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Club inducts 3 NCOs

By Nathan Pia
Army Flier Staff Writer

Three Soldiers were inducted into Fort Rucker’s Sergeant Audie Murphy Club dur-
ing a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum Nov. 20.

It was the 98th Army “Silver Wings” Band’s commander and bandmaster for meritorious achievement by Command Sgt. Maj. James H. Thompson Jr., Aviation Branch command sergeant major, and Col. Donald N. Galli, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence chief of staff.

“A noncommissioned officer must exemplify leadership characterized by personal dedication and con- tact for the needs, training, development and welfare of Soldiers and Families,” said Thompson, adding that in order to be recommended, Soldiers must embody these attributes, then go through a process of boards convened on the division-level organization of the club.

The ceremony was unique in that three members were inducted into the club so it was decided that two quarters would be combined to include Alexander, who was deployed to Iraq at the time of her induction earlier in the year.

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day cheer and good will.

The concert will feature the Blackfoot Brass Band, Crossfire and the Wrengers Jazz En-
ssemble, as well as other special guests during the performance, according to CWO 4 Jesse Pasquin, commander and bandmaster for the 9th Army “Silver Wings” Band.

The entire Family is welcome and encouraged to join us for this fun-filled evening of music tailored especially around the world. Jolly ho-

Army Band hosts CG’s Holiday Concert Dec. 13

be playing at the concert with us. We will also have special dancers from our Family readi-
ess group,” he said.

Supporting the Soldiers and Families on Fort Rucker is the band’s No. 1 mission, but band members, like Spc. James Old who plays the trumpet, said the concert will give the band a chance to reach past that mis-

Command staff thanks Soldiers

2nd Lt. Robyn Miller, D Co., 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt., is served a meal at Fort Rucker Dining Facility Nov. 7.

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The concert is for children and children at heart of all ages.

“We will have a very special guest that likes to wear a lot of red,” said Pasquin. “Dress up and come on out to have a great time. It doesn’t matter if you’re old or young.

Sgt. Stephen Doney, a french horn player, said this is the time to get into the spirit of Christmas

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The U.S. reported a decline in the number of aviation mishaps during fiscal year 2011. The decrease in numbers from 237 mishaps in fiscal year 2010 to 109 mishaps during fiscal year 2011 may be due in part of the U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory at Fort Rucker that helps save lives by testing helicopter equipment for the Army. Today, many air and ground warriors are thankful for USAARL’s research accomplishments, which aim to provide medical research in the military operations environment to sustain the warrior’s performance.

USAARL’s history began in the early 1960s when Col. Spurgeon Neel, commander of Lyster Army Hospital, decided the results of wars through his innovations. Neel recognized that an expanding Army Aviation community would need specialized medical and physiologic support to help close the gap between Army Aviation needs and human capabilities, and to protect Aviators from altitude, climate, noise, acceleration, impact and other stressors in a growing hostile environment.

In October 1962, Neel and Maj. Gen. Ernest Esterbrook, then commander of the U.S. Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker, established the U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Unit with a goal of solving Aviation medical problems for the Army.

But in 1969, as USAARL’s involvement in air mobility research grew, the Army redesignated the unit as USAARL, making it a subordinate command under the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command.

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An additional innovation includes the fielding and testing of the communications air plugs, which provide Aviators with hearing protection and state-of-the-art communications. By using the ear plugs, the Aviator is able to fly and conduct missions without compromising hearing, safety or operational effectiveness.

“Every time an airborne minute passes without a serious hearing disability, he can thank USAARL for giving him the best hearing protection available,” said Dr. Dennis Shanahan, former USAARL commander, in a statement.

In more than 50 years, USAARL has been involved with medical aspects of occupational safety, airworthiness testing, cardiac, visual, hearing, spatial disorientation, cockpit air bag systems and fire protective clothing. In 2006, USAARL developed the noise-immune stethoscope that enables medical personnel to hear a patient’s heartbeat and breath sounds in high-noise environments. In 2012, the lab began using the NIS in operational environments. That same year, the lab developed the facial and ocular countermeasure for safety face front to front and evaluate the performance of face and eye protective equipment without using human or animal subjects. FOCUS provides scientific data to improve equipment worn by Soldiers.

Today, USAARL’s mission has expanded to cover research preventing and mitigating Aviator and ground warrior injuries.

“It is USAARL’s promise to the Aviator, the airborne Soldier and ground warriors to find solutions to solve occupational hearing disability, reduce health hazards, prevent injury, and protect and improve performance,” said Col. Dan Duerst, commander of USAARL.

USAARL does this by delivering medical research, testing, and evaluation solutions for air and ground warriors. The lab conducts medical research to develop return-to-duty standards for Soldiers suffering from neurosensory injuries as well as mild traumatic brain injury.

