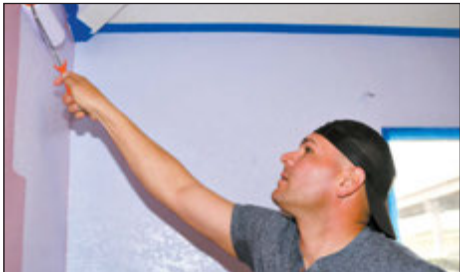




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SLING MODE

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A Soldier assigned to the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, prepares to attach a load to a Boeing CH-47 Chinook during sling-load training at Camp Humphreys, South Korea, Monday. Soldiers assigned to the 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment and 123rd Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd ABCT, 1st AD, held the training with the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.



Courtesy photo

The scene of an accident on Interstate 20 in West Texas Dec. 22, 2018, that involved an 18-wheeler and two pickup trucks. Sgt. Trey Troney, a field artillery cannon crewmember assigned to Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, saved the life of Jeff Udger of Longview, Texas, after the accident.

2-3 FA Soldier saves man's life with hoodie, ink pen

By Wendy Brown | Fort Bliss Garrison Public Affairs

Sgt. Trey Troney credits training he received from his unit's medics for helping him save a man's life after an accident on Interstate 20 near Sweetwater, Texas, Dec. 22, 2018.

Troney, a field artillery cannon crewmember assigned to Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st AD, said the medics made sure Soldiers knew the basics of combat medicine, and often reinforced and extended that training in between Howitzer fires in the field. Also, in El Paso's 100-degree heat in the field, they would trade coveted Drip-Drop hydration packets for demonstrated knowledge of combat medicine.

"We train over and over; it's like muscle memory. Not to sound biased, but at 2-3 ... they're some of the best combat medics that I've ever met," Troney said, adding that they have since deployed with the brigade.

Troney, 20, was on his way home to Raleigh, Mississippi, a small town about 1,085 miles east of Fort Bliss, for Christmas when he saw the accident at about 2 p.m. and pulled over.

Seeing Jeff Udger, of Longview, Texas, slumped over the steering wheel of his truck, Troney asked two other men to help him pry open the door. Udger had a bad gash on his head, and Troney took off his brand new "Salute to Service" Saints hoodie and wrapped it around Udger's head to help stop the bleeding.

At this point, Udger was still conscious enough to make a joke about it, Troney said.

"Well, this is Cowboy country, so I don't know how I feel about you wrapping me up in a Saints hoodie," Udger told Troney.

Soon after, however, Troney noticed that the left side of Udger's chest wasn't moving, and he realized Udger had a collapsed lung. Troney ran back to his Jeep, hoping he still had some first aid supplies left from the brigade's recent rotation at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California. Sure enough, he had a Needle Chest Compression, or NCD, and an Individual First Aid Kit, or IFAK, so he grabbed them and ran back to Udger.

While his training made the use of the NCD second nature for Troney, he had to think fast after the NCD needle was too small to reach into Udger's collapsed lung and relieve pressure.

Finding a ballpoint pen, he had an idea. He tore off the ends of the pen and took out the ink so it was just a hollow tube.

"I took the NCD and put it right in the hole and kind of wiggled (the pen) in with

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Soldiers complete 3-day arduous test

1st AD Artillery's best NCOs and Soldiers compete for honors

By Sgt. Nicholas Brown-Bell | 24th Theater Public Affairs Support Element

As the sun crested the Franklin Mountains four days before the start of Christmas leave, eight of 1st Armored Division Artillery's best noncommissioned officers and Soldiers competed in a 2.25-mile run as part of a physical fitness assessment.

The assessment was a modified Army Physical Fitness Test, during which competitors received no breaks between events and ran longer than the standard 2-mile course. Little did they know, this was simply the beginning of an arduous three-day competition that began Dec. 18, 2018.

Following the physical fitness assessment, competitors had a limited amount of time to clean themselves up and prepare their equipment for the remainder of the day's events. They then moved to a live-fire stress shoot, during which facilitators led the competitors through a grueling hour-long physical activity session to simulate the stresses of active combat situations. Activities included burpees, pushups, mountain climbers, sprints, squats, among others, all in full body armor, helmets and while carrying their assigned rifles. They then immediately participated in the live-fire range, mimicking the conditions of enemy engagement and forcing competitors to prove their skills under stress while taking fire.

With small breaks between events, the Soldiers then conducted daytime land navigation, hoping to find four points within two hours on one of the largest courses that Fort Bliss offers. Before dawn the next morning, they returned to the course to do the same during night conditions. For many, this was the most challenging event of the entire competition, with only one



Sgt. Nicholas Brown-Bell / 24th Theater Public Affairs Support Element

Sgt. Artemis Lewis, assigned to Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, conducts the Combat Water Survival Test during the 1st Armored Division Artillery Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year Competition at Fort Bliss Dec. 19, 2018. Meanwhile, Sgt. R.J. Rossi serves as a lifeguard. Participants competed in a three-day competition to determine DIVARTY's best NCO and Soldier of the year.

competitor finding all four points. After a quick break for breakfast, competitors began a 6-mile ruck march with standard load and weapons back to the 1st AD Artillery Central Operating Facility, with less than two hours to complete it.

Next, a layout of their extensive packing list and hands-on evaluation of six Warrior tasks served as a much-needed rest for the weary Soldiers. Demonstrating combat lifesaving, map

reading and radio operations skills, as well as weapons maintenance on three different systems, proved they were truly the best of the best. The final task of the day proved to be the most difficult: the Combat Water Survival Test.

It was "the most challenging part" according to Sgt. Tyler Lewis, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st AD Artillery.

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Testing consisted of 10 tasks, including proper entrance and exit of the pool, treading water, swimming across the pool with ruck and dummy weapon in tow, and doing so with a



Spc. Cameron Chandler, assigned to the 1st Armored Division Band, prepares to begin the land navigation course during the 1st AD Artillery Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year Competition at Fort Bliss Dec. 18, 2018. Participants competed in a three-day competition to determine DIVARTY's best NCO and Soldier of the year. The 1st AD Band falls under Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st AD Artillery, for command purposes.

battle buddy, simulating an altogether different type of combat lifesaving and survival tactic.

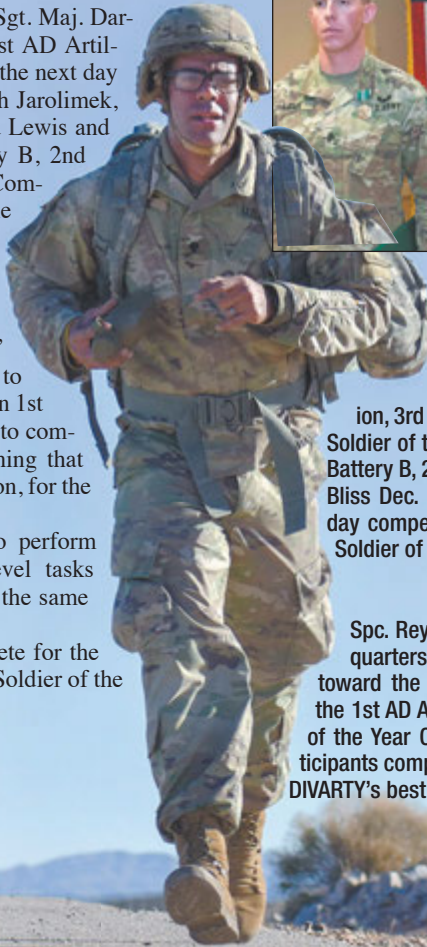
The final day of competition concluded with a written test of Army information and appearance before a five-member board, presided over by Command Sgt. Maj. Darrell Walls, command sergeant major, 1st AD Artillery. Competitors only had to wait until the next day to find out if they won, when Col. Keith Jarolimek, commander, 1st AD Artillery, presented Lewis and Spc. Gabriel Perez, assigned to Battery B, 2nd Bn., 3rd FA Regt., 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st AD, as the winners of the competition.

Lewis said he wanted to compete "to challenge myself and help teach me some new things that I can help teach my Soldiers and make them better also."

The purpose of the competition was to discover who is the best of the best within 1st AD Artillery and who truly knows how to complete basic Army tasks. This is something that Lewis put first throughout the competition, for the betterment of himself and his Soldiers.

"Ultimately, even us NCOs have to perform well under pressure with these 10-level tasks and be able to teach our Soldiers to do the same thing," Lewis said.

Lewis and Perez will go on to compete for the title of 1st Armored Division NCO and Soldier of the Year, respectively.



Command Sgt. Maj. Darrell Walls, center, command sergeant major, 1st Armored Division Artillery, stands with DIVARTY Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Sgt. Tyler Lewis, left, assigned to Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st SBCT, 1st AD, and Soldier of the Year Spc. Gabriel Perez, right, assigned to Battery B, 2nd Bn., 3rd FA Regt., 1st SBCT, 1st AD, at Fort Bliss Dec. 21, 2018. Participants competed in a three-day competition to determine DIVARTY's best NCO and Soldier of the year.

Spc. Rey Pelaez, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Armored Division Artillery, runs toward the finish line of the 6-mile ruck march during the 1st AD Artillery Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year Competition at Fort Bliss Dec. 19, 2018. Participants competed in a three-day competition to determine DIVARTY's best NCO and Soldier of the year.

Photos by Sgt. Nicholas Brown-Bell / 24th Theater Public Affairs Support Element

7 major changes that may impact your tax return

By Capt. Vy D. Nguyen | Fort Bliss Tax Center

President Trump's new tax plan, commonly referred to as the Tax Cut and Jobs Act, or TCJA, is going to impact all taxpayers in every walk of life. There are seven major changes in the TCJA that may help or hurt taxpayers.

1) Tax brackets: Tax rates overall have come down by a few percentage points. Individual taxpayers won't see a drastic decrease in taxes just because of the rate, but the many other changes in the tax rules will make a substantial impact.

2) Standard deduction: The plan increases the standard deduction significantly. Married filing joint taxpayers will have an increased standard deduction of \$24,000, up from \$13,000. Single taxpayers will have an increased standard deduction of \$12,000, up from \$6,500. The near doubling of standard deduction ultimately means there will be many fewer taxpayers who will itemize their deductions. Although more standard deduction means simpler taxes, it also makes the economic choices of home buying and charitable donations less desirable. In fact, builders and real estate companies have been vocal about the tax changes, stating that more than half of homeowners will now not be able to claim their interest deduction.

