed to serving," Gen. Stephen Townsend, commanding general, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, said. "They are just unaware of the 150 different career choices available to them, the leadership training and travel available to Soldiers. They are unaware of how serving your country can mean more than collecting a paycheck. But we are out there telling our story, getting after our recruiting challenges and building the Army."

wasn't the only hurdle that Army recruiting faced. Other challenges include balancing the quality of potential recruits over the need to grow the force, a strong national economy and record low unemployment rates.

"We (the Army) are competing for this talent pool with colleges, trade schools, high-paying jobs and our sister services," Townsend said at the Association of the U.S. Army Institute of Land Warfare Conference in Arlington, Va., Jan. 7. "This is not just an Army problem, the other services are also increasingly challenged to find the people they need to fill their ranks."

In response, the Army needed to make immediate and sweeping changes to the recruiting enterprise. Some of those changes included the realignment of the Army Marketing and Engagement Brigade under U.S. Army Recruiting Command, and the appointment of the TRADOC commander as the senior responsible official for recruiting.

With completion of both changes, the Army created a new accessions synchronization board with TRADOC, the Army Marketing Research Group and Recruiting Command.

Since assuming the role of Accessions SRO last October, Townsend has visited recruiter stations across the nation to observe recruiter successes and note the obstacles they face

During the general's visits, the consistent call from USAREC leaders was a need for more recruiters and the need to move communication with potential recruits from handing out business cards and relying on "cold calls" to two-way dialogue on virtual platforms.

These observations, and others (compiled from focus groups with senior leaders and industry experts) have culminated in the current campaign plan that has yielded sweeping changes to Army recruiting.

Fast forward three months and initial data is showing promise. Today, all unfilled recruiter positions have been filled. Recruiters now have authority to communicate with potential recruits through online and social media platforms, the GoArmy.com site is under reconstruction, and the Army has released its first new commercials in nearly three years.

Additionally, in accordance with the campaign plan, the Army has increased recruiting and engagement efforts beyond historical strongholds to 22 major metropolitan areas, including Chicago, Denver and Los Angeles. These 22 cities offer the recruiting force additional opportunities to reach larger communities of recruiting-age adults in areas that have experienced massive population growth over the last five years.

Though TRADOC leaders acknowledge more time is needed to determine the effectiveness of these changes, recruiting numbers for this fiscal year are up by an average of approximately three percent across the board compared to this time last year.

Local recruiting stations are reporting accessions have improved by an average of approximately 20 percent in 16 of the 22 focus cities.

"Our recruiters and senior leaders are out there telling our story," Townsend said.

The general went on to explain there is a need to change the conversation about national

"This is not just about service in the military, but the value and responsibility, even the obligation I think to serve your country," Townsend said.

Townsend acknowledged there is still more work to be done to improve Army recruiting and bridge the gap between those who do and do not choose to serve, but all signs point to positive results for the campaign plan.

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Photos by Sgt. Christopher Hernandez / 210th RSG/MoD Bde. – Fort Bliss DPTMS

Army Reserve Soldiers of the 210th Regional Support Group, Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, and the Fort Bliss garrison command were honored during an event held at the Child Crisis Center of El Paso Friday.

We win together:

El Paso child advocacy center thanks 210th RSG, Bliss Garrison volunteers

By Sgt. Christopher Hernandez | 210th RSG/MoD Bde. – Fort Bliss DPTMS

Army Reserve Soldiers of the 210th Regional Support Group, Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, and the Fort Bliss garrison command were honored during an event held at the Child Crisis Center of El Paso Friday. During their tour of duty as part of the Mobilization and Deployment Brigade – Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security at Fort Bliss, the 210th RSG has been

instrumental in donating goods and providing services to the CCCEP for the past three months. Furthermore, 210th RSG Soldiers volunteered to refurbish and restore five of the children's rooms, completing their project on Dec. 17, 2018. Lorraine Gomez, the CEO of the CCCEP, presented a commemorative plaque to Col. Javier Rivera, commander of the 210th RSG, praising the unit for their altruistic efforts.

Col. Stephen Murphy, the Fort Bliss garrison commander, attended the event to congratulate the 210th RSG for all that they've accomplished for CCCEP. Afterward, the plaque was chosen to be displayed in one of the children's rooms, dedicated to the 210th RSG.







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Life change:

Retired officer who lost legs in Iraq talks of faith at Benning National Prayer Breakfast

By Franklin Fisher | Fort Benning Public Affairs Office

FORT BENNING, Ga. - A retired Army officer who lost both legs to a roadside bomb in Iraq told a prayer breakfast audience here Friday that his faith in God was crucial to getting through a long, grueling recovery from his wounds.