For example, in 2009, USAARL co-developed the Texas helicopter emergency system, with the sense of touch to provide situation awareness information to pilots. This multisensory system reduces pilot workload and increases situation awareness allowing pilots to devote more time to weapon systems and other critical tasks. USAARL also conducts research to determine the effectiveness of life support equipment, and to prevent and mitigate ground crew and aircrew biomechanic injuries.

In the future, USAARL will continue to pursue its vision to be the recognized leader in aeromedical and operational medical research. This vision will be achieved by USAARL’s commitment to Aviators and ground warriors to find medical solutions that reduce health hazards, prevent injury, and protect and improve performance.

In summary, USAARL’s mission and capabilities provide scientific data to improve equipment worn by Soldiers and protect and improve performance, but in 1969, as USAARL’s involvement in air mobility research grew, the Army redesignated the unit as USAARL, making it a subordinate command under the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command.

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The holidays are a time for gift giving and receiving. However, Army Flier Staff Writer Afad Ali said it is important to be smart about how you give and receive gifts.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas produced by incomplete combustion in a motor, heating device, stove or fireplace. It is easily toxic to see, taste or smell carbon monoxide, it can kill before people are even aware it is present. The military occupational protection agency website www.osp.osd.mil has more information about the gas.

"Carbon monoxide can be deadly," said Darla Ammons, public affairs officer, Fort Rucker Fire Department, adding that CO poisoning is a problem off the installation as well.

"Soldiers on post can have heat sources in their living space, but it is the civilian population that has to be aware of the dangers of CO poisoning," Ammons said. "People have to be aware of the dangers of CO poisoning, so they can prevent it."

"In an enclosed space, like a room or garage, CO can be deadly," she added. "A person in a room with an unvented gas or kerosene space heater; or use gasoline-powered engines in enclosed spaces. If you don't know something, find out."

Dangers of CO can result from malfunctioning appliances or those that are improperly used. Hundreds of people die each year from accidental carbon monoxide poisoning caused by malfunctioning or misused furnaces, and even those that are supplied with appropriate fuel to the EPA.

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Decisive Action Training Environment: Future training grounded in today’s intelligence

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FOR T 還 IS, Va. — To ensure Soldiers are trained and ready for any mission, the Army’s Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) created the Decisive Action Training Environment (DATE) program that uses current intelligence to create realistic, authentic training experiences for Soldiers, leaders and units.

For years, Combat Training Centers have conducted mission readiness exercises for units designated to prepare Soldiers for deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan.

The DATE allows Soldiers to use combat “tools” to solve tactical problems in a wide range of real-world scenarios and actual threats across the Army’s Operational Environment instead of a training scenario derived from a known deployment location.

“Soldiers want realism as manifested by a well-trained opposing force, good training areas, role players, and all the things that make combat the complex event that it is,” said Gary Phillips, director of TRADOC Intelligence Support Activity. “DATE is not a rehearsal of yesterday’s headlines about any place in the world.”

The first step in developing DATE was to establish a framework and analysis for capturing the conditions across a particular OE. Studies focused on the notion of ground operations requiring a brigade-size unit and the expected mission essential tasks.

The second step was to look at OEs likely to require Army employment in the near to mid-term future. The scenarios used in the DATE are not an attempt to determine the next deployment loca- tion for U.S. ground troops. Instead, the list of OEs serves as an aid to inform the training community at the Army’s Combat Training Centers of the range of potential conditions U.S. ground forces are likely to encounter based on real-world intelligence.

“The DATE scenario is complex and multifaceted,” said Gen. Brad Behring, deputy command- ing general of operations for the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, Fort Bragg, N.C. “The changing conditions and variables that units are confronted with make our intelligence analysts’ jobs even more difficult. The DATE conditions enable a unit and leaders to ‘cruise’ the command’s training centers.”

The DATE is further enhanced by scalable ex- ercise design, database creation and manipula- tion, and OE products created by the Forward Training Operations Center, within the TRADOC Intelligence Support Activity, to develop the DATE’s G-2 OE Enterprise.

For example, in October the TBOC supported the DATE-based mission readiness exercise for the 2nd Cavalry Regiment at the Joint Multina- tional Training Center in Grafenwoehr, Germany. Using parameters set by official DATE publica- tions, the TBOC created simulated paramilitary and criminal threat net- works, including bio- graphic data sheets for more than 220 unique opposing force roles. It also created historic databases for intelligence reports, imagery prod- ucts, and open source message threads to add complexity and focus training objectives.

“We help units tailor their exercise to their training requirements,” said Jim Slavin, TBOC director. “The custom- ized databases and on- site expertise give units a better understanding of their OE and the asym- metrical threats they’ll face in the future.”

There are eight var- iables used to create the OEs and they center on the political, military, economic, social, infor- mation, infrastructure, physical and time components of a particular area. The variables combined with embedded real-world ac- tions create an array of potential threat capabili- ties that anticipate future conflicts. Together, they create a picture of the environment’s nature and characteristics that would significantly impact the military if deployed to that area of the world.

