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The post Christmas tree ushers in the holiday season following last year's lighting ceremony. This year's ceremony will take place on Howze Field Dec. 1 from 5-6 p.m.

HOLIDAY CHEER

Post tree set to brighten season

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Fort Rucker will soon be officially ringing in the holiday season with events that will have any Grinch feeling the holiday spirit this winter.

The events will kick off with the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony Dec. 1 at Howze Field from 5-6 p.m., followed by the annual spaghetti dinner at The Landing

from 6-7:30 p.m., and then culminate with the Commanding General's Holiday Concert at the post theater at 7:30 p.m.

"These (events) allow people to come out for a bit of music and enjoy (themselves), and it's also about the families that we support and the Soldiers that we're supporting by supporting those families," said Sgt. 1st Class James Sproul, Maneuver Center

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Members of the 98th Army "Silver Wings" Band perform during the Commanding General's Holiday Concert last year. This year's concert will be performed by the Maneuver Center of Excellence Band Fort Rucker Detachment, and will be Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the post theater.

TREES FOR TROOPS

Program seeks to spread holiday spirit

By Jeremy Henderson
Army Flier Staff Writer

As holiday decorations begin to fill store shelves, one program seeks to spread the Christmas spirit by providing free trees for military families in need.

Trees for Troops, a program co-founded by the Christmas SPIRIT Foundation and FedEx in 2005, provides hundreds of trees to military families across the United States each year.

"The holidays can become very costly at times for the Soldiers and being able to provide them with a free live tree brings those expenses down," Aida Stallings, Fort Rucker Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation community recreation division business manager, said.

According to Stallings, the trees are available to any active duty military members and their families.

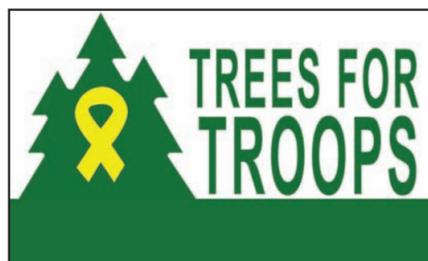
"It is on a first come, first serve basis," she said. "Show up at Bowden Community Center, Corvias Leasing Center, on Dec. 2. (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) will be there at 8 a.m. to start giving away the trees.

"We will have 75 trees to give away," she added. "We ask that they bring their own tie downs to secure the trees as we will not have any available."

According to Stallings, the trees for this campaign are provided by more than 400 growers and retailers in 29 states.

"The foundation, FedEx and its supporters appreciate the sacrifices military members and their families make each and every day," she said. "They have stated that they want to provide a little Christmas spirit and maybe start a new tradition with military families to be able to

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MEET YOUR ARMY

Black Hawk instructor aims for a life more than ordinary

By Kelly P. Morris
U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence Public Affairs

He gets six weeks to make a difference in a young aviator's life.

And that, coupled with an obvious passion for being part of something greater than himself, is the fire that motivates Chief Warrant Officer 2 Thomas K. Henderson, a Black Hawk helicopter instructor pilot and section leader at E Company, 1-212th Aviation Regiment, 110th Aviation Brigade at the Army Aviation Center of Excellence.

"I think what every man fears at death is that [his] life meant nothing. I want my life to have meant something big," Henderson said. "I just don't want to be average."

For some people, the chance to make a real impact in someone else's life may be a once in a lifetime occasion, but for Henderson making that impact at several hundred feet above the ground is just another day at work.

For Henderson, an "ordinary" day is one like Nov. 2, a contact checkride day for two of his students, 2nd Lt. Morgan Hill and 2nd Lt. Mike December, who are learning to fly a Black Hawk.

As the flight line at Fort Rucker heats up in the morning sun, so too do the nerves for the student aviators as they board a bus at the base of the air traffic control tower at Lowe Army Heliport for a quick taxi out to their assigned Black Hawk helicopter.