Retired Army Col. Timothy M. Karcher was the guest speaker at Fort Benning's National Prayer Breakfast event.

Seated in a large room set with white tablecloths and red cloth napkins, the audience of more than 400 dined on scrambled eggs, bacon, grits, biscuits and gravy, fruit, orange juice and coffee. The audience consisted largely of officers and senior noncommissioned officers with combat experience, as well as some junior enlisted Soldiers and a few civilians.

In 2009, during his third deployment in Iraq, Karcher was serving with the 1st Cavalry Division as commanding officer of 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, operating in the Sadr City district of Baghdad.

While traveling in a Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle (MRAP), a roadside bomb exploded under his vehicle, and he immediately sensed that both legs were broken

"Many of you, probably most of you in this room, have been blown up before," Karcher said, addressing himself to the combat veterans, "You know, you see it, your hear it, you feel it, you taste it, and I knew right then and there I had two broken legs. So I looked over my shoulder and yelled, 'Hey, I got two broken legs. How's everybody else?""

Each of his Soldiers answered they were



(Ret.) Col. Timothy Karcher speaks during a breakfast prayer event at Fort Benning, Ga., Friday.

"So, now that I know the guys are okay, it's time to assess my own wounds," said Karcher. That's when he saw that his legs "were just gone."

"That was the day that my life changed,"

What followed was surgery, hospitalization, and lengthy, difficult rehabilitation where he learned to walk on artificial legs. He retired from the Army in 2015.

At one point in his recovery things became especially dire, with a combination of problems involving his heart, lungs, kidneys and stomach; infections and high fever.

Karcher, who stands six feet, four inches tall, saw his weight drop 120 pounds, from 225 pounds before his injury, to a mere 105.

But Karcher, who had been a believer in

Christ since his early teens, believed God would enable him to work through his plight. At one point during his struggle to recover, a local pastor told him it was "okay to be angry with God." But, Karcher told the audience, he laughed at that suggestion.

"Padre," Karcher told the pastor, "I'm not pretentious enough to be angry with God. I mean he promised me eternal life, not eternal legs.' What got me through this was faith, family, friends and finances. I had faith that my God would make something good come of this. My family was there for me through the whole process. Friends came out of the woodwork and were supportive of us, and we had our finances straight.

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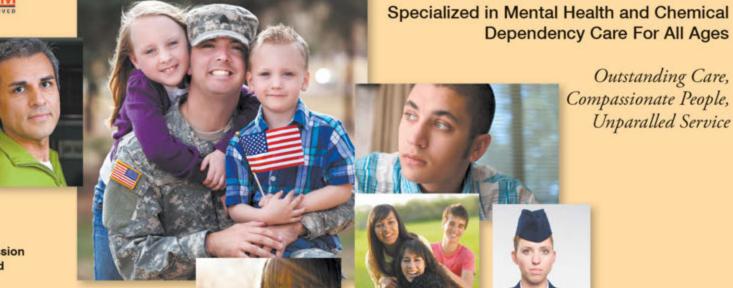
Karcher spoke for nearly 20 minutes and finished to a standing ovation.

His talk was followed by a vocalist, Sonya Roberts, singing "Midnight Cry," which she delivered in classic, gospel style, accompanied on the piano by her husband, Joey Rob-

The breakfast opened with welcoming remarks from Maj. Gen. Gary M. Brito, commanding general of Fort Benning's U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence. At the start and end of the breakfast, the MCOE Band's "Woodwind Quintet" performed traditional hymns, including, among others, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," "Abide With Me," and "What A Friend We Have In Je-

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The beauty of leading by example

By Chaplain (Capt.) Isaac King |

Rear det chaplain, 3rd ABCT, 1st AD

Part of the art of good leadership that truly inspires service members is that of "leading by example." It requires genuine love, care, humility, integrity, and dignity. One of the



Chaplain (Capt.) Isaac King

most frequent complaints Soldiers are heard using against poor leaders is, "They are hypocrites," because they do not do what they tell their Soldiers to do – or vice versa.

A good solution to this problem is to lead by example. As good leaders, we need to set examples

to everyone by how we live our own lives, which in turn encourages others to live good lives and to serve others.

There is a proverb that says, "It is easy to say, but difficult to do."

The great Bengali poet Rabindranath Tagore said, "Truth is hard. That's why I love the Truth."

