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## New commander takes charge of Missile Defense Test Detachment

**By Vanessa Flores** WSMR Public Affairs

Maj. Benjamin W. Klandrud assumed command of the 3rd Battalion. 6th Air Defense Artillery Air Missile Defense Test Detachment (3-6 ADA AM-DTD) from Capt. Kevin M. Ryan on Sept. 24 at White Sands Missile Range during a change of command ceremony.

Lt. Col. Joseph C. Scott, the 3-6 ADA Battalion Commander officiated the ceremony and provided remarks.

"Over the last year. Capt. Kevin Ryan has led the dog pound through good times and bad, through tragedy and triumph, as he and his Soldiers strove to make our branch stronger and more capable for the battlefields of tomorrow," said Scott

The test detachment and their organization's



Maj. Benjamin W. Klandrud, left, assumed command of the 3rd Battalion, 6th Air Defense Artillery Air Missile Defense Test Detachment during a change of command ceremony Sept. 26, 2019 at White Sands Missile Range. The ceremony was hosted by Lt. Col. Joseph C. Scott, the 3rd Battalion, 6th Air Defense Artillery Battalion Commander.

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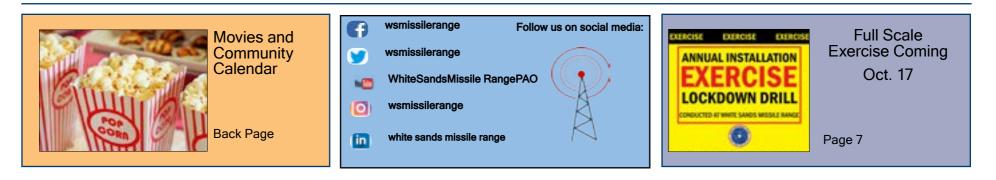
Rvan commanded the test detachment for about a vear. Upon graduating from the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, he was assigned to the 11th Brigade. He took command of C Battery 1st Battalion, 43rd Army Defense Artillery where he deployed to Bahrain in support of Inherent Resolve.

"Through this past year at command through the bad times and the good I watched 138 Soldiers band together and look out for each other like a family. I am truly grateful for each one of vou and will never forget you all," said Ryan. "Maj. Klandrud, welcome to the team, please look out for the Soldiers and take care of them, I know you will do a great job."

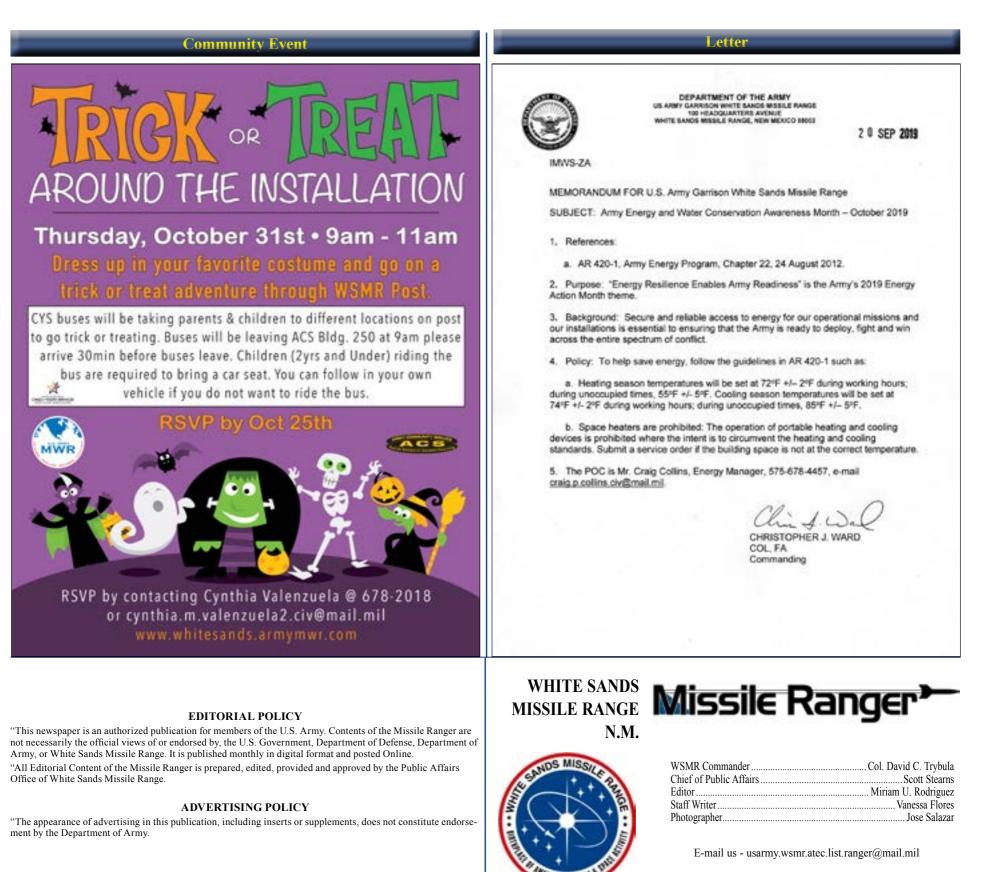
fourth permanent change of station in the El Paso and White Sands area. He was previously the Executive Officer of the Combined Task Force Defender for the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade in the Republic of Korea.