According to Maj. Keefe A. Savin, public affairs officer for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Armored Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., the DATE exceeded expecta- tions during the BCT’s recent rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La. “The fact that this was the first time we have been able to do this type of training and the first time this (Decisive Ac- tion Training Environment) has been done at JRTC over the last 10- year period — we were impressed with the level of training and profes- sionalism we received and can take back into the force,” Savin said. “The training gave us the final few yards to be ready to answer our nation’s call to deploy anywhere in the world on short notice.”

According to Flynn, the DATE exercise pro- vides commanders with realistic training that will better prepare them for the combat environment. “When the complexity of the environment is coupled with the op- erational tempo, it places great stress on our units and leaders. It’s something we can’t replicate at home station,” said Flynn. “At the CTCs, units and leaders will make mistakes, but from those mistakes, we will learn — and learning be- fore going to combat will save lives.”
Club: NCOs dedicated to community

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food locker collection and the Army Emergency Relief fund,” he said, adding that in the past year, the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club raised over $2,000 for the child advocacy center on Fort Rucker. The club also has the added responsibility of running the USAACE-level ceremonies on the installation, according to Thomson, and provides the narrators, award bearers and personnel needed for the ceremonies. “This small group of NCOs is very dedicated to our community, our Soldiers and families,” said Thomson. “They are a great example of professional leaders in our organization and are truly setting a huge example for our young Soldiers to aspire to.”

Concert: Event aims to create Family holiday memories

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and to create Family memories. “It’s going to be a great time whether you’re military or not. It reminds us of holidays past and it will create memories for children. Soldiers sometimes don’t get to spend holidays with their families, so [Soldiers need to] take advantage of the post events if [they] are fortunate enough to be with [their] Families this season,” he said. Old added that the concert is a great way for the post and the local community to mingle together and celebrate the special season. “We want to give back to the civilian community. They support us and we support them. This area is very proud of its military heritage, so even though this is a small holiday event we really hope civilians will come and celebrate Christmas with us,” he said. Band members encourage people to come early to enjoy the music in the foyer before the concert begins. “This is a nice way to get to perform for the public. I am really looking forward to the holiday concert. This is a more traditional way for Soldiers who may be away from their Families to celebrate the holiday and just for those who may have never heard a holiday concert live before. Come a little early, get a good seat and have a fun Christmas time,” said Doney.
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16th CAB completes aerial gunnery

Lt. Gen. Campbell visits TRADOC

Lt. Gen. John Campbell, U.S. Army deputy chief of staff G-3/5/7, traveled to U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command headquarters on Fort Eustis, Va., Nov. 15 to meet with command leadership and get a firsthand look at the hands-on training TRADOC students receive.

Gen. Robert W. Cone, TRADOC commanding general, greeted Campbell at the headquarters building and provided him with an overview of command initiatives that Cone referred to as “TRADOC 101,” ranging from the human and structural transitions the Army faces to the implementation of the Army Learning Model.

“These kids today and how they learn—if it’s amazing,” Cone said, adding that Campbell would get a chance to see the Army Learning Model in action during his visit later that day.

“ALM is real, and we’re using it in a modern workforce house,” Cone said. “It’s more than a resource driver. It’s a tool for leaders and soldiers who want to learn and grow, and we’re leveraging it in the Army Learning Model.”

Campbell said the face-to-face visit was a great opportunity to discuss them in detail.

Lt. Col. Bryan Hoff, commander of the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, Orig. Bn., 2nd Bn., 25th Aviation Regiment, Task Force Lightning Horse, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, said the training at the National Training Center in southern California in November 2012 helped the crews and pilots prepare for future high-altitude missions.

“Training is important, and that was a great opportunity for the crews to fly in a high-altitude environment and make adjustments as we flew,” Hoff said.

Lt. Col. David Gough, 16th CAB staff assistant officer, said this training also will allow us to support other neighboring units and their training requirements, and ultimately to deploy to combat theater and fight to win.”

Units qualified on various weapon systems for each airplane, including the OH-58D Kiowa, UH-60 Black Hawk and the AH-64D Apache Helicopters. The 4th Aviation Support Battalion played a crucial role by providing training capabilities such as engine facilities, medical support, and forward arming and refueling points.

“The biggest lessons we’ve learned are how to integrate the support efforts of multiple [military occupational specialties] so that we can plug and play into a variety of support scenarios,” said Lt. Col. Mark Sisco, the 4th ASB commander. “The exercise gives us a higher degree of flexibility.”

“We had a lot of young Soldiers,” said Lt. Col. Bryan Hoff, commander of the 16th CAB.
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Aerial: Exercises emphasize teamwork

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Soldiers worked together to properly engage targets while learning to use the different levels of Effective Translation Lift. The ETL is the trans- port present in a helicopter move from a hover to forward flight. During the CCT, air crews were placed in situations that could cause combat scenarios and all weapons systems were used.