Jesus Christ said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:32). So leading by examples before our Soldiers and families is very important

I can criticize myself, but not others. As

a chaplain, I am always trying to set a good

example before service members in order to

lead them as they are called to serve our na-

tion in the best way possible. I pay attention to what I say and do. I love to choose the best words to talk with everyone with a good manner. The world knows us by what we say and do. If we say and do things ethically, we receive respect and honor where loyalty holds its solid ground. So, choosing good words to say is important - and it is also important to do the things in the right way at the right time.

Queen Esther in the Old Testament asked her entire nation to fast and pray for her so that she could choose the right words and speak them in the right manner before the king to save her entire nation. She did so very successfully. Her inspired and wellthought out words turned the tables on an enemy who wanted to kill her and her entire Jewish nation. So, choosing good, even the best words to speak, is the right thing to create a wonderful work environment to work as a TEAM, the Army.

It is great to set examples as a role model before young Soldiers who do not know what to do, especially when they are passing through hard times in their lives. They need a good plan, a great future, motivation, love, care and a role model to build a good char-

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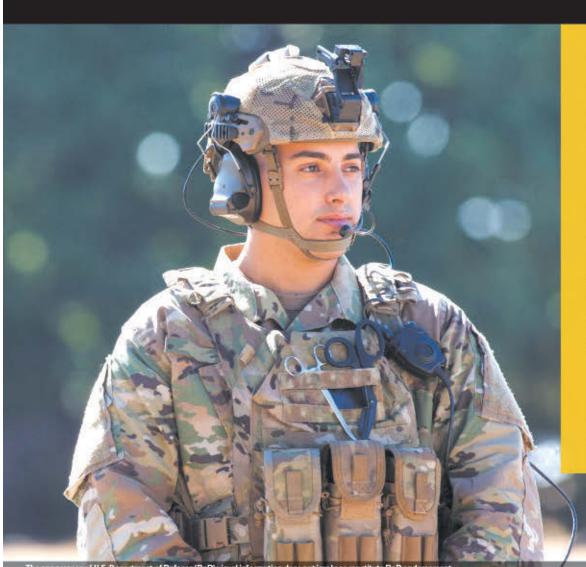
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Surveys point to cause of military morale issues

By Lisa Smith Molinari | www.TheMeatAndPotatoesOfLife.com

I want to know why news reports over the last decade have indicated a steady decline in the well-being and satisfaction of military service members. I don't want the same pat answer, that military families need a better quality of life. Let's dig deeper. Is there a real solution to continuing dissatisfaction?

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recently-released results of two surveys point to an interesting theory worth pursuing.

We already know that a decade after 9/11, the public was war-weary, tired of all the bad news and growing deficit. The 2011 budget cuts known as "Sequestration" arguably stemmed from a widening military-civilian divide. The drawdown took an obvious toll on morale. With alarming military suicide rates, retention and recruitment problems, and other complaints, the Pentagon passed new programs

in recent years to address military spouse unemployment; restricted access to adequate childcare, housing and education; unnecessary relocations; multiple deployments; etc.

Despite these efforts, recent surveys show that morale and well-being figures are still

The number one key finding of the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America 2019 Survey was that 43 percent of IAVA members polled in 2018 report having suicidal ideations since joining the military, a six percent rise from 2017. An increasing number of these suicides are young service persons who have not been deployed or in combat.

And the 2018 Blue Star Families Military Lifestyle Survey results, released last week, identified the lack of "community connectedness and a sense of belonging" as key factors negatively affecting military families. Forty-eight percent of respondents reported not feeling a sense of belonging to their civilian community, and 43 percent felt the same about their military community. This finding was critical because "a lower sense of belonging to a community has been linked with both depression and suicide.'

Blue Star Families also found low scores on military families' ability to find meaning in adversity. "[M]eaning-making is the 'lynch-pin in a family's resilience response"

as it enables "more effective responses to stress." Although the majority of military families thrive when challenged, their resiliency hinges on whether or not they see a meaningful purpose to their struggles.

Interestingly, both survey groups felt that the public simply doesn't care. Sixty-seven percent of IAVA members responded that the American public didn't understand their sacrifices. And only 18 percent of Blue Star military families surveyed thought the public comprehended their challenges. Furthermore, 60 percent of veteran families said the "public does not understand that veterans bring value to their communities."

One would think that the Pentagon's re-

cent measures to reduce hardships and increase would have a positive impact military service satisfaction, yet these survey results don't lie. Military families aren't finding meaning in service anymore and mental illnesses and suicides are on the rise. Could the military's sense of being undervalued and disconnected be a root cause?