"Thank you for being at today's change of command ceremony. First of all. I want to thank Col. Scott and Col. Barnette. who could not be here, for the opportunity to serve as the detachment commander," said Klandrud. "Being a leader of troops has always been the most rewarding experience in my career. I look forward to the unique challenge that this White Sands unit has"

Originally, from Brookfield, Wisconsin, Klandrud was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the Air Defense Artillerv Branch after graduating This is Klandrud's from Ripon College. 👎



# Announcements



# Missile Ranger Second Front —

# WSMR welcomes Staff Judge Advocate Lt. Col. Farmer

**By Miriam U. Rodriguez** Missile Ranger Editor

White Sands Missile Range Staff Judge Advocate Lt. Col. Brett Farmer is keeping the beat at WSMR as the new Staff Judge Advocate.

Farmer, who enjoys playing the drums as a hobby, said he is glad to be at WSMR "You can't beat the view of the Organ Mountains," he said.

Farmer said his first impression was that WSMR is definitely a change of pace from Fort Bliss, where he was assigned as a deputy Staff Judge Advocate, before coming to WSMR, but the variety of missions here and issues that arise as a result of those missions is staggering.

"Fortunately, I've got an excellent team, and some of them have been here for quite some time and have shown me the



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY MIRIAM U. RODRIGUEZ Lt. Col. Brett Farmer is the new Staff Judge Advocate at WSMR.

#### ropes," he said.

Farmer said he joined the Army as a result of a positive experience he had as a student one summer. While a sophomore in high school he received a letter in the mail inviting him to come out to a West Point Military Academy Summer program for two weeks.

He applied and was accepted and spent two weeks there at no cost. While there he found out about being an Army officer and got information about several career fields.

When it was time to graduate from high school he applied to West Point and was accepted.

Farmer said he decided early on in high school what he was good at and what he liked to do and decided to pursue a career in those areas. Since he was good at public speaking and liked to read, but definitely did not like math. he decided to become a lawyer.

While at the summer camp one of the electives was a mock trial. The judge preceding in the mock trial was a judge advocate. Farmer spoke to him afterwards and asked him about the career. He explained to him about the Funded Legal Education Program.

The program authorizes the selection of 25 active duty Army officers each year to obtain a legal education at government expense.

"You come back and serve in the Army as a judge advocate," he said.

Farmer said he kept that information in the back of his mind for future reference. After he graduated and was commissioned he applied and was accepted to the Funded Legal Education Program, after which he was accepted into law school.

"The plan was simple - you come up with a plan and work backwards from where you want to be and everything falls into place," Farmer said when asked how he made planning his career seem so easy.

Farmer said not too many people know about the Funded Legal Education Program, but it is a great program and more people should apply for it

In reference to his goals while at WSMR, Farmer said he wants to do a good job.

"I would like to con-

sistently provide good, sound, reasonable advice that makes people's lives easier, and help our commanders make well informed decisions."

Speaking on leadership roles, Farmer said that from the time he was a cadet until now he has almost always been in a position where he is in charge of people.

One thing he has learned is that the key to being in charge of people is really just two things: If you want people to follow you – take everyone seriously – at every level, and if you want to motivate people – the single best motivator and most powerful motivator is gratitude.

"If people feel you are appreciative of what they have done they will walk through walls for you," Farmer said. "Be grateful for their work and show them genuine gratitude."