3) Personal exemptions: The plan eliminates personal exemptions. The increase in standard deductions is a benefit for most taxpayers. However, the elimination of the \$4,050 personal exemption dampens the benefit. Taxpayers received an exemption for every person on the return, and the exemption lowered taxable income. For example, a married filing joint couple who have two children would have been able to take a \$16,200 exemption. This exemption is no longer available to any taxpayer.

4) Medical expenses: Deductions for medical expenses will change for the worse, but it will not be implemented for another year. 2018 will be the last year taxpayers can deduct medical and dental expenses that surpass 7.5 percent of their adjusted gross income. For example, if a taxpayer has an adjusted gross income of \$100,000. She can deduct medical expenses that exceed \$7,500. After 2018, the rate will increase to 10 percent. This new policy change will adversely impact

millions of elderly Americans. However, the increase of standard deduction softens the negative impact, as explained earlier.

5) Qualified residence mortgage interest: This has new restrictions. The group of taxpayers who are still able to deduct their mortgage expenses may be precluded from mortgage interest deduction because of stricter mortgage requirements. First, mortgage interest is capped for total loan amounts up to \$750,000. The majority of taxpayers do not have mortgages this high, so this requirement is a low threat. Second, interest deduction on home equity loans (sometimes called a second mortgage) can only be done on loans that were used to purchase or improve the taxpayer's home. If the taxpayer took out a home equity loan and used it for other purposes, that mortgage interest will not be deductible. Preexisting mortgage loans are grandfathered into the old limits.

6) Child tax credit: The plan doubles the child tax credit from \$1,000 to \$2,000, per qualifying child. Qualifying children must be younger than 17. This credit starts to phase out if a taxpayer with children makes too much money. This phase out figure is \$200,000 for single filers and \$400,000 for married filers. Ensure you understand the nuances of qualifying children by visiting the tax center or the Legal Assistance Office on Fort Bliss.

7) Alimony payment changes: This is actually going to be a change for 2019 taxes, but is still a change stemming from provisions in the TCJA. Alimony, which has long been tax deductible for the person paying it and considered taxable income for the recipient, will no longer be a deduction for the payer and no longer taxable income for the recipient. A signed divorce agreement before Dec. 31, 2018, will allow taxpayers to follow the traditional rules for alimony. Any divorce in 2019, and also any divorce modifications, would likely require taxpayers to adhere to the new rules.

The Fort Bliss Tax Center, located at building 2910 Cassidy Road, will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., following its grand opening Jan. 22. The tax center appointment scheduling line, 568-1040, which will also be scheduling weekend appointments, will become active Jan. 18.

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my hand in between the ribs and you just started to see the bubbles come out of the tip, and I was like, 'OK, we're good,'" Troney said.

The state trooper who had just arrived asked, "Did you just put an ink pen between his ribs?"

"I was like, 'I did,'" Troney said. "And (the state trooper) was like, 'he's on no pain meds,' and I said, 'oh, he felt it, but he's unconscious. He lost consciousness as I was running back to my Jeep because he had lost a lot of blood.'"

When the ambulance arrived about 10 minutes later, the paramedics credited Troney with saving Udger's life, and the state trooper bought him food at the truck stop up the road. Still, Troney said he was afraid Udger might try to sue him if he had made any mistakes. To the contrary, Udger, as soon as he recovered enough to respond, has been contacting government officials, the media and Troney's chain of command – all the way up to his brigade commander, Col. Michael Trotter – and telling them how thankful he is for Troney's actions.

"In an urgent situation (Troney) showed amazing patience and continuous care," said Udger in an email. "He kept talking to me and acted as if the situation was no pressure at all."

In a phone interview, Udger said he is glad Troney left behind his email address so he could contact him, and he has offered to replace Troney's hoodie. Troney said the loss of the hoodie means nothing to him and there is no need for Udger to replace it.

Doctors expect him to make a full recovery, Udger said. Capt. Angel Alegre, commander, Btry. C, 2nd Bn., 3rd FA Regt., 1st SBCT, 1st AD, said he has worked with Troney for about a year and recently became his battery commander. Knowing Troney, his actions at the accident scene do not surprise him, he said.

"Put simply, he is a man of action and excels in times of adversity. It's what he does best," Alegre said. "Sgt. Troney is very attentive and places great emphasis on all Army training. To be available when needed as a Combat Lifesaver (Course) qualified (noncommissioned officer), and especially to have the IFAK readily available sitting in his vehicle, many could say is nothing short of a miracle."

Troney has set the example and represented the battery, the battalion and the brigade very well, Alegre said.

"I will speak for all when I say we are very proud of one of our own, one of our best and brightest, being ready and able to answer when called upon to help someone in need," Alegre said.

Troney said he has been in the Army for about 3½ years and the incident taught him how his training can help others outside the Army.

"I was in a pair of jogging pants and a T-shirt on the side of a highway and somebody's life depended on me slightly knowing a little bit (about emergency medical care)," Troney said. "It wasn't anything crazy (that I knew), but to (Udger), it was his world."

Troney said one of the things Udger told him in an email will always mean a lot to him: "Young man, you will always be my hero. Continue to give back to this world and the people in it. You truly will never know when you will make a life-changing impact to someone."

Troney said he learned from the incident that you never know what a person might need.

"You're just there and you might have what they need," Troney said. "He needed an ink pen to the ribs. Luckily I had an ink pen."

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Fort Bliss traffic advisory: The intersection of Torch Street and Rifleman Tank Trail will be under construction until Feb. 2 to replace concrete. The intersection will remain open. Traffic will be reduced one lane in each direction. The lanes will shift after the completion of each side. For official information, contact USACE at 568-9713.

WSMR Bataan March discounts end Feb. 12: Register for the 2019 Bataan Memorial Death March before the registration rates change to last-minute rates Feb. 12. Event registration ends March 3. \$110, \$500. <http://bataanmarch.com>

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- 1. A Pitt University Color Guard “Navy Girl” cheers at the 85th annual Hyundai Sun Bowl in El Paso, Dec. 31, 2018. Pitt lost to Pac-12 Conference representative Stanford University, 14-13, in the New Year’s Eve bowl game.
- 2. Pitt senior running back Darrin Hall rushed for a game-high 131 yards in the 14-13 loss to Stanford. Pitt players and staff visited Fort Bliss before the weekend to learn about Army life and spread some holiday cheer for troops and families stationed there.
- 3. David Shaw, right, the Stanford University head football coach, joins Oscar Leaser, owner and president of Hyundai of El Paso, as well as El Paso’s former mayor, in raising the trophy.
- 4. Soldiers from the 1st Armored Division recover the divisional and national colors after the game. “People are really appreciative of us,” said Spc. Erick Lopez, a Soldier from Bandit Troop, 1st Battalion, 1st Cavalry Regiment, who helped parade the colors. “They’re thanking us all of the time and we appreciate that. We do it for our families, our country and our people, so it’s all a great honor for us.”
- 5. Total Force troops from across the region joined veterans in displaying a giant American flag on the field during the national anthem before the 85th Annual Hyundai Sun Bowl in El Paso, Dec. 31, 2018.



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Team Bliss joins the party for 85th annual Hyundai Sun Bowl

By David Poe | Fort Bliss Garrison Public Affairs

On Dec. 31, 2018, somewhere in Arizona, a television was tuned to CBS for the 85th annual Hyundai Sun Bowl, but it wasn’t to watch Stanford quarterback K.J. Costello or Pitt running back Darrin Hall in the 14-13 late-game Stanford victory. Instead, it was to watch a lesser-known player named Erick Lopez.

“I definitely told my mom to tune in,” said a smiling Spc. Erick Lopez, a Soldier from Troop B, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, who paraded the colors as part of the colors detail at the event. Organizers also invited Maj. Gen. Patrick Matlock and Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Cobb, the 1st AD and Fort Bliss commander and command sergeant major respectively, to make the ceremonial coin flip before the Pac-12 Conference and Atlantic Coast Conference matchup as part of the Army’s representation for the day’s game.

For almost as long as teams have played in the Sun Bowl, the Sun Bowl Association has invited troops and families from nearby Fort Bliss to participate in Sun Bowl season festivities that run from Thanksgiving Day with the Sun Bowl parade, to the annual college football game on New Year’s Eve.

A windy stadium provided for a lot of rushing as both teams logged almost 400 yards on the ground during the low-scoring game. An ill-timed, yet forward fumble by Stanford’s Costello inside Pitt 5-yard line, which a teammate recovered in the end zone, made for the winning touchdown as both teams played conservatively on offense down the stretch.

During the schools’ bowl weekend in the Sun City, both teams went to Fort Bliss to gear up and get a feel for Army training, as well as meet with troops and military families, and hear from Fort Bliss commanders who offered guidance as they prepared for their game that Monday.

Whether it was something especially cool as some major college football in the Borderland, or a simple interaction with people on the street in El Paso, Lopez said it is easy to be a Soldier in the Sun City.

“People are really appreciative of us,” he said. “They’re thanking us all of the time and we appreciate that. We do it for our families, our country and our people, so it’s all a great honor for us.”

Among the game time crowd, 11-year-old Isela Casillas made the two-hour trip east from Deming, New Mexico, with her family for her first Sun Bowl experience.

“It was fun, despite the cold,” she said, speaking of Sun Bowl stadium, which sat half in chilly shadow by the noon-time kickoff. While she said she’s still being taught the rules of football, she said she was cheering for Pitt, and despite the tough loss, she said she noticed the Panthers seemed more “organized.”

Whether it was the Sun Bowl visitors who were in town to watch their beloved Cardinal and Panthers play, or if they were tuning in on televisions even just to find their Army family members stationed at Fort Bliss, Casillas said it was fun to see – and maybe also to be seen – at the Sun Bowl.

“It’s good that people see who we are and what we’re about,” she said as she watched college kids from snowy Pitt enjoy the mid-winter sunshine in the Chihuahuan Desert. “I had fun. I want to come back next year.”

Lopez agreed.

From the kid from Deming to the Soldier stationed in El Paso, the Borderland and Team Bliss were proud to represent the Borderland Dec. 31. While Pitt went home narrowly vanquished and Stanford left with a trophy, the home team also felt like winners.

“This is a great city,” he said. “Being here and being stationed so close to El Paso, and everyone just knowing who we are – it’s a great feeling.”



ANG firefighters conduct validation exercises at WSMR

By Sgt. Christopher Hernandez |
Fort Bliss Mobilization and Deployment, DPTMS

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. – Roaring down a concrete road not far from the base of the Organ Mountains, two M1142 Tactical Fire Fighting Trucks hastily positioned themselves away from the downed helicopter set ablaze.