Marine veteran Jeff Groom that military members' spirits are broken "[n]ot because of what they have experienced, but because

life deficient in community, solidarity, and shared suffering is, well, depressing."

"Congress and military leadership have gone all in on the bankrupt idea that comfort and happiness equals morale and morale correlates to readiness. In fact, they got it backward. Providing the resources and time to effectively accomplish the mission is what lifts the spirits of the troops," Groom says,

"There are secondary benefits that derive from high readiness. Troops that train extensively and have all the equipment they need will have higher morale and confidence," says Mark Cancian of the Center of Strategic and International Studies.

However, reports of a "military readiness crisis" abound. The conflict between defense budget caps and an unsustainably high operational tempo has resulted in overworked crews, inadequate training, shortage of equipment, and an uptick in military air and sea accidents between 2011 and 2018.

prioritize the readiness crisis to give service members a sense of purpose and belonging. As Groom put it, "By keeping the military comfortable, in an ironic way, our society removes their sacrifice from the altar."

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In a Feb. 5 article, postulates

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and other experts agree.

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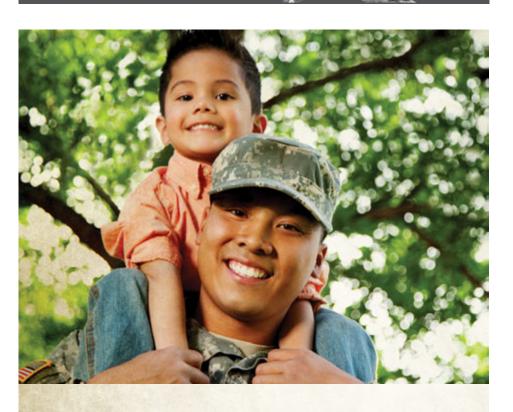
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Sports Briefs

Hueco Tanks Rock Rodeo: The 26th anniversary of the Hueco Tanks Rock Rodeo bouldering competition is Friday-Sunday at Hueco Tanks. Competition is at Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site. \$55 for the weekend; \$20 for Saturday night only. Registration and other events are at Hueco Rock Ranch. huecorodeo.com

March's St. Paddy's Day 1/2K: Register now, then head over to the Monti Warrior Zone March 16 from 3 to 9 p.m. for a one of a kind 0.5k race. Register online at raceroster.com or at Stout, Milam and Soto PFCs through March 14. 741-3000 or 744-5785

Family Day at the wall: How's the view from the top? Find out during Family Day at the Wall. The SAC is normally open to quests ages 18 and older, but on Family Day, the wall is open to all climbers age 6 and older from noon-6 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. The SAC is located at 20732 Constitution Avenue. 744-1532

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. Tennis rackets will be provided. 569-5448

Underwood Golf tourney: Underwood Golf Complex is having their Spring Trifecta Golf Tournament, March 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a two-person team, 27-hole tournament. It will be 9-holes of scramble, 9-holes of best ball and 9-holes of alternate shot. \$50 includes green fee, cart fee and lunch. Registration deadline is March 1. The event is open to the public, ages 18 and older. $568\mbox{-}9979$

Army Warrior Trials: Wounded Warrior athletes will compete in adaptive sports March 7-15 at different FMWR physical fitness centers. Come out and support the competitors throughout the week. 744-1532

Deep Water: Get ready for Group Fitness' newest class, Deep Water! Using a flotation belt, deep water exercisers will jog, sprint in intervals, wall walk or do a variety of multidimensional movements, including cross country skiing, longlevered kicks, twists and jumping jacks. Classes are at the Aquatic Training Center. Cost: \$3 per class or \$35 for unlimited monthly pass. 744-5800

Aquafloat: Aquafloat is changing is location to Replica Aquatic Center for Mondays class from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Don't worry there will still be classes at the Aquatics Training Center Thursdays from 9-9:30 a.m. 744-5800

Texas Basic Hunters Education Class: Are you interested about learning how to hunt? If so, head over to Rod and Gun Club on the second Saturday of every month from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost: \$15. Registration required. Open to the public.