It is a big day, and "checkride-itis" can get the adrenaline pumping in even the most experienced flyers. As Hill checks the purity of the fuel, December works his way around the aircraft, checklist in hand, and together they inspect every inch of the A/L model Black Hawk helicopter they are about to fly.

During the seamless teamwork of preflight, Henderson engages the students in almost constant question-and-answer dialogue. Just six years ago, Henderson sat in their seat as a student; today he is the model of the consummate pilot. He knows some-



PHOTO BY KELLY MORRIS

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Tom Henderson (right) asks questions as 2nd Lt. Morgan Hill (left) and 2nd Lt. Mike December preflight a Black Helicopter at Lowe Army Heliport on Fort Rucker, Nov. 2.

thing the young aviators don't yet fully believe – that they're going to do fine today.

For the next three hours, Henderson monitors the Soldiers carefully as they demonstrate their mastery of flying skills in the skies over lower Alabama.

"You're a mentor, a coach and a teacher, and a bit of a psychologist, [trying] to figure out what's working in this [person's] head," Henderson said, describing the qualities of an instructor.

For Henderson, no two days are alike, and no two students are alike, and that's what keeps him on his toes.

"Instructing is a good fit for me. It's a lot of pressure, but if I do it right, I set them up for success with a solid foundation," he said.

By the time students like Hill and December meet Henderson, they have already completed the primary phase in the initial training aircraft (TH-67 or UH-72), an instrument phase, and Basic Warfighter Skills.

"The [students] come to me after the Army says, 'Yes, they are going to meet the basic qualifications to become a pilot.' They've been selected to fly the Black Hawk," Henderson said.

He takes motivated students who have never sat in a Black Hawk before and trains them to fly in visual and instrument meteorological con-

ditions.

"We teach everything again they've already learned, only now in a Black Hawk, and [we apply] the Army standards instead of the flight school standards," Henderson explained.

Approximately 120 to 140 students come through his section per year, with their Type A personalities in tow.

"This is an inherently risky game," Henderson said. "There has to be a little bit of swagger in what we do. But there can't be real swagger until there is competence. I need them to be confident and competent. We strike that balance about three-quarters of the way through the course."

To Henderson, instructing is like coaching a sport, and the goal is maintaining the trust with the Soldier on the ground in harm's way.

"Being a team member is what we do," Henderson said. "That is aviation. Always flying for the guy on the ground. Everybody has a role to fill. My role now is coach."

Henderson's first specialty was Infantry. He joined the Army in 1997 as an infantryman and separated from the Army in 2001 to attend college and work in the civilian sector. After talking it over with his wife, he later returned to the Army

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PERSPECTIVE

BE VIGILANT

CID warns against posting holiday travel plans

By Mary Markos

U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — As Soldiers and their families prepare for the holiday season, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command warns that posting travel plans on social media sites makes people's homes vulnerable to burglary.

While Soldiers should always be vigilant in their postings to avoid releasing sensitive information, revealing personal holiday travel information puts Soldiers, their families and their homes at risk.

"Social media is a powerful and frequently used tool for Soldiers, their families and friends to stay connected, especially during the holiday season," said Daniel Andrews, director of the CID Computer Crime Investigative Unit. "Unfortunately, criminals use the same social media sites to conduct surveillance and identify potential targets."

In fact, Andrews said, posting vacation plans is like announcing to criminals that your residence will be unoccupied for an extended period.

"We recommend that person-



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nel avoid publicizing the details of holiday plans and travel arrangements, whether upcoming or in progress," Andrews said. "Wait until the vacation is over to comment on it and share photos, but still be cautious about what information you make publicly available."

Additionally, personnel are advised to take basic home security measures before leaving their house.

The FBI's "2014 Crime in the United States" reported an estimated 1,729,806 burglaries in the United States with burglaries of residential properties accounting for 73.2 percent. The average dollar loss for each burglary incident was \$2,251.

Basic home security measures, such as locking all doors and windows, not leaving spare keys out-

side, using variable light timers, keeping valuables out of sight, and having a friend retrieve mail and newspapers are the first line of defense against burglary.