The roof turrets from each truck discharged streams of pressurized water onto the flames, and firefighters adorned in structural bunker gear and self-contained breathing apparatuses assembled around the fiery aircraft. These firefighters moved expediently to their task, suppressing the flames of the aircraft while transporting the casualties away from the wreckage.

This wasn't a real-life event, but it has been designed to replicate one as part of the Michigan Army National Guard and Connecticut Army National Guard firefighter units' mobilization validation exercises here Dec. 19, 2018. During the week before Christmas, the 1439th/1442nd Firefighter Teams (Alpena, Michigan) and the 256th Engineer Detachment (East Lyme, Connecticut) trained in sync with each other in preparation for their upcoming deployments.

First Sgt. Brandon Vaughn, the head observer controller/trainer of this validation exercise from the 157th Infantry Brigade, Camp Atterbury, Indiana, said he and other OC/Ts have been working with these detachments since last year.

"Our role out here is to assist First Army West and their validation and deployment to increase their readiness in different situations that they normally wouldn't be in," Vaughn said. "They have limited time to do these evaluations, so we have to hit all of the collective tasks under METT-TC (Mission, Enemy, Terrain & Weather, Troops, Time Available and Civilian Considerations) to ensure that they're trained and proficient under METL (Mission Essential Task Lists)."

To test their adaptive acuity and resolve, leaders immersed the firefighter detachments in multiple training events with irregular circumstances, expectations and challenges.

"So far, we've been through vehicle fires, did some HAZMAT operations training, aircraft search and rescue operations with the helicopter, and did some rescue operations with a downed Cessna airplane," said Sgt. Scott Clark, 1442nd FT, Alpena, Michigan. "We've rescued victims, put out the fires that are there, mitigated any hazards that are on

scene, such as the day before when we had oxygen tanks on board and had to cool those down."

These sporadic conditions of these training events are necessary for the benefit of their readiness, Vaughn said.

"Firefighters tend to get complacent in their training, so since coming out here, we break that up and throw different scenarios at them," Vaughn said. "We put them in different situations like adding oxygen to a fire, putting forth a natural gas leak, and put more victims in other places so we can make them think what to do and change it up."

Michigan and Connecticut National Guard firefighters echoed this sentiment, drawing upon the necessity of expedient readiness as well.

"Putting the heat of the fire on here puts the pressure on us a little bit," Clark said. "Having the mannequins in there puts the life-safety factor upfront too, as we try to get in there and get the victims out. It makes it realistic by having everything there that we would actually have on a crash ... or to the most that a training environment can have."

For Spc. Adam Van Dyke, 1439th FT, Alpena, Michigan, performing these tasks and drills in a new training environment has been conducive to their learning experience.

"It is nice to use different training grounds," said Spc. Adam Van Dyke, 1439th FT, Alpena, Michigan. "We're always used to using the same one back in Michigan, so it's nice seeing a different perspective of different situations that we can face."

One of the most significant advantages to this training week has been the unit cohesion the three National Guard detachments have enriched with one another.

"It really helps us work together, and we go off each other's skill sets since everyone is good at something more than someone else," said Spc. Andrew Sherwood, 256th ED, East Lyme, Connecticut. "Since we've never worked with the Michigan units before, it helps us learn what they are good at, so we can both work together and do better."

Although the OC/Ts have been crucial in guiding these detachments to success, Vaughn attributes a bulk of this process to the firefighters in the White Sands Missile Range.

"The White Sands Fire Department works well with these mobilization units, because without the resources and support of this fire department, we wouldn't be able to do this,"



Photos by Sgt. Christopher Hernandez / Fort Bliss Mobilization and Deployment, DPTMS

An Army National Guard firefighter prepares a fireman's carry on a mannequin while two other firefighters suppress the flame on a downed helicopter fire simulator during the nighttime portion of a search and rescue-training exercise at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., Dec. 19, 2018.



Army National Guard firefighters, in a line formation, extinguish the flames from a downed helicopter fire simulator during the daytime portion of a search and rescue-training exercise.

Vaughn said. "They assisted with the changing up of scenarios, and provided another set of eyes out here. The White Sands Fire Department training section, the chief, and the captain have all been outstanding in assisting with that. It wouldn't have been the same

training if they weren't out here."

Upon the completion of their validation exercises, the 1442nd/1439th FTs and the 256th ED are slated to supplement some of their active-duty counterparts in their mobilization to Eastern Europe.

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Chief Warrant Officer 5 Eric Maule, the chief warrant officer of the air defense branch, speaks to enlisted Soldiers during a brief about becoming a warrant officer at the 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command headquarters, Fort Bliss, Dec. 3, 2018.

(Top right) Maule, head of table, left, speaks during a brief for warrant officers at the 32nd AAMDC headquarters.



32nd AAMDC holds warrant officer training

By Sgt. La'Shawna Custom | 32nd AAMDC Public Affairs
Soldiers from 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command received a double dose of knowledge when Chief Warrant Officer 5 Eric Maule, the chief warrant officer of the air defense branch, held a brief about warrant officers for enlisted personnel. The “Black Jack” team also featured a leader’s professional development training for all warrant officers Dec. 3, 2018, at the command’s headquarters building.
“I like having the opportunity to come out

and talk to the Soldiers,” said Maule. “I like to come out and talk to the noncommissioned officers and see what their concerns are. I like to see the force with whom I support; it’s exciting. It’s good.”
The primary focus of the session was to broaden influence through effective communication and achieve results that enable readiness. “The mentorship that CW5 Maule provided will help 32nd AAMDC produce educated, trained and experienced warrant officers that enhance the command’s ability to win in a complex world,” said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Lucas M. Watterson, an air and missile defense systems tactician/technician from 32nd AAMDC.
During the brief, Maule discussed Army administrative requirements, the air defense warrant officer description, ADA enlisted prerequisites, the application process, promotion timeline and statistics. He also addressed the importance of military compensation and the breadth of opportunities after retirement.
“Warrants are one of a kind,” Maule said. “We have the time and ability to be an expert. This is a different way to live.”
The seasoned ADA adviser spoke of the benefits of becoming a warrant officer. While emphasizing the communication of duty as a Soldier, he highlighted that camaraderie and autonomy are intrinsic to being a trusted professional specific to the warrant officer corps.
“It’s great being a warrant officer,” Maule said. “I’ve been extremely happy with my career. As I spoke with them, I believe this career has given me opportunities to excel that I feel I didn’t have before I became a warrant officer.”
Chief Warrant Officer 5 David Jones, the command chief warrant officer for 32nd AAMDC, presented Maule with a plaque to show his appreciation for mentoring the Black Jack Soldiers.
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32nd AAMDC says farewell to Burnley, welcomes Jacobitz

By Sgt. La'Shawna Custom | 32nd AAMDC Public Affairs
Command Sgt. Major Stephen Burnley and the Alabama Crimson Tide share a common denominator: balancing priorities and leading successful organizations.

Before Burnley, the outgoing command sergeant major of 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, relinquished responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry E. Jacobitz, he left the process for those Soldiers who are aspiring to climb the ladder of success while sustaining balance during the change of responsibility at the Fort Bliss and Old Ironsides Museum Dec. 7, 2018.

Coach Nick Saban is big about the process, said the Alabama football fan.

"In the process, it comes down to one thing that makes the whole team successful and that is: Play your position the very best you can," said Burnley. "There are Soldiers who are looking to get to the next level. It doesn't matter what job you have, but whatever job you do have, do it the best you can. It will be fine. You will be recognized for your effort and performance and you will move on."

During the ceremony, the Crimson Tide fan gave a special thanks to the 1st Armored Division Band; Gen. Robert B. Abrams, commander, U.S. Forces Korea; Lt. Gen. Laura Richardson, acting commanding general, U.S. Army Forces Command; Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Grinston, command sergeant major, FORSCOM; the garrison

leadership; Col. Henri Neubert, deputy commandant, German Air Force at Fort Bliss; and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Zantis, senior enlisted leader, GAF at Fort Bliss.

"I am honored with your attendance to say farewell to my family and I, and welcome CSM Jacobitz and his, and to recognize the leaders standing before you that represent all of the units in the command that do such amazing things," Burnley said. "They are the reason serving in this Army as a leader is such a privilege."

He also acknowledged Brig. Gen. Clement S. Coward Jr., 32nd AAMDC commanding general, for his leadership, and the Soldiers in 32nd AAMDC.

"I am excited about the energy, passion and perspective that you bring to the command," Burnley said. "It has been an incredible experience being a member of this great organization and I don't use the word 'great' lightly. To me, the difference between good and great is the little things and the Soldiers of the 32nd AAMDC have been doing not only the big events well, but the little things too. And that is what makes them great."

When asked how long he plans to serve, the 25-year air defender replied, "Until it's not fun anymore. I'm having fun, you know."

When asked about what gives him energy, he said his number one priority is family, while self-development came in a close second.

"Self-development is an indicator of ini-

tiative and motivation; that's why it's called self," Burnley said. "When I look at that domain, it shows the initiative you have. Are you a self-starter? Or do you only do what you are told to do?"

Some might suspect that Burnley's favorite thing to do as a Soldier is physical fitness. However, his motivation comes from a more personal place.

"I love talking to Soldiers; they motivate me," Burnley said. "I try to talk to them during PT, but they always run out of breath."

Before welcoming Jacobitz and his family back to Fort Bliss, he concluded with the privilege of serving as the top enlisted member of the Black Jack team.

"I am humbled and honored to have had the opportunity to serve with you, tell your story and advocate for our Soldiers and their families," Burnley said. "And that is why I have saved the best for last. I want to recognize and thank the families who steadfastly support their service member and unconditionally love them."

Jacobitz, who has spent 10 of his 25 years of active duty service in the community of El Paso, expressed a similar sentiment.

"Janett and I are excited to be relocated to our second home," Jacobitz said. "Two of our three children were born here in El Paso and attended Chapin High School, our partner in education."

"Black Jack 7 signing on," Jacobitz said.



Sgt. La'Shawna Custom / 32nd AAMDC Public Affairs
Brig. Gen. Clement S. Coward Jr., center, commander, 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, hands the guidon to Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry E. Jacobitz, left, incoming command sergeant major, 32nd AAMDC, during the command's change of responsibility ceremony at the Fort Bliss and Old Ironsides Museum Dec. 7, 2018.

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Brig. Gen. Robert Edmonson II, right, U.S. Forces Command G6, shares a moment with Sgt. Douglas Froberg, a platoon sergeant assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, "Legion," 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, during a visit to Fort Bliss Dec. 14, 2018.