“Collectively, we have some challenges we will face and, when adding the various aircraft together. As we move forward, we are going to make sure we are delib- erate in our forward thought before we proceed for- ward,” said Hoff.

TRADOC: Visit reinforces importance of training

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“A lot of the topic areas we talked about today have been in different forums, but to come down and be able to have some really small group gatherings with the subject matter experts and get more details it was very beneficial for us as the GS-5,” Campbell said.

In addition to small-group discussions, Campbell also received several opportuni- ties to see the Army Learning Model during visits to the 128th Aviation Brigade and the Training Brain Operations Center. During his time at the 128th Avn. Bde., which is part of TRADOC’s Aviation Cen- ter of Excellence, Campbell learned how the Army Initial Entry Training students are taught in classes and through virtual simulation and hands-on training methods, such as “crawl, walk, run” ap- proach, according to Sgt. 1st Class Kurt King, Aviation Center of Excellence Ad- vanced Attack Armament Branch chief, who presented an overview of the 128th Avn. Bde. training program.

After visiting the 128th Avn. Bde., Campbell also received a tour of TRA- DOC’s Training Brain Operations Center, where he watched an operation of the “Training Brain Repositories,” a new capa- bility that gives commanders an unprec- edented ability to tailor exercises to reflect today’s operational reality.

Campbell said although he knew of the TBOC and had seen slide presentations, it was difficult to visualize the full potential of the capability without seeing it. “We talked about [TBOC],” before, and we talked about how to continue to sup- port it, but now — seeing into the opera- tions piece and seeing what it can do — it definitely opened our eyes. I think it’s a good vision for us,” Campbell said. He appreciated the opportunity to visit and learn more about the hard work going on within the center.

“TRADOC is doing a lot for our Army, and this visit just reinforced it, and gave us better visibility on some very critical areas that TRADOC is working,” he said.

High-altitude: Missions improve Indies’ confidence

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and the lift capability. Like the en- gine, the rotor is the airframe, the less efficient the rotor blades are at producing lift. The allowable margin of error decreases as the increase in altitude.

In addition to these con- ditions, the Aviators and crew members conducted High-Alti- tude Mountainous Environmental- al Training in Hawaii.

“Believe HAMET is a good tool to teach [flight crews] about the winds, terrain relations be- tween the two and power man- agement of the aircraft,” said Mock. “It is a good asset for train- ing Army Aviation soldiers and non-rated crew members should go through this training prior to coming to Afghanistan.”

Upon completion of HAMET, Aviators and crew members have the necessary skills to safely and successfully complete high-alti- tude operations while managed with the enemy. The flight crews of the 25th CAB have conducted more than 500 altitude opera- tions and moved at least 30,000 Soldiers across the battlefield at altitudes above 7,500 feet in the past 10 months.

“I went through the HAMET training in Hawaii,” stated Druil Mendez. “I felt better prepared this training. Because I did the training before I deployed, I was more prepared for flying in these con- ditions.”

HAMET offers unique train- ing specifically designed to sim- ilarly increase individual and crew situational awareness of aircraft power and limitations. HAMET gives pilots the knowl- edge, confidence and proficiency to operate their aircraft routine- ly and safely at maximum conditions in any environment. HAMET training also teaches aircrews to conduct high-altitude operations as a team with multiple aircraft to include multiple aircraft types.

HAMET was developed to ready experienced pilots for use in combat operations and adapting it with training that in- dividual Army Aviators call “We are conducting as part of our regu- lar training operations for the past several years.”

“I believe HAMET is a great foundation for deployment train- ing,” Mock said.

“The training on pinpoint land- ings, lack of power, altitude and power management [HAMET] is very applicable for all of our flight profiles,” said Lodge. “[HAMET] training has been a main piece of our success here in Afghanistan.”

In addition to conducting HAMET training, the 25th CAB also conducted several training rotations at Pohakuloa Training Area including the 128th Avn. Bde. “I believe we are really well rounded with high-altitude operations, and can execute all of the training,” Lodge said. “This is a wonderful opportunity for the 25th CAB to conduct high-altitude operations as a team.”

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“Because I sit in front of the main landing gear, I rely on my crew chiefs to call where the wheels will touch down at so I can focus on the controls and power of the aircraft,” said Mock. "I try to maximize the mountainous winds and climb repeatedly and quickly, our main goal is to land, unload or upload Soldiers, and then take off again in as little time as possible.”

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Holiday cheer on tap at post events

By Sara E. Martin
Army Flier Staff Writer

Two relatively new ways to personalize gifts have been introduced to the ACC and are now available to customers, according to Heather Norris, operations assistant at the center.

"These items are much more personal and people can use the images to physical merchandise using sublimation," she said. "The products have to be polyester or polyester coated. So we can embroider anything that is a good quality material that can stand to be punctured with a needle hundreds or thousands of times," said O’Neill.

"If people choose something that is out of the catalog [people] can get it here and done in about a week," she said. "If you wait until the second week in December we can’t make sure we have this," said O’Neill.