The use of a home security or video system is a further deterrent for criminals.

"Criminals are always on the lookout for opportunities to exploit. Whether driving through neighborhood streets or surfing social media sites, the criminal's goal is to identify soft targets that are lucrative and present the least chance of being caught," Andrews said. "This underscores the very real connection between the physical and virtual worlds."

CID officials encourage Army personnel to take the following steps to reduce their risk of being targeted by crooks in the virtual world.

- Update your privacy setting on social media sites before leaving for vacation.
- Do not check in to airports or your holiday destination on social media sites. Sites, such as Facebook, use the GPS built into a phone to allow users to check in to businesses and locations across the country. This information tells would-be burglars that the home is likely to be vacant until the user announces their arrival at the airport for their return flight.
- Do not post in real-time. Posting information about your location while you are there is equivalent to telling a would-be burglar that you are not home. To minimize the risk of burglary while you are away, post information after you return home for the holidays.

Remove GPS data from pictures. GPS data, to include location coordinates, is automatically attached to photos taken from both smart phones and many digital cameras. When posted in real-time, the GPS coordinates gives a would-be burglar your exact location, which makes your home vulnerable if you are not there.

Do not geotag posts or tweets. Much like the Facebook "check in" feature, geotagging or adding your exact GPS coordinates to a Tweet or post tells would-be burglars exactly how close you are to your home.

Monitor what family members post. A would-be burglar only needs one member of the family to announce that the family has left for vacation to know the house might be empty. Speak to all members of the family, especially teens, about what they are posting online.

Additionally, personnel should review the CID Computer Crime Investigative Unit's crime prevention and online safety flyers at its website at <http://www.cid.army.mil/cciu2can.html> for more ways to avoid being victimized.

Rotor Wash

“The holidays are often filled with feasts and all types of goodies. What tips can you offer to keep healthy and active during the rush and temptation of sweets during the holidays?”



Laron Davis,
military family member

"Bake most of your food."



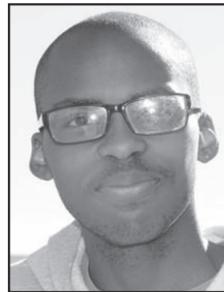
2nd Lt. Caleb Brown,
D Co., 1st Bn.,
145th Avn., Regt.

"Try to keep up on (physical training). People will have a couple days off and won't keep up with it, but I'd just say keep up with your PT."



Fletch Benson,
retired military

"Just exercise."



Carl Walker,
civilian

"Best way is to look up and find some food that's healthy. Just do your research."



Capt. Manuel Ledezma,
A Co., 1st Bn.,
145th Avn., Regt.

"My wife and I typically try to stick to healthier options. We're particular about what we eat, so we like to be the ones who do the cooking so we know what's in the food. Just be health conscious. If you're going to do bad foods, work out the day after."

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ACE suicide intervention

Ask your buddy

- Have the courage to ask the question, but stay calm.
- Ask the question directly. For example, "Are you thinking of killing yourself?"

Care for your buddy

- Remove any means that could be used for self-

injury.

- Calmly control the situation, do not use force.
- Actively listen to produce relief.

Escort your buddy

- Never leave your buddy alone.
- Escort to the chain of command, a chaplain, a behavioral health professional or a primary care provider.

ACS offers tips to reduce holiday financial stress

By **Jeremy Henderson**
Army Flier Staff Writer

The holiday season can often produce financial strain for families, but proper planning can help reduce the spending stress.

However, according to Mike Burden, Army Community Service accredited financial counselor, families don't often have a plan.

"Regrettably, many of us do not have a spending plan for holiday spending," he said. "We do not budget for purchases and usually spend more than expected. The typical American family spends approximately 1 percent of annual income on holiday shopping. Stick to that guideline to ensure your purchases are not spinning out of control.