‘Legion’ hosts FORSCOM G6 and sergeant major

By 1st Lt. John Schleg
3rd Bn., 43rd ADA Regt., 11th ADA Bde.

Brig. Gen. Robert Edmonson II, U.S. Forces Command G6, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jack Nichols, FORSCOM G6 sergeant major, toured Fort Bliss Dec. 14, visiting the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, "Legion," 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade.

The visit included the battery's communication relay group and a static display of the antenna mast group and communications relay group specifically designed for an air defense Patriot battalion. In 2016, the Legion battalion became the first air defense organization based in the continental United States issued the latest equipment, Post Deployment Build 8-0 (PDB 8.0), further advancing the combat effectiveness within the Patriot Modernization Unit. The brief included an overview of the equipment and the signal capabilities within the air defense architecture.

Soldiers within the CRG, such as Pfc. Curtis Ferrell, provided a general overview and capabilities of the equipment in addition to describing the ease for Soldiers coming from advanced initial training from Fort Gordon, Georgia, with a follow-on assignment within a Patriot air defense organization.

"The system is simple, reliable and intuitive to set-up," Ferrell said. "Any Soldier coming from (advanced individual training) can be trained on the job for detailed emplacement in a limited timeframe. The steps are simplified for full emplacement."

Sgt. Douglas Froberg, a platoon sergeant, described the operational features of the

CRG and how the system has advanced in recent years for superb air defense capabilities while using the latest communication resources, and relaying data through the Patriot Digital Information Link across the battalion's area of operations in a combat environment.

"With the new upgrades, the system can be used outside of an air defense unit to relay information to other maneuver elements in the battlespace," Froberg said.

First Lt. John Schleg, CRG platoon leader, and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Christian Ortiz, the battalion information services technician, discussed the unique relationship with Signal Corps officers and Soldiers alongside air defense Soldiers, providing high quality communications expertise and Patriot Air defense capabilities within a Patriot unit.

This provides resilient relationships from different branches for a common goal of protecting assets for ground combatant commanders.

"Specific upgrades to the equipment inside the CRG system enhance the signal capability and are able to extend the relay range far beyond its current capabilities," Ortiz said.

The general concluded his visit with the battalion by describing the importance of communications.

"The most important assignments I had were outside of the Signal (Corps) branch," Edmonson said. "The experience gained by learning, implementing and interacting with units using communications equipment, you see how valuable communications are to organization. That's the biggest takeaway for the importance of Signal."

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Year in review: Looking back at 2018

STORY BY WENDY BROWN | FORT BLISS GARRISON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

When not deployed, Soldiers stationed at Fort Bliss took advantage of the installation's 1.2 million acres to train hard in 2018.

The 1st Armored Division's five brigades kept busy throughout the year, with the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team and the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team getting ready for rotations at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California, and ultimately, deployments; the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team returning in June from a deployment to Kuwait; the Combat Aviation Brigade preparing for a deployment to Afghanistan; and the 1st AD Sustainment Brigade's units staying ready on a continual basis.

The 1st AD also wrapped up the Warfighter 19-2 exercise at Fort Bliss in November 2018. The exercise culminated a series of training exercises over six months that tested the division's ability to manage, direct and synchronize across multiple brigades.

Maj. Gen. Patrick Matlock, who assumed command of the 1st AD and Fort Bliss July 12, 2018, pledged during the division's change of command ceremony to keep the Soldiers of Fort Bliss ready.

"No one can predict what the next months and years will hold for us and what missions we'll receive, but I can guarantee you this, our execution of every mission will be characterized by discipline, teamwork, speed and violence, and when necessary, restraint and patience," Matlock said.

"I look forward to these missions and thank you and your families for your continued service, commitment and dedication to duty."

In addition to Matlock, the 1st AD welcomed Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Cobb as the division's new command sergeant major in August, and the 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command at Fort Bliss welcomed a new command team as well in 2018 with Brig. Gen. Clement S. Coward and Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry E. Jacobitz.

The 32nd AAMDC was also proud to host Roving Sands 2018, a joint air defense exercise that integrated Army, Air Force and Marine Corps personnel. The 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, which falls under the 32nd AAMDC at Fort Bliss, held Operation Imperial Reign in October, focusing on chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear training.

The year was also one of triumph for Staff Sgt. Cory Glasgow, assigned to 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, 2nd ABCT, 1st AD, and Staff Sgt. Brandon Mettura, assigned to the 47th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd ABCT, 1st AD, who won the U.S. Army Best Medic Competition at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 20, 2018.

"I feel super pumped, super excited," said Glasgow after learning of the team's win. "This was my fourth time competing."

In August, another 1st AD Soldier, Staff Sgt.

Amanda F. Kelley, made Fort Bliss proud when she earned her Ranger tab at Fort Benning, Georgia, and became the first enlisted woman to earn the distinction.

The year was also a success for William Beaumont Army Medical Center plastic surgeons who announced in May 2018 that they had successfully transplanted a new ear on a Soldier who had suffered the total loss of her left ear after a single-vehicle accident in 2016.

In addition, the installation played host to more than 4,000 Mississippi National Guard Soldiers who trained for a deployment here from March through June. Soldiers assigned to the Guard's 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team held a transfer of authority ceremony in July when they took over from the 2nd ABCT, 1st AD, at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, July 15, 2018. The 2nd ABCT, 1st AD, had spent the previous nine months training with other U.S. Army units and with partner nation forces in the area of operations.

"We as an Army have some of the best equipment, if not the best equipment on the planet," said Col. Chad Chalfont, commander of the 2nd ABCT, 1st AD, during the transfer ceremony. "And the opportunity to employ it here, to gather our teams to train, and get better at our craft every day is at the heart of what we've done here."



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Autologous cartilage in the shape of an ear growing in a patient's forearm is shown as part of cutting-edge total ear reconstruction performed on a 21-year-old Soldier at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, the first of its kind at WBAMC. The hospital announced in May 2018 that surgeons had successfully transplanted the cartilage on the Soldier, who suffered the total loss of the left ear after a single-vehicle accident in 2016.



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Maj. Gen. Patrick Matlock, left, receives the 1st Armored Division flag from Lt. Gen. Laura Richardson during the 1st AD change of command ceremony at Fort Bliss July 12, 2018. Richardson, the U.S. Army Forces Command acting deputy commanding general, came to Fort Bliss to oversee the official change of command to Matlock from Maj. Gen. Pat White, the outgoing 1st AD and Fort Bliss commanding general.



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A child joins a 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Soldier at the Silas L. Copeland Arrival/Departure Airfield Control Group facility at Fort Bliss July 5, 2018. "Iron Brigade" Soldiers returned to Fort Bliss from Kuwait following an almost yearlong deployment in support of Operation Spartan Shield.



Staff Sgt. Killo Gibson / 1st Armored Division Public Affairs

Sgt. Hunter Ford, 6th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, tries to spot possible enemy targets during the Best Sniper competition Aug. 22, 2018, at Fort Bliss as part of Torch Week. Torch Week is a celebration of the great legacy of the 1st AD and honors the Soldiers of the historic division. Soldiers participated in a variety of competitions, a division run and more.



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An AH-64 Apache assigned to 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Armored Division, lands during gunnery training at Doña Ana Range, N.M., Oct. 11, 2018. The Army announced in October 2018 that the brigade will deploy to Afghanistan this year.



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Lt. Col. Jake Cecka, center, the 16th Engineer Bn. commander, marches with his troops and battalion family members during the Santa Ruck on East Fort Bliss Dec. 5, 2018. "It's a great morale boost," said Cecka, clad in his floppy Santa hat and BDUs as he looked back over the sprawling 1st SBCT, 1st AD marching behind him. "You can hear them laughing and having a good time back there and joking. You can click a button and donate anonymously, but showing up means something."

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Staff Sgt. Dorian Guerrero, assigned to 3rd Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, practices setting up and deploying an M18A1 Claymore mine while training for the Expert Infantryman Badge at the Forward Operating Base Endeavor training area at Fort Bliss Jan. 26, 2018.



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Sarah Hughbanks, right, an assistant coach and veteran, helps Master Sgt. Jovan Bowser with her float serve at the Joshua W. Soto Physical Fitness Center at Fort Bliss March 6, 2018, during Army Trials practice. The trials brought together 74 wounded, ill and injured athletes to Fort Bliss to compete in 10 events with hopes of earning a spot on Team Army for the 2018 Department of Defense Warrior Games at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.



Staff Sgt. Felicia Jagdatt / 2nd ABCT, 1st AD

Soldiers assigned to the 1st Battalion, 77th Armored Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, ground guide and stage an M1A2 Abrams Tank after completing a mission during Bulldog Focus at Fort Bliss Feb. 14, 2018. After every mission, the unit gets together and holds an after-action review.



Sgt. Brittany Johnson / 155th ABCT

Soldiers assigned to Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 114th Field Artillery Regiment, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Mississippi Army National Guard, hone gunnery skills as they conduct table XVIII near Doña Ana, N.M., April 28, 2018. The Table XVIII consists of the entire battalion working together to achieve qualification.



Jose E. Rodriguez / U.S. Army

Staff Sgt. Cory Glasgow, right, assigned to 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, and Staff Sgt. Brandon Mettura, assigned to the 47th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd ABCT, 1st AD, hoist up their trophy after winning the U.S. Army Best Medic Competition at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 20, 2018.

Soldiers assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 1st Armored Division, conduct logistics operations during the Warfighter 19-2 exercise at Fort Bliss Nov. 14, 2018. Members of the 1st AD staff considered the battalion and its Soldiers a lifeline during the two-week exercise.

WBAMC compliant for biomarker testing for lung cancers

By Marcy Sanchez | WBAMC Public Affairs
William Beaumont Army Medical Center's Department of Pathology recently conducted a study to monitor compliance rate and to gauge turnaround times of biomarker testing for non-small cell lung cancers, or NSCLCs. The study showed that WBAMC is compliant with national evidence-based guidelines.

The study looked at dozens of cases involving NSCLC, which required biomarker testing from 2015 to 2018.

"At one of our quarterly commission on cancer meetings, it was suggested to perform a study to monitor WBAMC compliance rate of biomarker testing for non-small cell lung cancers. This is one of the Commission on Cancer standards. With this study, not only can we evaluate our compliance rate of biomarker testing for NSCLC, but also we can investigate the turnaround times of these tests that are sent to reference laboratories. The turnaround time measures how fast we can get those test results back to the physician who ordered the biomarker tests once we send them," said Dr. Domingo Rosario, pathologist, Department of Pathology, WBAMC. "Ideally it would be two weeks or less, the study was to evaluate if that is possible or not."