"There are still a lot of traditions that people have that they love," she added. "Like a salad bar, garlic bread, as the Landing is also hosting a Family Tree Lighting ceremony. This year’s ceremony will be Dec. 6 from 5-6 p.m. at Howze Field.

"A disc with the desired design should be brought to the center. The better the graphic I am given, the less time I will spend in converting it. The more complicated the design or pattern, the more expensive a piece will be," said Norris.

"It can be anything from hats to towels; guidons to uniforms, the embroidery department at the art center can embroider digital art, cartoons, graphics, letters, numbers and children’s names, adds Norris.

"They can get it here and done in about a week," she said. "If the customer chooses something the center has in its inventory, but can take more expensive it will be," said Norris.

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New youth center opening

The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosts the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Fort Rucker Youth Center Friday at 4 p.m. at Bldg. 2840 on 78th Avenue. After the ribbon-cutting, attend-ees are invited to tour the new facility that features a full basketball court, rock climbing wall, technology lab, arts and crafts room, interactive physical fitness rooms, entertainment center, homework center, a teen lounge and more.

For more, call 255-2375.

Taco Thursdays

Beginning Dec. 6, every Thursday after 5 p.m. is Taco Thursday at The Landing Zone, featuring $1 beef or chicken tacos with cheddar lettuce, tomatoes, cheese and sour cream. People can add a side of pico de gallo for 50 cents, or make it a meal by adding black beans and rice for $0.99, or chips and queso for $2. People must purchase a beverage to be eligible for dinner specials. The offer is for dine in only and is not valid with other coupons or promotions.

Rib Night

Beginning Dec. 7, every Friday beginning at 7 p.m. is Rib Night at The Landing Zone, featuring a half rack of smoked barbecue ribs served with fries for $20 and the purchase of a beverage. The offer is for dine in only and is not valid with any other coupons or promotions. For more, call 598-6025.

Financial Readiness Training

Army Community Service offers Financial Readi-ness Training Dec. 7 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Soldier Service Center, Rm. 208. The free training provides a practical approach to personal financial man-agement so Soldiers can gain control of and manage their money effectively. Finan-cial Readiness Training is required for all first-term service members (E-1 through E-4). Spouses are also encouraged to attend.

For more, call 255-2944 or 255-0601.

Comedy Live

The Directorate of Fam-i-ly, Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosts Comedy Live Dec. 7 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at The Landing Zone. Entertainment will include comedians Ja-ree Harris and Mike Win-feld. Tickets are $10 before 2 p.m., $11 from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., $12 at the door. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and The Landing Zone will have a live DJ following the performance. This show is for individuals 18 and older.

For more, call 255-0810.

AFTB Level II Training

Army Community Ser-vice hosts Army Fam-i-ly Team Building Level II training Tuesday, Dec. 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Bldg. 317E. AFTB Level II gives people the chance to gain personal growth skills, including communication, stress man-agement, time management, decision-making, and problem-solving.

The class also helps people to add value to their personal lives.

For more, call 255-2382.

Get R.E.A.L.

Fort Rucker’s Army Fam-i-ly Team Building hosts its Get R.E.A.L. class – Rucker Experience, Army Learning – to help those who may be a bit confused by Army life Dec. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Bldg. 3780, Rm. 371F. Topics in the class will include: acronyms, Army customs and courtesies, military ranks, community resources and more. The class also helps people make new friends and learn more about Fort Rucker. Advance registration is re-quired.

For more, call 255-2382.

EDGE! December activities

Child, youth and school-age services host various ac- tivities as part of its EDGE! program in December. December activities include: youth making, winter scat-ter books, wood burn- ing crafts and more. EDGE! events cost 55 cents per hour. Ac-tivities occur every week-day from 4-6 p.m.

For more, call 255-0666.

EFMP Information and Support Group

The Exceptional Family Member Program invites all active duty military Fam-i-ly members to the EFMP Information and Support Group meeting Dec. 11 from 9-10 a.m. at The Commons in Bldg. 8950. The topic for the meeting is holiday stress - tips and techniques will be on how to create a safe and organized holiday season. The EFMP Informa-tion and Support Group offers camaraderie, friend-ship, information exchange, ideas sharing, community re-sources, support and assis-tance with finding solutions, according to Army Commu-nity Service officials.

For more, call 255-8277.

Christmas craft making

The Center Library hosts a Christmas Craft Making Activity Dec. 11 from 3:30- 4:30 p.m. at The Landing Zone. Families are special with tasks for a Family of two and children 2-11 years old. Children will be able to get their photos taken with Santa at the breakfast, for more, call 103-2623.

Steak Night

In December, every Monday at 5 p.m. is Steak Night at The Landing Zone, featuring an 8-oz. Flat Iron Steak with fries for $20 with the purchase of a beverage. People can add a side salad for an additional $1. Side salads are also available for purchase. This special is limited to the first 100 guests per night and is available for dine in only, with a limit of one per guest. The offer is not valid with any other coupons or promotions.