Texas Concealed Handgun License classes: The Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club offers Texas License to Carry Classes from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. the first and third Saturday of every month. Active Military license fees are free. Open to the public. bliss armymwr.com or 861-4789

Early Bird Golf: Swing by Underwood Golf Complex for Early Bird Golf. Play nine holes Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. for \$15, price includes cart rental. 568-1059

Kids Golf for \$5: 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 for 16-younger, 568-1059

Michelob Ultra Marathon: The 12th annual Michelob Ultra Marathon is 7 a.m. Sunday, starting and finishing at Southwest University Park, 1 Ballpark Plaza Downtown. Registration (through Friday) is \$115 for the Marathon, \$80 for the Half Marathon; and \$40 for the 5K; and \$10 for a kids dash. Entry fees at the Race Expo the day before the race go up \$10. The Race Expo is 8 a.m-6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Convention and Performing Arts Center, with more than 30 exhibitors and vendors. The expo is also the location for all runners pickup their packet and goodies. elpasomarathon.org

UTEP Women's B-Ball: Join the Miners for a Conference USA two-step tonight against the Bulldogs from Louisiana Tech University and Saturday against Southern Miss as the Don Haskins Center. Cost: \$5. 747-5234 or utepathletics.

El Paso Rhinos hockey: El Paso's Junior League ice hockey team hosts the Oklahoma City Blazers at 7 p.m. Feb. 22-23, and 4:30 p.m. Feb. 24, at El Paso County Coliseum Events Center, next to the Coliseum, 4100 E. Paisano. Tickets: \$5-\$30. Free admission to active military with ID. 479-PUCK (7825) or elpasorhinos.com

Soldier on:

Army WCAP runners take top spots at DoD, International XC meets

By Gary Sheftick | Army News Service

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Sgt. Emmanuel Bor led the Army men's team to gold in the Armed Forces Cross Country Championship Feb. 2 and said he was motivated by running with his younger brother and Olympian, Staff Sgt. Hillary Bor, who fin-

"He was pushing most of the time," Emmanuel said of his brother. "We help each other out a lot."

Air Force 1st Lt. Hannah Everson took first place for military women, despite Army winning the women's team competition for the fifth consecutive year, and the men's team championship for the seventh straight year.

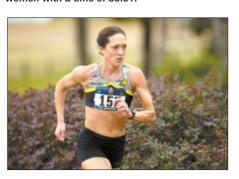
The armed forces championship was run concurrently with the 2019 USA Track and Field Cross Country Championships at Apalachee Regional Park in Tallahassee and the top five times of the day were placed by Soldiers or Army veterans, despite many professional runners competing.

Men's National Championship

Former Army Spc. Shadrack Kipchircher edged past Emmanuel Bor in the final stretch of the men's 10K race to win the national title with a time of 28:53. Bor, who



Spc. Susan Tanui leads the Army women's team to gold, Feb. 2. She finished second for military women with a time of 36:01.



Maj. Kelly Calway, from Fort Myer, Va., Feb. 2. She finished sixth with a time of 39:01.



Photos by EJ Hersom / U.S. Army

Sgt. Emmanuel Bor (138) runs alongside his brother Staff Sgt. Hillary Bor (139) at the front of the pack during the 2019 Armed Forces Cross Country Championship, which ran concurrently with the 2019 USA Track and Field Cross Country Championship in Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 2.

had been jostling back and forth for the lead, finished just one second behind with a personal best of 28:54.

"Shadrack was sitting behind me most of the time," Bor said, "and when he made that last move, I followed him ... he just had a slight edge at the finish line."

Army teammate Sgt. Leonard Korir, who had won the cross country championship last year, came in third this year with a time of 28:56. Hillary Bor finished fourth overall at 28:57. Former Army Reserve Soldier Stanley Kobenei finished fifth with a time of 29:05.

Korir and the Bor brothers are members of the Army World Class Athlete Program at Fort Carson, Colorado, and they still train together often with former teammates Kipchirchir and Kobenei. The five ran the entire race together Saturday and by the eighth kilometer, they had pulled away from the rest of the competition.

Army coach Col. Liam Collins said the race was relatively determined by the 8K marker, and the winner was just a matter of who among the leading five would have the strongest kick at the end.

The Bor brothers said they have learned a lot from outgoing coach Collins, a Special Forces officer who now serves as director of the Modern Warfare Institute at West Point, New York. Collins plans to retire from the Army this summer.

"He inspires me a lot ... He has done a lot for me," Emmanuel said about Collins. Emmanuel said he and Hillary grew up in

Kenya running several miles to school and back barefoot.

Hillary said while he enjoys running with Emmanuel and his other WCAP brother Sgt. Julius Bor, cross country is actually not his best sport. Steeplechase is his specialty and at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, he finished 7th in the 3.000-meter steeplechase. He said he hopes to compete in steeplechase at the World Military Games this October in China and the 2020 Summer Olympics next year in Japan.

Emmanuel said he hopes to compete in the 1.500-meter and 5.000-meter races in both China and Japan.