According to research published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related mortality worldwide, with 84 percent of those composed of NSCLC cases. Timely and accurate diagnosis, as well as prompt biomarker testing, are important factors that will help the medical team decide the best treatment approach for the patient. These samples would theoretically lead to a quicker response to potentially life-threatening cancers.

"What we noticed is that two weeks or less is not a realistic turnaround time, because the sample is tested at different sections of the reference lab, and the average turnaround time was 24 days," said Rosario, who authored the study.

While no guidelines exist for turnaround times of biomarker testing for NSCLC, the study does assist pathologists and clinicians in providing realistic expectations for test results, in addition to improving communications with patients regarding diagnosis timeframes.

"Once we get (test results), we will communicate those results immediately to the clinician via emails and through addendums," said Rosario. "Different samples require different molecular tests; we do what the clinician asks for once the cases are discussed at tumor boards."

By keeping communication open with clinicians, the results of biomarker tests are relayed one by one, as they are received, until the complete and final reference lab report is received by the WBAMC Anatomic Pathology Section.



Marcy Sanchez / WBAMC Public Affairs

Dr. Domingo Rosario, pathologist, Department of Pathology, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, studies a tissue sample at the hospital Dec. 10, 2018. A recent study indicates 100 percent compliance with national guidelines for biomarker testing of non-small cell lung cancers and evaluates turnaround times for such testing, leading to improved assessments of sample results turnaround.

"For example, PD-L1 immunohistochemical stain results may be available before EGFR and ALK testing, so we will communicate that PD-L1 result first, so there is not a delay in patient management," said Rosario. This allows immediate options for treatment to be discussed with patients, consequently increasing survival possibility.

"We are doing really well in the hospital even with minimally invasive procedures. The study showed that biopsy samples from Interventional Radiology and surgery, and even cytology specimens (by the pulmonology team) are yielding really good material for these tests," said Rosario. "The trend in patient management is to have a tissue biopsy via minimally invasive procedures. Based on our study, even tiny biopsies that we got were adequate for testing."

According to Rosario, because samples from minimally invasive procedures have proved effective, it may eliminate the need for larger resections to procure samples for biomarkers testing for NSCLC and other diseases. Rosario adds the effectiveness of such testing is a testament to the high-quality patient care clinicians provide in getting a tissue sample.

"Sometimes the patient may not even undergo the resection and they can start treatment based off the tiny sample that we get," said Rosario. "It's really good for (patients and clinicians) because if (results show) a positive lymph node which indicates metastatic adenocarcinoma and clinicians know the patient won't need a resection then they can start treating with chemotherapy based on biomarkers results, just with a few cells."

More importantly, the study reveals 100 percent compliance, over the past four years, for testing of all NSCLC that require biomarker testing, meaning all samples were adequately tested.

"With this study it shows that no patients slipped through the cracks," said Rosario. "That's something really positive for the hospital."

Future initiatives may result in more diverse studies involving colon, melanoma and other non-lung cancer cases to study trends in compliance and turnaround times.

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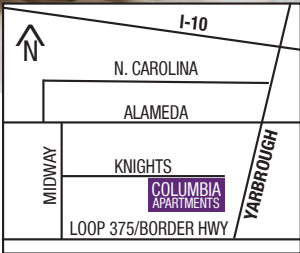
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Total DWIs			
Unit	% of Bliss Population	% of Total DWI	DWIs
JMC	0%	0.00%	
32ND AAMDC	1%	0.00%	
11TH ADA BDE	10%	6.45%	2
JTF North	0%	0.00%	
1/1 AD	15%	22.58%	7
2/1 AD	14%	32.26%	10
3/1 AD	15%	6.45%	2
1AD CAB	9%	16.13%	5
1AD DIVARTY	1%	3.23%	1
1AD SUST BDE	5%	6.45%	2
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31ST CSH	1%	0.00%	
93D MP	3%	3.23%	1
204th MI	1%	0.00%	
86th ESB	2%	0.00%	
80th CA	1%	0.00%	
HHBN 1AD	3%	0.00%	
Garrison	0%	0.00%	
WBAMC	4%	3.23%	1
USASMA	2%	0.00%	
TOTALS			31

Drug Statistics for FY19

Total Drugs Offenses						
Unit	% of Bliss Population	% of Total Drugs	Drugs (UA)	Drug Poss	Drug Distro	Total Drug Incidents
JMC	0%	0.00%				0
32ND AAMDC	1%	0.00%				0
11TH ADA BDE	10%	26.32%	5			5
JTF North	0%	0.00%				0
1/1 AD	15%	5.26%	1			1
2/1 AD	14%	15.79%	3			3
3/1 AD	15%	15.79%	3			3
1AD CAB	9%	10.53%	1	1		2
1AD DIVARTY	1%	21.05%	3	1		4
1AD SUST BDE	5%	5.26%			1	1
5th AR BDE/402ND	1%	0.00%				0
31ST CSH	1%	0.00%				0
93D MP	3%	0.00%				0
204th MI	1%	0.00%				0
86th ESB	2%	0.00%				0
80th CA	1%	0.00%				0
HHBN 1AD	3%	0.00%				0
Garrison	0%	0.00%				0
WBAMC	4%	0.00%				0
USASMA	2%	0.00%				0
TOTALS			16	2	1	19

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January 2019

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(Far East Bliss)
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Area 2
(East Bliss)
Bldg. 20226
Eagle St.

	BRK	LUN	DIN
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NCO center inducts registrar of 33 years into Hall of Honor

By David Crozier | NCO Leadership Center of Excellence

The NCO Leadership Center of Excellence recognized Betty Bradford, the center’s registrar, Dec. 14, 2018, for her 33 years of contributions to the education, training and lineage of the Noncommissioned Officer Corps and NCO Education System by inducting her into the center’s Hall of Honor.

Charles Guyette, assistant dean, U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, hosted the event along with Command Sgt. Maj. Jimmy J. Sellers, the center’s commandant.

“Today I have the honor of introducing the newest inductee into the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy and Non-commissioned Officer Leadership Center of Excellence Hall of Honor,” Guyette said. “We are the proponent for NCO history, so I am going to tie a little bit of history into my remarks.”

Guyette gave a brief history of Army education and training, beginning with Baron Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, the author of the “Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States” (The Blue Book) in 1778. He also talked about the establishment of the 2nd Constabulary Brigade’s NCO school in Munich, Germany, in 1947, the Seventh Army Noncommissioned Officers Academy, and the creation of the Sergeants Major Academy in 1972.

“In 1986 the academy made a significant and lasting investment when Ms. Betty Bradford was hired as a clerk typist,” he said. “She later served as a computer operator, evaluations clerk, academic records clerk, supervisory academic records technician and as the first to date and only registrar in the history of this institution.”

Guyette recounted many of Bradford’s accomplishments, saying she saw both evolutionary change in NCO education and is a part of the revolutionary change of the NCO Professional Development System.

Guyette also noted the 27 NCO Professional Military Education programs of record, supporting more than 250,000 Soldiers and NCOs. He asked those in the audience



Sp. James Seals / NCO Leadership Center of Excellence
Command Sgt. Maj. Jimmy Sellers, left, commandant of the NCO Leadership Center of Excellence, and Betty Bradford, the center's registrar for more than 33 years, unveil Bradford's Hall of Honor plaque that will hang among her fellow honorees on the walls of the center's Cooper Lecture Center at Fort Bliss Dec. 14, 2018.

to raise their hands if they received a 1059 (which shows completion of the sergeants major course) or diploma from a course of the institution, and nearly everyone raised their hands.

“Betty, that is a testament for what you have accomplished in this academy,” Guyette said. “Those hands are Soldiers you personally touched. Every 1059 is a Soldier.”

Guyette concluded his remarks by reading a letter of congratulations from former commandant and Hall of Honor inductee, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Rory Malloy. He then turned the podium over to Sellers for the induction remarks.

“Today is a very historic day,” he said,

noting not only the Hall of Honor induction and Betty’s retirement after 33 years, but for all that is happening at the NCOL CoE – transition from SSD to DLC, work being started on the design of a new academy, and the pending accreditation of the USASMA. “Betty has left a tangible mark on our institution; 33 years of phenomenal work. Everything that was mentioned earlier, she is the definition of revolutionary change.”

Sellers said that in a conversation with Bradford, she relayed to him that she has worked with 17 commandants over the years and he has the honor and displeasure of being the one who finally drove her to retirement.

“In 33 years, a lot of things have changed since Betty became a part of this organization,” he said. “For the past 18 months I have witnessed Ms. Bradford’s tireless efforts. She is committed to excellence. She is dedicated, a professional, selfless, very competent and is the subject matter expert on everything ATTRS and getting folks into school.”

Sellers accompanied Bradford to the center of the stage for the unveiling of her Hall of Honor induction plaque. He then offered Bradford the podium to make a few remarks.

“I am truly honored to be here today,” Bradford said. “The academy has been very good to me and I have been blessed many times over as a member of this organization.”

Bradford thanked her family for their support as well as her second family.

“All of you, are my second family,” she said. “I love my job and will always be grateful to have touched so many lives, but to be touched by so many people in return.”

Bradford specifically recognized Jeanie Tapia, her coworker for many years and said she will miss being a part of a team and the camaraderie that goes with it but will enjoy her time now doing things she loves.

“I am truly humbled,” she said.

The NCO Leadership Center of Excellence Hall of Honor was established in May 2006, with the purpose of providing a highly visible and prestigious means of recognizing individuals who significantly contributed either to the Sergeants Major Academy or to the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development System.

