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983rd EN BN embraces community, health risk factors



Photo by Sgt. Christian Coronado

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The 983rd Engineer Battalion Forward Support Company (FSC) discussed community, health and protective factors after one of their own died by suicide this year. Chaplain (Capt.) Jason Skeens (right) stands next to Spc. Paul Aduba Jr. (left), closest friend to Spc. Xiao Lu. Aduba offered to share his memories about his lost battle buddy's qualities and characteristics with those in attendance at the memorial. Unit leaders want Soldiers to know mental health and their welfare, regardless of duty status, is paramount. The ripple effect of losing a Soldier is felt across not only the unit, but the Army Reserve and Army as a whole.

Operation Allied Welcome - TEC guest column



Two units under the 416th Theater Engineer Command were charged with supporting the effort to successfully integrate Afghan evacuees as part of Operation Allied Welcome at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin. Both the 652nd Multi-Role Bridge Company, of Fort Harrison, Montana, and the 372nd Engineer Company, of Fort Snelling, Minnesota, provided about 100 Soldiers to support Task Force McCoy beginning in at the start of fiscal year 2022.

Read a guest column from Capt. Sean Jordan, commander of the 652nd MRBC, and see more pictures from the final days on the ground [HERE](#).

Camp Buehring 'Throwdown' names elite athletes



By Capt. Floice Kemp, 372nd EN BDE UPAR

Camp Buehring, Kuwait (Feb. 12, 2022) – It started with an idea to test the fitness of Soldiers in a team competition, then it spread like wildfire.

Bringing the heat were Spc. William Griffin, Sgt. Emma Harvang, and Maj. Meghan Goff, as they sparked the idea and took it to classes at the CrossFit Spartan Shield gym at Camp Buehring and then beyond that box.

The proposition evolved into a country-wide event to "throwdown" for the fittest team in Kuwait, which also included teams from Camp Arifjan and even partner nations.

Click [HERE](#) for full article.

Resolute Castle: Final Planning Conference



The 416th Theater Engineer Command and U.S. Army Europe and Africa Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff (Engineer) hosted the Resolute Castle 2022 final planning conference, at the Parkhurst Army Reserve Facility in Darien Illinois, from Feb. 23-25, 2022. Multi-units, components, and allied partner nations participating in RC22 came together to solidify operations before the exercise starts in Spring 2022.

The exercise will have units performing construction projects throughout countries of Greece, Poland, and Romania. For more information, click [HERE](#).



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Brent C. Powell

A Soldier with the 409th Engineer Company, based in Aurora, Colo., stands on a pile of rubble during the exercise Guardian Response 21, directing his fellow Soldiers where to look for possible survivors in a simulated building collapse at the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center in Butler, Ind. To see more photos, click [HERE](#).

African-American Heritage Month

During February, the Army celebrates and pays tribute to Black Soldiers and recognizes the important contributions they have made in past wars and are continuing to make today in overseas operations.

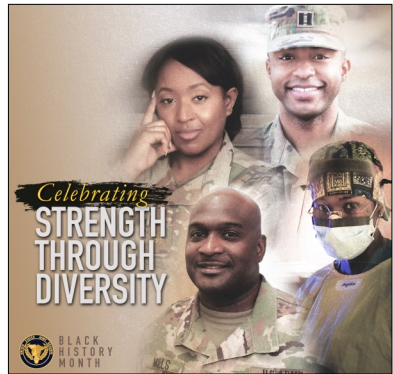
From the Battle of Lexington to the Battle for Fallujah, Black Soldiers have honorably answered the call to duty, serving with great valor and distinction in America's Armed Forces.

The 863rd Engineer Battalion hosted a Black History luncheon Feb. 25, 2022, at the Parkhurst Reserve Center in Darien, Illinois.

In the upper right photo, Sgt. Adriana Taylor, S1, gives a brief history of Juneteenth and how the Black History holiday observance came to be, as members of the unit shared in the culture with food offered in a potluck style.

"Soul food is not a title, it's a passion," was a statement that became a motto as food was shared with the staff.

For more information, click [HERE](#).



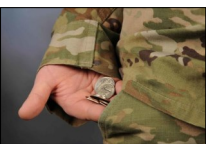
Protecting our people protects our mission

The 416th TEC will be highlighting the importance of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment in April 2022, as it is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAPPM). There will be product and information available to staff throughout

Together, we can work to further reduce, with the goal to eliminate, sexual assault from the armed forces. Our military is the most trusted institution in America and our Service members have signed a blank check to the American people, payable with their lives. This crime must not threaten those who have volunteered to serve.

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