For more, call 598-8025.

AER scholarships

Army Emergency Relief scholarships applications for the 2013-2014 school year are available at www.aerhq.org and are due by April 1. AER scholarships are avail-able for spouses and de-pendent children of active duty, retired and deceased Soldiers.

For more, visit www.aerhq.org or call (800) 578-6378.

Kids Night at The Landing Zone

Every Tuesday is Kids Night. Dinner is served at The Landing Zone from 5-8 p.m. Children 12 and younger can eat for free from the Kids Buffet with the purchase of an adult entree (limited to two per adult). Kids Night events will vary each week to include Kiddles Karaoke, make your own slime, or make your own pizza. Space is limited to the first 65 children to register.

For more, call 255-3885.

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO FORT RUCKER EVENTS. SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS NOON THURSDAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK’S EDITION.
Last week I shared a Thanksgiving story in hopes that each of you would have a happy and safe holiday — I trust that you did.

Today, we continue with the series The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families. This commentary is entitled Think Win–Win.

Think win–win means simply to think in a way that makes everybody a winner, and plans in a fashion that gives each person a reason or another.

For example, a few years ago I PCS’d from Fort Stewart, Ga., with orders to reassigned to the Garrison Chaplain’s Office. I thought to myself, this couldn't be right, hard I labored and that I needed a break. At that moment I realized that I was consumed with thinking about individual needs more than that of those around me. I was very selective about where we can go! Think win–win!

So, of course, win–win is better. When we think, process and prepare in a way that gives everyone into account, the sky is the limit to what we can achieve.

The boss then made a proposal. He asked if 30 days would suffice. He said that if I could settle for 30 days, he would sign the leave form and it would help the team tremendously. Although I wanted 45 days and felt that I should get it, we found a way to strike a deal and make each of us happy. We were both winners.

Another side to this point is lose–lose. Although this is highly unlikely but possible, if the boss had decided to approve no more than 14 days of leave that would be a lose–lose situation. The work would be a whole lot easier with extra hands.

The boss explained that he agreed with my request and truly wanted to support the team. He returned the leave request that I worked hard and that he was aware of the sacrifices I made every day without complaining. He assured me that he would, he could provide me 45 days or more because I had earned it.

When he said that, I felt a little bad because he was right — the team needed me; he needed my hand and leaving them midstream would put an added burden on them. Of course they would do without me if they had to, but the work would be a whole lot easier with extra hands.

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And at the end of the day, someone feels like he or she is short changed or pushed to the back burner for no apparent reason. And at the end of the day, we all think and plan in a way that doesn't make everybody a winner, and plans in a fashion that gives each person a reason or another.

Every person into account, the sky is the limit to what we can achieve.
If you’re looking for the warmest hospitality and a unique collection of historic architecture, head to Eufaula. The south- eastern Georgia town of 6,000 is nestled along the Chattahoochee River, one of the most picturesque on the Eastern Seaboard. The town PETIT, Pilgrimage-ready

Eufaula: Picture-perfect, Pilgrimage-ready And explore treasures of the past at the etery, listen to stories about Eufaula’s for

of the grand mansions in the Seth Lore-Irwin- ton Historic District, including Shorter Mansion, Fendall Hall and Fendall House, where Alabama Gov. John Gill Shorter and his family are buried, the 1890 First Presbyterian Church, featuring a gorgeous vaulted ceiling made of brick from Holland and fashioned after English parish churches, and historic Fairview Cemetery, where many of Eufaula’s black citizens were in-

turned until 1970. In addition to the Old Negro Cemetery, there are at least five other museums, including the Jewish, Presbyterian, Masonic, Odd Fellows and Public sites, which are part of past-day Eufaula’s tourist attractions. During the Pilgrimage weekend, live performances of Take Me to the Beach take place.

From “wedding cake” houses to the Tomb, you can also enjoy the Battlefield Attraction Tour of a private collection featuring items of the American Civil War, Battle of Mobile Bay, Battle of Mobile Bay Confederate income, call 702-7139 or visit www.
dalevilleal.com.

The Daleville Christmas Parade begins at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Citizens Bank. For more information, call (251) 479-3212 or go to www.mobilemysterydinners.com.

The Native American Festival meets the last Saturday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, torotate meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Citizens Bank. Relay for Life meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Citizens Bank. For more information, call 938-3130 or email teo@townofdaleville.com.

The Daleville High School Drama Department presents The Nutcracker. SEADAC’s Holiday Spectacular. Admission charged. For more information, call Chuck Lohder at 716-3870.

The 9th annual Festival of Trees The Festival of Trees takes patrons back to post-war 1940s now through Sunday in Panama City Beach's Bay Banquet Hall. This year’s theme is “The Wonder- ful Life”. Families and individuals can participate in the spectacular trees, which are available by the day. For more information, call (850) 481-1093.