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Things to Do:

Fitness Resolution Health Fair: The annual Fitness Resolution Health Fair is Friday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Soto Physical Fitness Center, Fort Bliss. This event gives patrons the opportunity to check out free 20-25 minute demo classes from Group Fitness, so come dressed to sweat. There will be free body composition analysis from Fort Bliss Personal Training, and five-to-10 minute chair massages by Fort Bliss massage therapists. Free and open to all DOD ID cardholders. Soto PFC is at 20751 Constitution Ave. 744-5800

Have some fun in a steel cage at Liberty Bash: Liberty Bash, presented by Lucha Frontera, is coming to Fort Bliss Friday. Enjoy a night out watching masked wrestlers take the ring with high-flying, body slamming entertainment. The event starts at 6 p.m. at Stout Physical Fitness Center, 2930 Cassidy Road. Marty the Moth and “Scrap Iron” Brad Sanders will team against Jack Evans and Triton. Free and open to the public. It will also be recorded for television. 588-8247

Arsenio Hall: The stand-up comic, actor and former late night host of “The Arsenio Hall Show” will perform at 7:30 and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the El Paso Comic Strip, 1201 Airway. Ticketweb.com. 779-LAFF or laff2nite.com

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Teen Basic Automotive Maintenance Class: SKIESUnlimited will be hosting this event every second Saturday of the month. The program is from noon-3 p.m. Saturdays at Auto Crafts. 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

Mozart’s ‘The Magic Flute’ in Concert: El Paso Opera presents the semi-staged, concert version of the classic fairy tale of love and good versus evil 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at El Paso Scottish Rite Theatre. Directed by El Paso Opera’s new Artistic Director Justin Lucero. Cost: \$39. 581-5534, info@epopera.com or epopera.org

LOL with John ‘The Shamp’ Misquez: The comic brings his “Stupidity Tour” to Las Cruces, New Mexico, 7 p.m. Saturday, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main in the Las Cruces Downtown Mall. Cost: \$8 or four for \$24. (575) 541-2290 or riograndetheatre.org

Texas Hold ‘em: Come out to the Monti Warrior Zone Wednesday from 6-10 p.m. and try your hand at Texas Hold ‘em. Enjoy a night out with friends. Cost: \$15, including one drink of your choice. Open to the public, ages 18 and older. The Monti Warrior Zone is located at 21171 Medic Ave. 741-3000

Shen Yun 2019: The celebration of 5,000 years of Chinese culture through music and dance returns to the area for three shows Feb. 2-3 at the Plaza Theatre. The performance features the world’s foremost classically trained dancers, a unique orchestra blending East and West, and dazzling animated backdrops together in one performance “heavenly realms, ancient legends and modern heroic tales.” Performances are 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$80-\$150. 1-800-380-8265 or ShenYun.com/El-Paso

Pat Garrett Western Heritage Festival: Explore the life, controversies and legacy of Pat Garrett, the Wild West’s most famous lawman, with live musical presentations, movie screenings, reenactments and more starting at noon Feb. 2 at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Best remembered for killing Billy the Kid, Garrett lived in Doña Ana County for 12 years, served as county sheriff for four years and was killed there Feb. 28, 1908. Free. A free opening of images from the early days of movie theatres in Las Cruces is 5 p.m. Feb. 1 in the theatre gallery. A History of Movie Theaters in Las Cruces & Billy The Kid screening is 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2. Admission: \$5. (575) 523-6403 or RioGrandeTheatre.com

We win together

210th RSG Soldiers volunteer to restore, renovate children’s shelter in El Paso

By Sgt. Christopher Hernandez
Mobilization and Deployment, DPTMS Fort Bliss

On a chilly Saturday morning with overcast skies and a moderate wind chill factor, 19 Army Reserve Soldiers from the 210th Regional Support Group – Mobilization and Deployment Brigade/Fort Bliss Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security entered the Child Crisis Center of El Paso to begin working on a project.

It was Dec. 8, 2018, and soon, the removal of floor tiles cracked, brooms swept, paint rollers splashed against wall surfaces, mop buckets squeaked along the floors and animated conversations between the Soldiers resonated throughout the facility.

The project was an all-volunteer effort conducted by the 210th RSG Soldiers, continuing their community outreach initiative with the CCCEP during their mobilization here from Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. For two consecutive weekends, these Soldiers painted, replaced floor tiles, fixed window panes and performed other minor touch-ups to five children’s bedrooms and office areas of the CCCEP.

“This was a good initiative for us to do something for Christmas, for these kids that don’t have anything to share with other people,” said Sgt. 1st Class Angel Rodriguez, noncommissioned officer in charge of the operations cell for the Fort Bliss Soldier Readiness Processing Center. “This was a good opportunity for us to give something back to the community while we are here.”

Created in 1980, the CCCEP has provided El Paso and Fort Bliss with programs and services that comprise of emergency interventions, housing and sheltering of abused and neglected children and educational and tangible support for military families and single parents.

“We are a nonprofit organization, and for 38 years, we had the opportunity to support the local community and military families,” said Andrew Castaneda, shelter supervisor for the CCCEP. “This project was able to come about through a wonderful grant in which we were the beneficiaries of, and allowed for the purchase of items that will be used to restore these bedrooms. And of course, also from the generosity, manpower and expertise of these Soldiers who were willing to use those resources to good use.”

For the 210th RSG Soldiers, this was an opportunity for them to showcase their gratitude for the CCCEP by giving back to them.

“I really appreciate what the center does for the community in El Paso,” said Capt. Crystal Maldonado, assistant security manager for the physical security section of the 210th RSG/MaD Bde. “They are there for the community and the kids, so the least we can do is go and help them out as much as we can.”

The community outreach project came to fruition immediately after the 210th RSG’s donation drive Nov. 1, 2018. Then, 210th RSG Soldiers from the Fort Bliss SRPC and



Photos by Sgt. Christopher Hernandez / Mobilization and Deployment, DPTMS Fort Bliss
Staff Sgt. Jose Morales, the personnel section (demobilization) noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the 210th Regional Support Group/ Fort Bliss Mobilization and Deployment Brigade – Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, carries brooms through a hallway during the unit’s restoration and volunteer efforts at the Child Crisis Center of El Paso Dec. 8, 2018. Although the 210th RSG’s primary mission is to facilitate Fort Bliss demobilization/mobilization processes and logistics, Army Reserve Soldiers from the unit have also maintained an altruistic relationship with members of the local El Paso community.

special projects and facilities section met with each other to develop three courses of action, pre-labor assessments and implementation controls.

“Our commander expressed to the management that we have certain skills that can be used to help them refurbish the kids’ rooms,” Rodriguez said. “We then came up with three different vendors and materials to conduct this work, based on safety, durability and also the costs and the quality of the materials. So, we sent that information to the (chief executive officer) of CCCEP, the CEO decided which materials to buy, they went out to buy those materials and we then developed a legal assessment for us to conduct and execute this plan.”

Shortly afterward, separate teams of 210th RSG Soldiers went to CCCEP during this four-day effort to restore and renovate the CCCEP.

“We removed the damaged carpets, prepared the (floor) surfaces, installed new vinyl composition tiles, removed old wall bases and put up new ones, and painted the walls,” said Sgt. 1st Class Isaias Diaz, NCOIC of the special projects and facilities section of the 210th RSG/MaD Bde.

Diaz said there was other additional work performed that wasn’t in the initial solicitation, which included renovating some of the offices, repainting the building rooftop and fixing a couple of door frames.

“On labor, they saved about \$5,000,” Diaz said. “If a contractor was doing that work for them, then that would (have been) the cost the labor that they would have paid for those services.”

Project completion was attained on Dec. 16, 2018, two days earlier than originally forecasted.

Albeit, future community outreach initiatives with the CCCEP have yet to be confirmed, but the 210th RSG/MaD BDE commander, Col. Javier Rivera, has pledged his support for the center until the unit’s demobilization in April.

“One of the things that we’re really excited about is that this is a relationship that is going

to continue to grow,” Castaneda. “This project was more than just remodeling or touching up. For the children who reside in our center, this is an environment where we strive to create a safe environment, and a safe haven for them too.”

Through their altruistic endeavors and steadfast commitment to the El Paso community, the 210th RSG Soldiers exemplify the Army values of “duty,” “selfless service” and “honor.”

“I would like to thank all of those that are involved, who have organized, collected tools and everything else needed, and all the way to the commander for being so generous with his Soldiers’ time and allowing them to give back to the community,” Castaneda said. “This will ensure that we can continue to provide these wonderful services to military families and all those who live in our community.”

The center offers services and support to Fort Bliss service members through its Military Family and Veteran Prevention Program. For more information, contact CCCEP at 562-7955 or visit their website at www.child-crisiselp.org.



Sgt. Carlos Rojas, base operations and facilities noncommissioned officer of the 210th Regional Support Group/ Fort Bliss Mobilization and Deployment Brigade – Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, applies a fresh coat of paint on a wall for a children’s bedroom during the unit’s restoration and volunteer efforts at the Child Crisis Center of El Paso, Dec. 8, 2018.



Photos by Miguel De Santiago / Special to the Fort Bliss Bugle
Santa Claus took time out of his busy schedule to meet and take pictures with military children at the Armed Services YMCA Christmas event, “Cookies with Santa,” in El Paso Dec. 14, 2018.



Preregistered children received more than 300 gifts during the Armed Services YMCA Christmas event, “Cookies with Santa,” in El Paso Dec. 14, 2018.

Cookies with Santa: Armed Services YMCA El Paso holds Christmas event

By Miguel De Santiago | Special to the Fort Bliss Bugle

The Armed Services YMCA and its community partners distributed more than 300 toys to preregistered Fort Bliss families Dec. 14, 2018.

This was just one component of the yearly Christmas celebration the facility holds. Dubbed “Cookies with Santa,” the event featured an appearance by Santa Claus, along with plenty of food and drink.

“Through the generosity of Fort Bliss and the El Paso community we’re able to do this,” said Joe Pritchard, executive director of the Armed Services YMCA in El Paso. “It shows the great ties we have with El Paso and those that want to support our military and families, otherwise this wouldn’t be possible.”

Pritchard said the yearly event keeps growing in scope thanks to the increasing generosity of the community.

“Our outreach has extended more in the last year than it ever has, as far as us going out into the local community and asking

people to partner with us,” Pritchard said. “This has been a huge team effort within the city of El Paso and Fort Bliss to make this come true for so many of our military children.”

The facility was packed with many families as volunteers dressed as elves ushered them to meet and take pictures with Santa and choose a gift.

Sgt. Antoine Ealy, who was attending with his family, said events like this one are important for morale.

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Santa Claus greets military children at the Armed Services YMCA Christmas event, “Cookies with Santa,” in El Paso Dec. 14, 2018.



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“Cookies with Santa” is an annual event at the Armed Services YMCA El Paso, and 15 organizations and their volunteers helped put the event together Dec. 14, 2018.

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“Soldiers are really busy, so there’s a lot of time that we can’t spend with our families and things like this are very important to bring them to,” Ealy said. “This is such a big joy. This is awesome that the YMCA would

even coordinate things like this. I would like to thank all of them for their service.” There was definitely a ton of Christmas cheer, cookies and pizza to go around. Pritchard said organizers plan the event months in advance and it is a giant volunteer effort. This year, 15 organizations and their

volunteers assisted in producing the event. “This Christmas event really takes care of the Soldier, but more importantly it takes care of the family,” said John Bailly, board chair for the Armed Services YMCA El Paso. “When a Soldier serves, their family serves. This is our opportunity to say thank you to

not only the Soldier, but also their family that serves with them.” For more information on the Armed Services YMCA El Paso and their services call 562-8461 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/asymcaelpaso>.