"Unfortunately, some use credit cards, emergency funds and retirement funds to purchase gifts," he added. "This practice usually causes additional holiday stress, and this stress can continue until we have replenished our emergency fund and paid off our holiday debts."



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Burden said an important and viable way to save money during the holidays is to plan ahead, set a practical limit and stay on budget.

"Of course, this takes self-discipline," he said. "One method is to start our holiday savings plan in January for the October through December buying events. Many consumers establish a special savings account for this purpose and pay themselves first by making monthly deposits into the 'holiday account.'

"Prior to establishing this account, consumers set a limit on holiday spending so they will have a savings goal for the holidays," he added. "It may also help if we have an agreement with our partner or another family member to keep you both from overspending. Don't forget to budget for holiday travel, postage for Christmas cards, and holiday party favors and home decorations. Remember, the less we spend on holiday gifts, the more we will have to fund other important financial goals."

Proper planning and sticking to a budget are the best methods for avoiding financial stress during the holiday season, but Burden offered additional tips to consider while shopping.

"Another way to save money during the holidays is to purchase gifts throughout the year during sales events," he said. "We can save by making purchases on our holiday shopping lists during special events including Labor Day, Memorial Day, tax free days, Black Friday and other special sale days prior to the holiday season.

"Additionally, many are making holiday gifts themselves," he added. "This practice not only saves money, but also provides the recipient with a unique gift and the appreciation that someone cares enough to take their time to make a gift especially for them. Also, during the holidays, some people make an extra batch of cookies, brownies, or other baked goods to give to neighbors and friends."

Burden urged caution when using credit to make purchases during the holiday season.

"During the holiday season, financial counselors usually implore us to use credit sparingly and cautiously, especially if we are predisposed to last-minute holiday buying," he said. "If we follow the advice above, using credit for purchases during the holidays should be minimal. Also, since credit is a convenient way to track spending, many prefer using credit over cash. Additionally, some prefer using credit cards because the purchase can be challenged if the service or product does not meet expectations, or is

defective or damaged during shipment. However, if using credit instead of cash, remember to stay within budget and pay off the balance during the grace period prior to interest being charged. Use your rewards card or the card that offers the lowest interest rate."

If Soldiers and family members are experiencing financial hardship, they may contact the ACS financial readiness program or Army Emergency Relief at 255-9631 and 255-2341 for assistance.

The post chapel also offers a financial program beginning in January. To register, contact the chapel at 255-3274.

"Whether we celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa, keeping the holiday's spiritual message is a good antidote to the holiday stressors and gimmies," Burden said. "Instead of spending weekends leading up to Christmas with online shopping or in the mall, it might be a lot better gift to spend our time with our family and save money for more important purchases or for giving to those less fortunate."

SECARMY:

During transition, Soldiers should experience 'no gaps' in commitment

By **C. Todd Lopez**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — In January, a new commander in chief of the U.S. military will move into the White House.

Over the next 60 days or so of that transition period, Secretary of the Army Eric Fanning's priority will be the 1.1 million Soldiers of the Army, among them the 100,000 who are currently deployed or forward-stationed outside the United States in some 150 countries.

As the Army transitions from one administration to another, "there can be no gaps, there can be no seams" in providing those Soldiers with the resources they need to do their jobs, Fanning said.

"That's the first and only priority, and we are completely dedicated to that," Fanning told his audience during a discussion Thursday at a forum sponsored by Defense One in Washington, D.C.

Over the course of his government career, Fanning has worked through two presidential transitions.

"As is the case in every transition, the main message is, 'We are here, and we will do whatever is necessary to make this [transition] as smooth as possible,'" he said.

Fanning has already formulated several ideas about how he will advise the transition team for the new administration on the matter of ensuring the Army's continued success into the future.

Chief among his concerns, he said, is "further defining what the Army of the future needs to win."

Since 9/11, the Army has focused on the near-term, the day-to-day operations that it has been called upon to conduct around the world, Fanning said.