Mobile Mystery Dinners leaves its headquarters at Mobile’s Cathedral of Ministry now through Wednesday. Shows include a tour of the museum, a full catered meal by Pillars Restaurant and 2 1/2 hours of period music; professional and children’s vocalists, VA pension benefits, VA medical care, Social Security disability benefits, veterans’ job programs and other veterans’ services. All veteran services program infor- mation, call Chuck Lohder at 716-3870.

TOBY — In the City Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be at 7 p.m. at the cracks. For more information, call Chuck Lohder at 716-3870.

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Escorted by the Pacific Region Director, Debra Zedalis, IMCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice and Pacific Region Command Sgt. Maj. Karl Schmidt, Fer-
riters weeklong visit started in Yongsan, South Korea Nov. 19. The primary focus of the commander’s visit was on addressing Ready and Resilience programs; specifically, placing emphasis on sponsorship, the Sexual Harassment and Assault Response Prevention Program, substance abuse, suicide prevention, transition and intramurals. It was also important to connect with senior leaders, and during his visit to Korea, as Ferriter met with Gen. James D. Thurman, commander of U.S. Forces Korea, and Lt. Gen. John D. Johnson, commander of 8th U.S. Army.

Throughout the week, Ferriter scheduled lunches with Soldiers, visited num-

ineros IMCOM facilities and met with the IMCOM workforce whenever pos-
sible. He also participated in such events as a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Com-
nex Community Activity Center in Yongsan, the Thanksgiving Day meal at Camp Red Cloud and a Soldier combative training session at Camp Humphreys.

During his visit to Korea, Ferriter met with Maj. Gen. Michael Harrison, commander of U.S. Army Japan and I Corps (Forward), and visited Garrison Torii Station in Okinawa where they toured the 1st Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group Bar-
racks and visited Garrison Japan at Camp Zama and toured the Sagamihara Family Housing Area. “Overall, it was a great trip! A worthwhile opportunity to meet with the United States Forces Korea, 8th Army, and an outstanding group of dedicated soldiers we have there in Korea, and I was impressed by the senior commander and garrison commander teams at each of the locations we visited.”

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"The Korea trip included visits to garrisons Yongsan, Humphreys, Daegu (including camps Walker, Carroll, and Goary), and camps Red Cloud and Casey. While at the garrisons, we con-
ducted employee Town Hall meetings and took the opportunity to recognize select employees for their outstanding achievements and performance,” said Ferriter. “On Thanksgiving Day, we had the opportunity to serve the Thanksgiv-
ing meal to and dine with the great Sol-
diers of the 2d Infantry Division at Camp Red Cloud. We also had the opportunity to visit the DMZ and view the Joint Su-

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Motorists are reminded to obey all traffic signs.
By J.D. Leipold
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army's Warrior Transition Command unveiled its three-pronged Hire a Veteran education campaign plan Nov. 19.

The plan aims to help employers understand that wounded warriors can bring a wealth of leadership experience and skills to the table and to their bottom line.

"This campaign is about setting conditions, not just preparing our Soldiers for a new career as a veteran, but also preparing employers about this unique population who has so much to offer," said Brig. Gen. David J. Bishop, WTC commander, in kicking off Warrior Care Month at the National Press Club.

"Our goal for this campaign is for employers to gain clarity on how well military skills translate to civilian employment and that post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, known as PTSD and TBI, are treatable conditions, which are not unique to the military, and most indivi-

uals affected go on to lead successful productive lives," he said.

Bishop also noted that the campaign also hopes to get across to would-be employers that, "reasonable accommoda-
tions for wounded warriors is not difficult, not expensive, nor a burden when compared to the incredible value our wounded warriors bring to the civilian workforce given their unique training and ex-
perience." 

To get these messages across to the civilian work-
force, the WTC formed a partnership with The Society for Human Resource Management, the world's largest association devoted to human resource management, and Orion International, the coun-
try's largest military recruiting firm, to produce a 10-minute video that addresses these top three misperceptions, the ob-
stacles and solutions.

The video and an online toolkit are available for download and distribution to HR professionals and employers at www.WTC.Army.mil.

"Hire a Veteran — Obstacles and Solutions" features the stories of Soldiers who spent more than six months with a Warrior Transition Unit recovering from severe wounds, illness or injuries and how they pulled them-

selves up and out into the civil-

ian workforce.

One of those Soldiers, medically retired Staff Sgt. Paul "Rob" Roberts, suf-
f ered second and third degree burns, and other sever-
ties including TBI from an improvised explosive device that destroyed his vehicle and killed two Soldiers and an Afghan interpreter in June 2009.

While he was recovering in a Warrior Transition Unit, he worked with resources with the Soldier Family Assistance Center, eventually securing an internship with the Drug Enforcement Administration where he worked until he was medically retired from the Army in January 2012.