Korir's best 10K time was 27:20.18 on

Aug. 4, 2017 in London when he took 12th in the IATF 10,000-meter race. He finished 14th in the 10K at the 2016 Olympics in Rio with a time of 27:35.

Women's Championship

Everson from the U.S. Air Force Academy was the first military woman across the finish line with a time of 34:20. She finished 15th overall in the women's USATF Cross Country Championship.

The next military finisher was two-time Army Ten-Miler champion Spc. Susan Tanui from Fort Carson with a time of 36:01.

Third for the armed forces was Army 1st Lt. Jennifer Hannigan from Fort Lee, Va., with a time of 38:05.

Marine Corps 1st Lt. Lindsay Carrick from Quantico, Virginia, took fourth place with a time of 38:19. The top Navy finisher was Lt. Katherin Irgens from the University of Washington's Navy ROTC program in Seattle. She finished in fifth place with a time of 38:50.

The team standings are determined by the placement of the first four women runners from each of the services. Army Maj. Kelly Calway from Fort Myer, Virginia, finished sixth with a time of 39:01 and Army Sgt. Ester Spradling from Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, finished seventh with a time of 39:30, and it helped put Army in first place with 18 points.

The Navy and Air Force both ended up with 44 points, and competition rules call for a tie to be broken by the fifth runners from each service. The Coast Guard's Stephanie Irizary, on the Navy team, beat out Air Force's Capt. Megan Binkley to give the Navy second place.

The Marines came in fourth with 51 points.

Men's teams

The men's team standings were determined by the top five finishers from each service. The Army men's team finished first with 15 points, followed by the Navy in second place with 73 points. The Air Force team came in third place with a score of 75 and the Marine Corps finished fourth with a score of 77.





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Bliss Briefs

Training Holiday hours: The Directorate of Human Resources will have reduced operations Friday and will be closed closed Monday. For info on specific service impacts, contact Military Personnel Division at 568-3302, Army Substance Abuse Program at 744-5192/5148/5149, Administrative Services Division at 569-5817, Education Center at 568-6682/6831 or Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program at 568-7165/7396/4210/7996/3870. For DHR-related emergencies during upcoming Monday holiday observance, call 568-3093.

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. to 3 p.m. 2910 Cassidy Road. 568-1040 **WSMR Bataan March:** The 2019 Bataan Memorial Death registration ends March 3. \$110, \$500. http://bataanmarch.com

Army Warrior Trials: Wounded Warrior athletes will compete in adaptive sports March 7-15 at different Fort Bliss FMWR physical fitness centers. Come out and support the competitors throughout the week. 744-1532

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 March 18-22; June 17-21; and Sept. 16-20. Issue documents can be submitted through TAMIS during the closures. 569-9528

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

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This is a debt collection notice for **Sgt. Farhad C. Meskoob**. All services under Farhad's name should be put on hold. All those with debts to be collected under the name of Farhad or for information regarding collections, call 2nd Lt. Adam W. Turek at (951) 212-9533

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Cupid's Cantina: Don't let Valentine's Day bring you down this year, come out for loads of fun! Cupid's Cantina will have you off your seat mingling with new people, listening to music, enjoying food and drink specials, tonight from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Sam Adams Pub on East Fort Bliss. Free and open to the public, ages 21+. 479-0103

Texas Hold 'em: Come out to the Monti Warrior Zone Wednesday 6-10 p.m. and try your hand at Texas Hold 'em. Enjoy a night out with friends. \$15 includes one drink of your choice. Monti Warrior Zone i21171 Medic Ave. 741-3000

ACS Newcomers' fair: Are you new to the Fort Bliss and El Paso community? Or are you looking to see what resources are available in the surrounding area? Que Pasa, a newcomers information fair, will be the place to be! Join Army Community Service (ACS) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Feb. 21 at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center. There will be on-post resource tables, El Paso businesses, giveaways and more. Free. 569-4227, ext. 0.

Underwood Golf tourney: Underwood Golf Complex is having their Spring Trifecta Golf Tournament, March 2 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. This is a two person team, 27-hole tournament. It will be 9-holes of scramble, 9-holes of best ball and 9-holes of alternate shot. \$50 includes green fee, cart fee and lunch. There will be prizes to win during the tournament. Registration deadline is March 1. Open to the public, ages 18 and older. 568-9979

Pot of Gold Bingo: Everyone who plays from Feb. 27, March 2, 6, 9 and 13 can enter for a chance to win the gold! The winning name will be drawn during St. Paddy's night Bingo March 16 at the Centennial Club. The winner must be present to claim the prize. Bingo Bliss is every Wednesday and Saturday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Paper packs start at \$15 on Wednesdays and \$20 on Saturdays. Electronic games are an additional cost. There is also an early bird special on Wednesdays before 5:15 p.m. The Pot O' Gold Bingo event will be from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Open to DOD ID cardholders and their guests, age 18 and older. 744-8427