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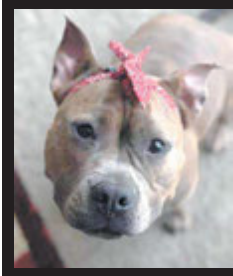


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VA assists GI Bill beneficiaries with Education Corporation of America closure

By U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will assist GI Bill students affected by the December closure of Education Corporation of America's approximately 70 campuses.

The VA is in the process of identifying GI Bill beneficiaries currently enrolled at ECA and informing them of follow-on options.

If schools close in the middle of a term and Post-9/11 GI Bill students do not receive credit, they may be eligible for restoration of entitlement used during that term.

"ECA announced this closure with little warning for its students, including GI Bill beneficiaries. VA remains committed to serving affected veterans and providing them with the means to continue pursuing their educational goals," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie.

On Dec. 4, 2018, the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools notified ECA of its decision to withdraw, by suspension, the current grants of accreditation of all the institutions owned by Virginia College. On Dec. 5, 2018, ECA announced that it would be closing all its campuses in December 2018 for the following ECA brands:

- Brightwood College
- Brightwood Career Institute
- Ecotech Institute
- Golf Academy of America
- Virginia College

The Post-9/11 GI Bill is a VA-administered education benefit available to veterans or active duty service members with qualifying active duty service after Sept. 10, 2001. Certain members of the Reserves who lost education benefits when the Reserve Educational Assistance Program ended in November 2015 may also be eligible to receive restored benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Filing a final tax return for a deceased spouse

By Capt. Vy D. Nguyen | Fort Bliss Tax Center

One of Benjamin Franklin's many famous quotes was "... in this world nothing can be certain, except death and taxes."

Even when a person dies, taxes are still inescapable. A final tax return is usually due for the year of death. Either the surviving spouse or a personal representative as an executor (if directed in a will) can file it. The word "deceased" and the date of death must be written across the top of the return.

If a service member dies in a combat zone, write "KIA" across the top and identify the combat zone. For example, "Operation Enduring Freedom-KIA." Ensure that a proof of death form, DD Form 1300, is attached to the return. The Internal Revenue Code does forgive all tax liability attributed to all income of the deceased service member who dies from wounds, disease or injury incurred while on active service in a combat zone. Only the service member's tax liability is forgiven. If filing a married filing joint return, the surviving spouse is still liable for his or her own taxes.

If the surviving spouse files "married filing jointly" with the deceased on his or her tax return, the surviving spouse may qualify to file as a qualifying widow(er) for up to two years. A qualifying widow(er)'s filing status has preferential tax rates and deductions, and may impact certain tax credits. To qualify as a qualifying widow(er), the taxpayer must not get remarried and must maintain a home for a dependent child.

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‘Wise men (and women) still seek Him’

By Chaplain (Col.) Allen Staley
Fort Bliss Installation Senior Chaplain

Now that Christmas has come and gone, the New Year has begun, decorations have already been (or soon will be) put away and resolutions are already starting to fall by the wayside, I wonder how many of us realize that for many the Christmas season ended just this week with what many people of faith call “Epiphany?” This holiday actually celebrates the “appearance” of the Wise Men, who, although they are usually in our nativity scenes throughout the Christmas season, actually did not arrive in Bethlehem until up to two years after Jesus was born.

While we know very little about these “Magi” before or after their epic journey from the east, the things they did during their brief appearance in the Christmas story (Matthew 2) can help us learn how to be “wise” men and women as we start our own epic journey into 2019, whatever our religious pilgrimage may be. As we ponder our goals and make our plans or resolutions for the coming year, let us consider the following:

First, these Magi had or sought a relationship with the divine. One of the world’s wisest men, King Solomon, wrote in his renowned book of wisdom, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Proverbs 9:10). The source and proof of the Magi’s wisdom was their spiritual connection. I can’t think of a greater purpose for our lives this year than to grow deeper in our faith. The Magi made a costly journey hundreds of miles over a hot and dangerous desert for months to satisfy their spiritual yearnings. While you and I are investing time, money and sweat in our physical fitness this year, how much of an investment are we willing to make in our spiritual fitness?

Second, the Magi had an awareness of God’s will through examining the scriptures. They may not have been expert theologians, but their time in the scriptures at least got

them pointed in the right direction. Their hunger for the truth brought them to the truth. As you and I ponder the direction of our lives for this year and beyond, I suggest that the more we expose ourselves to the holy scriptures, the clearer God’s directions for our life journey can become.

Third, the Magi had a willingness to follow the leadership of God. Though they were among the wisest and most elite of their society, they were teachable. Their faith allowed them to attempt the impossible, to launch into the unknown and thus change not only their lives, but change the course of history. Imagine what we can achieve in our lives and the lives of others in 2019 if we are willing to follow the leadership of the Divine. Great leaders are also great followers.

Fourth, the Magi had a communication with their Higher Power. They may not have been prayer warriors, but in a simple, yet profound way, they sought and listened to God’s communication with them, allowing them to avoid a disastrous course of action. As military men and women, we can understand the importance of communications with “higher.” As wise men and women, we would do well, when seeking direction for our life journey, to commit ourselves to a deepened practice of prayer this year.

Fifth, the Magi not only understood, but set the standard for generosity, as evidenced in their costly, thoughtful and practical gifts. Their giving spoke volumes about their values, knowledge and commitment. Whether giving tithes and offerings, alms, charitable contributions or sharing of our time and talents to help others, our giving speaks volumes about us as well. A spirit of generosity not only helps and encourage others, but is an indicator and strengthener of our spiritual, emotional and physical well-being. We would be “wise” to practice and grow in our generosity not just during the holidays but throughout the year. As it says in 2 Corinthians 9:7, “God loves a cheerful giver.”

Finally, the Magi freely and bravely spoke about their spiritual quest, even to the king, at great peril to themselves. They were not silent about their mission, and we would not

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expect that as they returned to their homeland after this remarkable journey they kept it to themselves either. We know nothing of these men after they leave the pages of the book of Matthew, but many feel they may have had a definite and historic spiritual impact in that region. A true mark of wisdom is to share the knowledge we gain with those around us who would benefit from it. As truly wise men and women, I challenge you to

join with me in sharing our spiritual lessons learned with people in our circles of influence so they can increase in the wisdom and success brought about by a deeper personal faith.

May you and I, when 2019 has come and gone, be able to say we have come out a “different way” than we entered in, changed for the better by our journey of faith.

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Worthless car, priceless memories

By Lisa Smith Molinari | www.themeatandpotatoesoflife.com

“She served us well for 13 years,” I thought wistfully, as my husband and I drove our 2005 Sienna minivan to the local CarMax to trade her in last week. Although her trusty engine still spun like a top, our family vehicle had too many problems to ignore. Passing another state vehicle inspection would have required a couple thousand dollars or a crooked mechanic, so we had decided to upgrade. But I’d been with her so long, I had mixed emotions.

I remembered when we bought her while stationed in Virginia Beach. She was slightly used, but sparkling white. With only 8,000 miles on her odometer, she still had that new car smell.

I tried to keep her tidy, but she was soon sprinkled with dog hair, cold french fries, fruit snacks and Polly Pockets. Her cup holders were perpetually sticky; child car seats were strapped into back seats, and the cargo area held folding chairs, Gatorades and smelly cleats for soccer and flag football games.

Each of our carsick-prone children took turns upchucking on her upholstery. And our dog, Dinghy, once ate a dead fish on the beach and threw it up in the backseat on the way home. By the time we moved to Germany, that “new car smell” had degraded into an unpleasant sourness disguised by fre-

quent applications of Febreeze. She braved speedy autobahns, winding mountain passes and former communist territories to deliver us to travel destinations all over Europe. When not on the road, she waited faithfully outside our military apartment, crusted with salt for three long winters. A subsequent tour in the searing heat of Florida cracked her dashboard, but she logged thousands more miles on her odometer during carpools, orthodontist appointments, piano lessons, vacations, football games and cross country meets.

For her last five years in Rhode Island, our minivan saw our three children through high school and off to college before giving in to age. Her headlights turned hazy yellow. Her paint became a dull, dirty white. Her dashboard warning lights stayed on (something about needing an O2 sensor). Every time it rained, water dripped from the rearview mirror. I tried stopping the leak by sealing the windshield, which only added flapping duct tape to the myriad of embarrassing blemishes. The automatic sliding door had long stopped working, and the other door was missing its handle. She had logged over 230,000 miles. It was definitely time.

We parked our Sienna in the CarMax lot, and waited at a desk for the sales associate and mechanic to inspect the minivan. As I wondered what her fate would be, I thought

of my old yellow Schwinn bicycle. It was an elementary school birthday present. Pedal brakes, cruiser handlebars, yellow painted chrome – a real classic. I knew her so well, I could steer her using only my body-weight. I would stand on her pedals, stretch my arms out wide, and coast from the top of the hill through the curve in Chestnut Street without touching the handlebars, with the wind in my hair, listening to the cards snapping loudly on her spokes.

Even though that beloved yellow Schwinn had become my trusted friend, I eventually had to trade her in, just like the minivan. “How much do you think we’ll get for the Swagger Wagon?” we’d asked friends.

“I guess it depends on how much gas is left in her tank,” was the best answer we got.

After speaking with the mechanics, the CarMax representative sat down at the desk and tapped numbers into a computer.

“Mr. and Mrs. Molinari, there are several significant problems with your van,” she began, proceeding with a laundry list of things we already knew, “so we are willing to offer you ...” She spun the monitor around so we could see what their algorithm had decided.

There, in bold letters on a blue screen, we read “\$400.”

We weren’t mad, we didn’t argue, we didn’t shed tears – we cracked up laughing.

We found it hilarious that our family had



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used up so much of that minivan’s value, she was nearly worthless. But it was also comforting to know that the memories we’d made while driving her were truly priceless.