Over the past 15 years, the Army has served as the vanguard of the U.S. military's commitments in Iraq and Afghanistan. As a result, the Army has "stripped a lot of investment out of the future," Fanning said.

He also plans to discuss restructuring "the Army for the way innovation exists today and technology is fielded today." Since taking office in May, Fanning has focused his efforts on Army modernization and acquisition reform.

He believes the Army must be more agile and prepared to do business with all sectors of industry — including its own organic industrial base — and more willing to consider commercial off-the-shelf technology as a way of quickly providing Soldiers with the best tools available.

"I believe the faster you get things into the hands of Soldiers, the better," he said. "They figure out how to adjust, and use things differently, and give us feedback very quickly. Technology is being developed differently and in faster and faster cycles now."

Fanning also hopes that his drive to change the conversation in the Army about behavioral health services, which he outlined among his priorities shortly after confirmation, will continue after his tenure.

"The Army has done a lot to move behavioral health out into the field at the operational level, so it is there if it's needed," he said. "[But] we need to fundamentally shift the paradigm here."

Right now, he said, many Soldiers consider behavioral health services just something that's available to them if they need it.

"We need to shift the paradigm from 'if you need help' to 'of course you will need help,' and then bake that into our post-de-



ARMY PHOTO

Army Secretary Eric Fanning discusses administrative transition and focuses for the future with 'Wall Street Journal' reporter Gordon Lubold at the Defense One Summit in Washington, D.C., Nov. 17.

ployment transition programs," he said.

"This should be an expectation, based on what we ask a Soldier to do day after day, deployment after deployment."

Such a shift could remove the burden of having to reach out for help. In a culture that recognizes that most Soldiers will at some point need some level of behavioral health service, all Soldiers could access them without fear of stigma.

Fanning also underscored the importance of the fundamental changes instated over the course of the Obama administration regarding both who is allowed to serve in the military and in what positions they can serve.

The new policies and their implementation, Fanning said, build on "shared values of opportunity and inclusion." The changes

will be hard for the next administration to roll back completely — for a number of reasons.

"The path to do this over decades, going back to the integration of the military, has never been purely linear," he said. "Society is changing very quickly. The Soldiers we accessed just in the active component — 60,000 a year — they come out of a different society than I grew up in."

Ultimately, Fanning said, any move to reverse those changes may face greater challenges than the Army faced in its efforts to increase its inclusiveness.

"Whether or not you are going to let somebody wear a uniform ... is a very different discussion than whether or not you are going to make somebody take the uniform off," he said.

News Briefs

Faulkner Gate closure

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, Faulkner Gate will be closed today through Sunday. It will resume normal operating hours Monday.

Clinic closures

Lyster Army Health clinic will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.

CFC ceremony

The Combined Federal Campaign will wrap up its fund raising campaign with an awards ceremony Dec. 5 at noon at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

Flu shots

Flu shots are available for families in the preventive medicine department from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Patients should keep in mind that lunch time is the busiest time for the department.

After-hours immunizations will be provided during the following dates for school-aged beneficiaries from 3:30-5 p.m. each day: today, Monday, Tuesday, and Dec. 1.

Thrift shop Saturday opening

The Fort Rucker Thrift Shop will be open Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information on the thrift shop, visit www.fortruckerthriftshop.org.

Siren test

The Installation Operations Center conducts a test of the emergency mass notification system the first Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. At that time people will hear the siren over the giant voice. No actions are required.

Retiree council meetings

The Fort Rucker Installation Retiree Council meets the first Thursday of each month in The Landing at 11:30 a.m. The meeting is an open forum and all retirees are invited to attend. Retirees are also encouraged to apply for one of the open positions on the council.

For more information, call 255-9124.

ID card section closure

The Fort Rucker ID Card Section will close from 2:15-4:15 p.m. for training the second Wednesday of every month.

Yoga classes

Lyster Army Health Clinic offers free yoga classes Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Lyster Activity Center, Rm. J-100, of the clinic. Participants are encouraged to bring their own mat.