Go Youth

In-home saturday childcare from CYS: Family Child Care (FCC) 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

SKIESUnlimited: SkiesUnlimited offers a variety of fun and educational programs geared for children of all ages and talent levels. Music classes like piano, voice, guitar and drums are available. SKIES also has a variety of art, sports, driver's training and babysitting courses. Call today at 568-5544. All students must be currently enrolled with CYS Services Parent Central. Call 568-4374 to set up an appointment. Class registration opens from the 20th of the month prior to the 7th of the month you are enrolling for. www.bliss.armymwr.com

CYS Date Night childcare March 2: CYS will provide child care Saturday at Milam CDC Mar. 2 from 1 to 11 p.m. For more information about Saturday child care, or reservations, please call Milam CDC at 744-7879

Folklorico Dance Saturdays with SKIE-SUnlimited: 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



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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.

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 and older, must be enrolled with Child Youth Services before registering for any SKIESUnlimited class. 568-5544

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Valentine's Concert: Sofar Sounds brings intimate music performances to unique spaces around El Paso. Discover new artists and locations. Join us on Thursday, 7 p.m. Cost: \$20. Secret lineup, secret location. Limited tickets available. RSVP at www.sofarsounds.com/el-paso

El Paso Coin Show: Sponsored by the International Coin Club of El Paso, Inc. 50+ Vendor /Dealer Tables. Coin Exhibits to view. 2019 Medals available honoring "Engine 3420, an El Paso Locomotive" Friday 1-6 p.m. Saturday 9 am - 6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Auction for Kids at 2 p.m. Saturday. Free. El Maida Shrine 6331 Alabama 241-6977

EPSO's 'The Emperor:' El Paso Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Bohuslav Rattay, presents guest pianist Daria Kiseleva, at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 and Feb. 23, in the Plaza Theatre. Selections include Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5 in E-flat major, op. 73 "Emperor", and Prokofiev's - Symphony No. 5 in B-flat major. Cost: \$16-\$45; \$9 and \$11 for students (Ticketmaster). 532-3776 or epso.org.

Black History Month celebration: The City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department invites you to join us at Mary Webb Park for the city's first Black History Month celebration. Activities for all ages, entertainment presentations, guest speakers, informational booths, games and jumping balloons. Food trucks will be on site, along with arts & crafts vendors displaying original works for sale to the public. Saturday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 3401 E.

Missouri. 562-7071

Black History Month Parade/Rally: The annual Inter-Club Council Black History Month Parade begins at 10 a.m. Feb. 23, at Montana and Pershing and travels east on Montana to Copia then south to Missouri ending at Mary Webb Park, 3401 E. Missouri. This year's theme is "Black Migration." A rally follows the parade noon-3 p.m. in Mary Webb Park, with vendor booths, family activities and entertainment. Free. 861-1745 or elpasoicc@hotmail.

Gem and Mineral Show: The 6th annual gem and mineral show will be Feb. 23-24 at New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road in Las Cruces, N.M. Sponsored by Friends of the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 23 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 24. \$7 (\$4 age 6-11; free for age 5 and younger); includes museum admission. (575) 522-1232 or lcmuseumrocks.com

El Mariachi Los Camperos: The two-time Grammy-winning mariachi troupe, founded in 1961, performs at 8 p.m. Friday at the Plaza Theatre. Cost: \$25-\$75 (Ticketmaster)

Gabriel Iglesias: The comedian's "Beyond the Fluffy" World Tour" is 8 p.m. Feb. 22 at UTEP's Don Haskins Center. Iglesias is one of the few elite comedians who has headlined and sold out the Staples Center, Madison Square Garden and the Sydney Opera House. Cost: \$40-\$75 (Fluffyguy.com and Ticketmaster)

U.S. Army OCS Alumni Assoc. Reunion: Calling all branches, all classes 1941– Present. 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 (813) 917-4309

Pet Fair: El Paso Parks and Recreation Department will host its annual event to help pet owners respect and care for their pets 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 23, at Westside Community Park, 7400 High Ridge, with vets, adoptions, local pet-oriented vendors on-site promoting their programs, live entertainment and food vendors. Free. 212-0092 or elpasotexas.gov/parks