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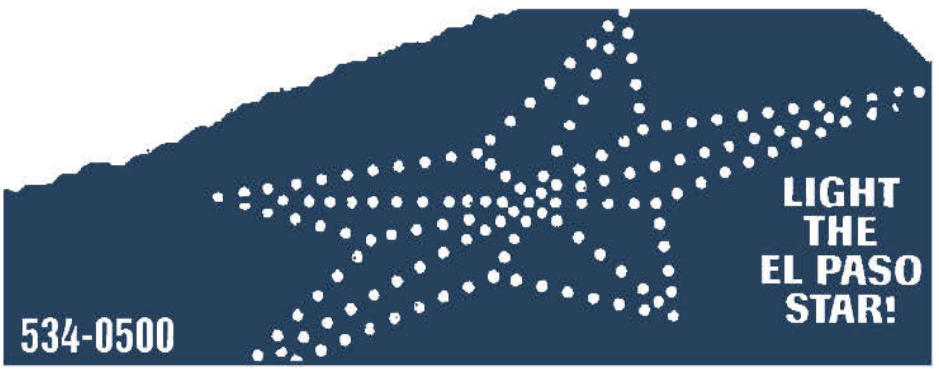
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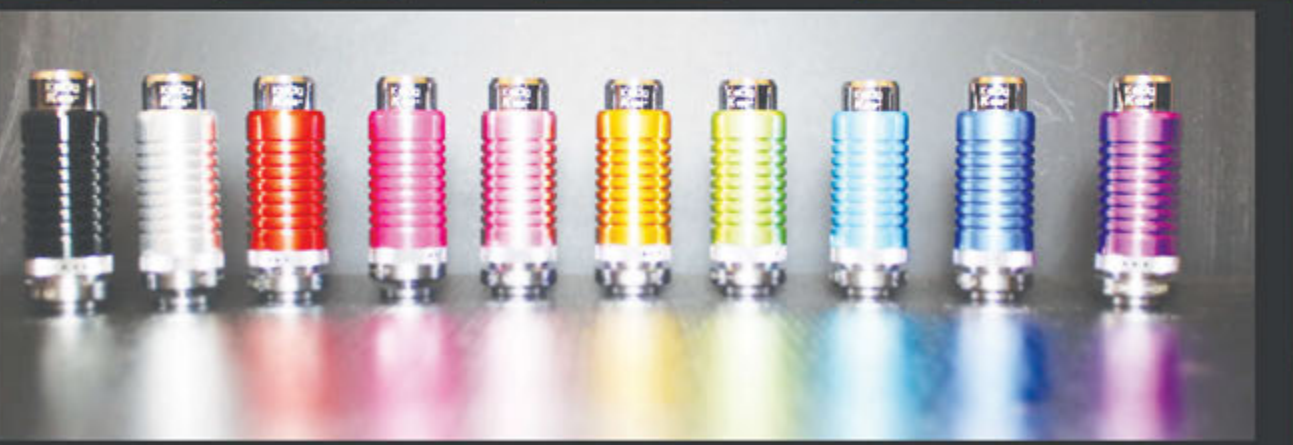
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Photos by Sarahi Yescas / Fort Bliss Bliss Ministry Outreach Coordinator
An Army family gathers for a photo with the big man, Santa Claus, at the Grand Theatre at Freedom Crossing at Fort Bliss Dec. 18, 2018.

‘It came without packages, boxes or bags’

Fort Bliss RSO, families enjoy ‘The Grinch’ as part of holiday team building

By David Poe
Fort Bliss Garrison Public Affairs

The Fort Bliss Religious Support Office held their Fort Bliss Unit Ministry Team Family Holiday Celebration at the Grand Theatre at Freedom Crossing at Fort Bliss Dec. 18, 2018. In all, 182 chaplains and religious affairs specialists, and their families,

enjoyed holiday fare and fellowship before a showing of the “The Grinch.” Sarahi Yescas, the Fort Bliss ministry outreach coordinator, said the event focused upon team building and to serve as an expression of gratitude to the Fort Bliss UMTs and their families for their continuous and dedicated support of the Fort Bliss military community.



Army kids gather for a photo with the big man, Santa Claus, at the Grand Theatre at Freedom Crossing at Fort Bliss Dec. 18, 2018.



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Big kids enjoy some cookies at the Grand Theatre at Freedom Crossing at Fort Bliss Dec. 18, 2018.

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Half Marathon: Participate in the Half Marathon and 5K run at Fort Bliss at 7:30 a.m. Jan. 26. Registration is open now until day of the event. Registration is required and can be done by Jan. 20 at the Soto, Stout or Milam physical fitness centers or by Jan. 23 online at raceroster.com. Children, ages 10-15, who want to participate must have parent or guardian sign a waiver form. Children ages 9 and younger can participate with a participating parent/guardian. Late registration and packet pick-up will be at Soto PFC Jan. 25 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m., also on Jan. 25 from 6-7 a.m. There will be an additional \$10 late fee for Half Marathon and 5K registering after Jan. 23. This event is open to all. Cost: \$15 for active duty/retirees, \$40 for all others. 5K is \$15 for everyone. 744-5785

GRIT Games: You can’t go anywhere fast if you don’t know where you are going. Take advantage of GRIT games, an eight-week training program, to increase your fitness level or to get back in the game. The program starts Jan. 19 and runs through March 15. Program includes three GRIT or SPRINT classes per week and a specialty one-hour feature class every Saturday, a personalized nutrition coaching session every other week, and beginning and ending body composition analysis consultation. Registration deadline is Tuesday. Cost: \$199. 744-5790

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

Group tennis class for beginners: Group tennis class for beginners is from 8:30-10 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday at Building 262 on Club Road. It is a social and fun class, and if you’ve never played tennis before, it is a great introduction to the sport. Tennis rackets provided. 569-5448

UTEP Women’s Basketball: Home games are in the Don Haskins Center. Game times are 7 p.m. Thursday and 1 p.m. Saturday. Cost: \$5 general admission. Information: 747-5234 or utepathletics.com. Next games are Jan. 17 against UAB; Jan. 19 against Middle Tennessee; Jan. 31 against Marshall; and Feb. 2 against WKU.

El Paso Puzzler: The 12th annual endurance mountain bike race is 8 a.m. Jan. 20 at Bowen Ranch’s Round House, 2.6 miles north of US 54 on Martin Luther King Jr. (FM 3255). Mountain bike races of 15, 35 and 50 miles offered. Hosted by the Border Mountain Bike Association. Registration: \$70 for 15 miles; \$75 for 35-miles; \$80 for 50-miles. Deadline is Jan. 17. Information: 433-1752, elpasopuzzler.com or on Facebook at El Paso Puzzler Mountain Bike Race. Registration at newmexicosportsonline.com. Packet pickup is 1-5 p.m. Jan. 19, and 7-7:30 a.m. on race day at the race venue. Registration at Jan. 19 packet pickup is an additional \$10.

El Paso Coyotes: El Paso’s Major Arena Soccer League team hosts the Rio Grande Valley Barracudas at 7:15 p.m. Feb. 2 at the El Paso County Coliseum. Individual tickets: \$12 general admission; \$20 box seating; kids admitted free with purchase of adult ticket. 229-1416, elpasocoyotes.com or on Facebook and Twitter



Photos courtesy of FMWR
A golfer tees off at Gen. George V. Underwood Golf Complex Golf Complex near West Fort Bliss.



1. Dallas Cooke, manager at Underwood, stand with some of the complex’s new golf E-Z-GO golf carts. David Burge, Special to the Fort Bliss Bugle
2. One of Underwood Golf Complex’s practice putting surfaces with the clubhouse in the background. David Burge, Special to the Fort Bliss Bugle
3. A youngster works on his game at the Gen. George V. Underwood Golf Complex Golf Complex near West Fort Bliss. Courtesy of Fort Bliss FMWR

Upgrades in course engineering, gear sparking resurgence at FMWR Underwood Golf Complex

By David Burge | Special to the Fort Bliss Bugle
The folks at the Gen. George V. Underwood Golf Complex have a message for Fort Bliss and the military community in the Borderland: If you haven’t been out to Underwood in a while, they want you to stop by for a visit and check out what the golf complex has to offer.

During the past few years, Underwood – a Fort Bliss Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facility, which has two 18-hole courses – has made a number of significant improvements to keep up with the times and be more competitive with other courses in the El Paso area, said Dallas Cooke, the manager at Underwood.

“Every golf course needs to be competitive and needs to keep up with what is going on in the golf world today,” Cooke said. “Golf has got a tighter competition. Each golf course is trying to improve, because every dollar is so important.”

One of the most significant moves came last spring – when a new well started pumping – giving the complex two working wells, Cooke said.

For several years, Underwood had to operate with just one well. But with the new one now operational, that will give the courses a much greener look come this springtime, Cooke added.

“The last couple of years we had a setback with the limited amount of water we have been able to put on the course, but I am expecting big things in 2019 and to get back on track and get the golf course in much better shape,” Cooke said.

Underwood has also added a new fleet of 131 E-Z-GO golf carts – all equipped with a new global positioning system. The GPS system gives you a drone’s eye view of each hole, almost like having a virtual caddy onboard, Cooke said.

You can also use the system to order food and drinks and have them delivered out on the course.

The courses also feature six Golfboards – which are like motorized skateboards that you can strap your clubs to and then cruise around the complex.

In addition, Underwood has upgraded its Performance Center to include a Trackman system. This machine can electronically fit a golfer with the right size clubs and analyze their swing.

The Trackman also has an electronic game in which you can play about 50 different world-famous courses.

New carpeting, furniture, a television and a refrigerator have been added to the Performance Center, giving it a nice homey, kick-back feel. It can be rented out and used to host parties, Cooke said.

“We’re trying to think outside of the box,” said Kenny Meador, the assistant professional at Underwood. “The golf industry has been on the decline or pretty stagnant for the past eight-to-10 years. It is our job – as golf professionals – to look at other means to attract people to come out.”

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Underwood Golf Complex is run by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Profits from Underwood are put back into the courses to make them better, Cooke said.

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Days of Remembrance Bridal, Quince and Sweet 16 Expo: The 29th annual event is 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 20 at the El Paso Convention Center. The event will have more than 120 vendors with wedding gowns, quinceañera and sweet 16 dresses, ballrooms, photographers, tuxedos, florists, jewelers, skincare, eye care, DJs, bakers and more. Samples and giveaways offered. Cost: \$5; free for children under 12. 740-4349 or elegantpenguinelpaso.com

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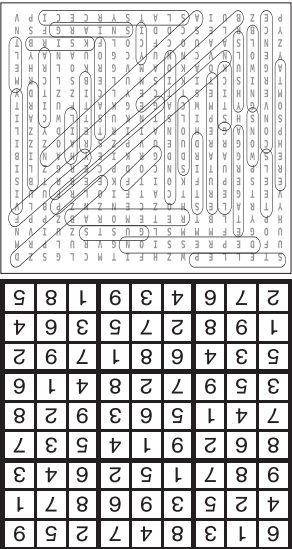
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