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# Haunted House ASAP Training



PHOTO BY VANESSA FLORES

The Army Substance Abuse Program hosted a haunted house version of annual training for employees during three days in October at the Professional Development Center.



Employees travelled from room to room where they were subjected to information dealing with suicide prevention, DWI and drug and alcohol abuse among other issues.



PHOTO BY VANESSA FLORES

Employees got a chance to experience part of the general haunted house experience at the end of the training sessions.



PHOTO BY VANESSA FLORES

A family friendly version of the haunted house titled The Frightening Forest was offered to WSMR's general public on Friday.

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# **Fire Prevention Week Open House**



PHOTO BY VANESSA FLORES

The White Sands Missile Range Fire Department hosted an open house during Fire Prevention Week Oct. 6 to 12. WSMR Garrison Commander Col. Chris Ward signed the proclomation.



The theme for this year was "Not every hero wears a cape: Plan and Practice your Escape!". An employee practices putting out a simulated fire in a kitchen.



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WSMR Fire Department representative Thomas Carter talks about the importance of being prepared and having a plan.



### White Sands Missile Range will be conducting its Annual Installation Protection Exercise on 17 October 2019 beginning tentatively at 0900hrs

This year's exercise focus is a response to an Active Shooter Incident

The installation will execute a Lockdown Drill at facilities including the White Sands
School and Child Development Center

 Las Cruces and El Paso gates will close for all inbound traffic for up to an hour, please plan accordingly

As a precaution, outbound traffic lanes will be used for Real World Emergency responses

 There is a potential that roadblocks/detours may be established around the exercise area

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### Fall weather brings snakes

#### WSMR Public Affairs

This is the time of year when newborn snakes, including rattlesnakes, are emerging. White Sands Missile Range has 27 species of snakes, five species of which are venomous.

Snakes are generally not aggressive, and their first line of defense is to remain hidden and avoid confrontation with potential danger – including human encounters.

Camouflage usually masks their presence and snakes normally will make a diplomatic retreat.

Snakes will nearly always retreat to cover if given the chance. If a rattlesnake feels threatened, they will often rattle the auditory alarm that makes them famous and simultaneously attempt to egress from the threat.

If you see a snake, stay calm and walk away from it. Do not try to catch it or make it feel threatened. Do not let your pet run freely, especially in areas with heavy brush. If you see a snake in the housing or main post areas, report it by calling 575-678-1234 and warn people in the area. If you find a snake in a building, leave the room and attempt to contain it in the room and then report it.

If you are bitten by a snake, the following guidance is provided by the McAfee U.S. Army Health Clinic:

Remove the patient from snake's territory, Call 911 or 575-678-1234 (if on post) and proceed to the nearest Emergency Room. Keep them calm and at rest to minimize circulation of the venom.

Bites can cause a lot of swelling, we recommend any jewelry or footwear, etc., be removed from the affected extremity. Attempt to immobilize the injured body part, if possible. Stay calm and don't panic - less than 3 percent of rattlesnake bites in the U.S. result in death.

The WSMR Safety office has additional safety information to help prevent a snake bite from occurring, at 575-678-3921/3321.

#### Missile Ranger Submission Policy

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All submissions will be edited for style, content and propriety. Submissions must include a point of contact identified by first and last name and a telephone number for that point of contact.

Submissions can be made by e-mail to the following usarmy.wsmr.atec.list.ranger@mail. mil; also in person at the Public Affairs Office, Building 1782; or call (575) 678-2716.

#### October 2019



Frontier Club Lunch Specials

Monday, Oct. 14 Frontier Club - Closed for Columbus Day

Frontier Club - Chile rellenos

Wednesday, Oct. 16 Frontier Club - Lasagna

Thursday, Oct. 17 Frontier Club - Carnitas flautas

Friday, Oct. 18 Frontier Club - Portabella mushroom burger

Frontier Club - Sushi

Tuesday, Oct. 22 Frontier Club - Tostadas carnitas

Wednesday, Oct. 23 Frontier Club - Pecan catfish

Thursday, Oct. 24 Frontier Club - BBO chicken

Frontier Club - Nachos

Monday, Oct. 28 Frontier Club - Sweet and sour pork

Tuesday, Oct. 29 Frontier Club - Taco Tuesday

Wednesday, Oct. 30 Frontier Club - Crab stuffed mushrooms

Thursday, Oct. 31 Frontier Club - Blackened tilapia

Friday, Nov. 1 Frontier Club - Wings

Closed Saturday and Sunday