"The internship with the DEA taught me that even though I'm a little bit slower, I'm still a valued part of the team. My experience in the Army is what makes me valuable, and I still have the ability and desire to learn," he said.

After attending several job fairs at Fort Belvoir, Va., Roberts received several job offers, but took a position with the FBI.

"I can't really give details on my new job, but I can tell you that the skills I learned in the Army such as leadership, situational awareness, analy-

sis and attention to detail translate perfectly into my new job," he said.
Bama Bombers advance to final

By Nathan Piva
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As rain fell on the field, the D Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment Bama Bombers took on the U.S. Army Aviation Research Laboratory’s Double Tap during an intramural football playoff at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility Monday.

The game started with no clear advantage from either team, but the Bama Bombers came out on top to beat Double Tap 24-6.

“It was good all-around playing by both teams,” said 2nd Lt. Mark Dube, player for the Bama Bombers. “I thought we had good communication, and our defense and offense were clicking really well.”

Double Tap received the opening kickoff and managed a short return to start the game, but their opponents defense was hard at work and were able to keep them at bay early in the game and force a punt.

As D Co.’s punter, they were at an advantage starting at the 50-yard line, but Double Tap’s defense mimicked their opponent’s and kept them from a first down. The Bama Bombers had other plans, however, as they managed to get past USAARL’s defense for a first down, bringing them within 20 yards of the goal line. Their offense continued to push past Double Tap and get within yards of the goal line.

With pressure to keep their opponents out of the end zone, Double Tap brought back an aggressive defense to hold the Bama Bombers back and force a turnover at the one-yard line. USAARL had their work cut out to bring the ball downfield, but a 30-yard pass pulled them away from their end zone.

Play after play, Double Tap managed to push their opponents back and advance downfield, getting past their opponents defense to score their second touchdown minutes into the second half. Their offense continued to push past USAARL’s defense for a first down, bringing them within yards of the goal line. Their defense remained strong to hold off their opponents for the last minute of the game.

Although the Bama Bombers’ offense seemed to fizzle towards the end, their defense remained strong to hold off their opponents allowing the clock to wind down for the win and advance them to the final game.

“This game advances us to the final and I feel confident,” said 1st Lt. Sean Boniface, captain for the Bama Bombers. “If we can win the final game, we will win the tournament.”
Down Time

Super Crossword

1. TELEVISION: What famous politician followed Alex T. Keaton on the show "Family Ties"?
2. MUSIC: Which 1970s song featured the line, "Dreamin' was a habit"?
3. LITERATURE: What literary figure pens the novel ooked and to be true?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Iraq?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are ostriches?
6. LANGUAGE: How many letters are in the Greek alphabet?
7. ANATOMY: How many rows of ribs does a human body normally have?
8. HISTORY: In which year did the U.S. space shuttle "Challenger" end its flight?
9. WHAT KIND OF FOOD IS MENDIE'S?
10. GAMES: What is the marbles device used in the game Ouija to spell out messages?

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Kid's Corner

Wishing Well

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Hitman: Absolution provides solid challenge

By Jim Van Slyke
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This fall there have been plenty of video games that reward gamers who like to “run and gun,” but what about gamers who prefer to take things a little slow? What if we’d rather play a game where it’s more important to be stealthy than have a big machine gun?

“Hitman: Absolution” makes that possible. It’s a game that rewards gamers for being silent, but deadly. In further contrast to the “Halo 4s” of the world, “Hitman: Absolution” can be conquered by the best video game assassins without even firing a gun—almost.

That’s because this first-person game encourages creative kills. It’s much better to find and use something from the environment to do a secret, silent kill than it is to sneak up and shoot. “Hitman: Absolution” actually encourages a player is, the more points they will earn.

The story isn’t anything new — Agent 47 is betrayed and the police are after him, etc. — but the 20 levels in the game are broken up nicely into stages. Some stages require trying to avoid enemies, while others might require multiple assassination attempts. The game is broken up into stages, but the Con- tracks mode will keep gamers involved. It allows them to create their own custom hits within the game’s levels using a clever creat- 

Reviewed on Xbox 360

Puzzle Answers
Super Crossword Answers

SPORTS BRIEFS
Open-water driver course
Fort Rucker Aquatics hosts an open-water driver course this fall. Students will learn to navigate their boat and dive using an open-water course. Class sizes will start at 5-6 p.m. on Mondays. Registration is $300 per session. Students should bring their own wetsuits, masks and fins.

Adult swim lessons
The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility will host adult swim lessons for the fall semester. Classes will start on September 25 and run through December 15. Students must preregister or pay $25 per session. The course will meet from 5-9 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays. Registration is $50 per session.

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Mistletoe 5k and 1 Mile Fun Run
The Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Facility hosts the annual Mistletoe 5k and 1 Mile Fun Run Dec. 8 from 9-11 a.m. Registration is $20 per person, $15 for students and $25 for team entry. Prizes will be awarded for the fastest time in each category. For more, call 255-2296.

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