Parking at Playa Drain Trail: The El Paso County Parks and Recreation Department has made parking easily available for those traveling to enjoy the Playa Drain Trail at the Ascarate Park entrance. The County Tax office parking lot is now open on Saturdays and Sundays from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. with the exception of Parks and Recreation Department designated Holidays and Special Events. The parking lot is located at



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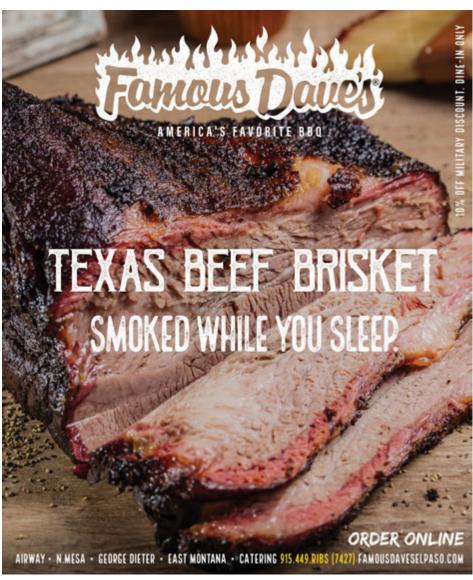
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Purple Heart recipients sought: The Military Order of the Purple Heart El Paso Chapter 393 meets the first Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. at the 82nd Airborne Memorabilia Museum, 2608 Fort Blvd. Transitioning from the battlefield to the home front 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

Willie Nelson and Family: The iconic Texan is the creative genius behind historic recordings such as "Crazy," "Hello Walls," "Red Headed Stranger" and "Stardust." His career has spanned six decades, and his catalog boasts more than 200 albums. The country legend returns at 8 p.m. tonight at Abraham Chavez Theatre. \$39.75-\$79.75. Ticketmaster.com

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Chartering party: The newest members of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority at Fort Bliss/El Paso, invites you to their chartering ceremony and reception March 2, 3 p.m. The ceremony will take place at the Paso Del Norte Community Center, 45380 Ellerthorpe Ave. (310) 913-6394 or www.sigmaswregion.com

Las Cruces Int'l Film Festival: Comedian, film and television star George Lopez and actor and producer Edward James Olmos will appear at the 2019 Las Cruces International Film Festival, presented by New Mexico State University and Visit Las Cruces Feb. 20-24. Daily screening passes are \$20. Single screening tickets, if available are \$10; available in advance at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. Olmos will receive the Mark Medoff Humanitarian Award following a screening of his film "The Ballad of Gregorio Cortez" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main in the Las Cruces Downtown Mall. Tickets: \$30. Lopez recently finished shooting the film "Walking With Herb" in Las Cruces with Olmos and Kathleen Quinlan. He is currently starring in "River Runs Red," the LCIFF opening night film, with Taye Diggs, John Cusack, Luke Hemsworth and RJ Mitte. He will receive "Outstanding Achievement in Entertainment Award" at a VIP reception. tion Feb. 21, followed by a screening of his film "The Chicano" at 7 p.m. at Allen Theatres Cineport 10. Other special guests include actress/producer Beverly D'Angelo, actress Zoe Perry, writer/producer Dan Foster, and actress/ producer Kathleen Quinlan.

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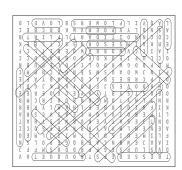
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Downtown Artist and Farmers Market: The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department's market for area artists and

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

Cowboy Days: The 20th annual celebration of Southwest pioneer heritage is 9 a.m. 5p.m. March 2 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 3, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Rd., Las Cruces, with two days of cowboy demonstrations, chuckwagon cooking, children's activities, mounted shooting, the 3rd annual CASI Chili Cook-Off, cowboy music, pony rides, gunfight re-enactments, and food and craft vendors. Cost: \$5; 4-younger free. Mechanical bull and mini-train rides are \$3 each, and pony rides are \$5. (575) 522-4100 or nmfarmandranchmuse-

El Paso Senior Games: The City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department's 36th annual games for those age 50 and older run March 2-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 t-shirt, plus \$5 for each additional event; \$45 for all events. Includes t-shirt. Opening Ceremony is 9 a.m. March 2, at the Polly Harris Senior Center, 650 Wallenberg. Basketball Skills — 10 a.m. Saturday, March 2, at Polly Harris Center. 503-6544 or elpasotexas.gov/parks



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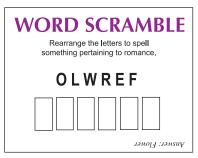
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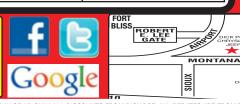
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