Diabetes Basics

Lyster Army Health Clinic offers beneficiaries a four-part Diabetes Basics Program where they will learn about preventing and controlling diabetes. Classes are held Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon at Lyster.

For more information, call 255-7986.

Lost and found

People who have lost or misplaced property while on Fort Rucker can call the Directorate of Public Safety's lost and found point of contact at 255-3239 to inquire if their property has been turned in. To claim their property, people must be able to demonstrate ownership of the property. DPS retains property found or turned in at special events held on the installation, such as Freedom Fest — the most common items turned-in are keys, cell phones and wallets.

PX Black Friday

The Fort Rucker Exchange is putting family first this Thanksgiving as it opens doors at 4 a.m. on Black Friday.

"The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is family serving family — 85 percent of our associates share a connection with the military," said Beate Bateman, main exchange manager. "By holding fire until Black Friday, the exchange team and those we serve can enjoy Thanksgiving with their friends and family."

The Fort Rucker Exchange will open its doors on Black Friday to offer deals on the hottest holiday gift items. Additionally, the exchange's entire stock of prestige handbags will be 25 percent off.

The savings will continue with additional deals through the weekend as the PX opens Saturday at 8 a.m. The store will return to normal operating hours Sunday.

Shoppers can also log on to shopmyexchange.com starting at 5 a.m. EST Thanksgiving Day to get a head start on holiday deals from the comfort of their own homes. Black Friday weekend deals will also be available at shopmyexchange.com.

Instructor

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in 2009 bound for flight school.

"I knew my job wasn't done," Henderson said.

That job included a deployment to Afghanistan with the 3-25th General Support Aviation Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade in 2012.

"A medevac pilot has a certain specific brand of experience," he said.

"When that radio clicks at 3 o'clock in the morning — your heart immediately jumps out of your chest when you hear the squelch break."

Looking back on his 12 years in the Army, Henderson today believes the seemingly random way he found the service was no accident.

Acting on a tip from his dad that the airlines were hiring, Henderson picked up the phone book with the intent to flip to a U.S. airline and hopefully a job. What he found on the page was the U.S. government, which was where he belonged.

"Whether you believe in God or universe stuff -- I know what I believe, and this is absolutely the right fit for me," he said.

"The Army is an honorable profession, to be willing to give up years of our life so that everybody else around can continue with theirs. The Army is a nation to its own. We can do anything."

Q&A

Q: What is your hometown?

A: Stockbridge, Georgia.

Q: What were you like as a child?

A: I was a typical boy who played outside often in a safe neighborhood, played sports. I always did well in school.

Q: What was your family life like when you were growing up?

A: I'm the middle of three boys. The oldest got what he wanted, the baby got babied, so I had to fight a little bit. If I was kept busy, I was in pretty good shape.

Q: What did your family think of you joining the Army?

A: When I told my dad I was joining the Army, I think that's when I became a man in his eyes. We are service minded. Your job is to improve your foxhole, improve what's around you, no matter what that is. My brother is a major and is currently a

logistician at Fort Hood, Texas.

Q: Tell me about your family now.

A: My wife and I are both from the Atlanta area. We have been married for 12 years. We have three children.

Q: What do you do for fun?

A: Music, coaching, golf. I play drums and piano for church, and the kids are involved in sports and choir. I coach my son's football team in Enterprise.

Q: What's your preferred stress release at the end of the day teaching students?

A: Sharing with my wife. The buy-in is big, and she knows how important this is. Stephanie is truly a blessing to me and our family. She's the most amazing person I know. She's the heart and soul of our family -- my rock, my love, and my best friend.

Q: Did you have your eyes set on Infantry when you enlisted?

A: I had good scores on my ASVAB, but I had no idea what this stuff meant. The recruiter said, "Do you like camping?" I loved camping. Going camping with someone yelling at you the whole time is a different kind of camping!

Q: What made you choose aviation when you came back to the Army in 2009?

A: It beats walking! There's a reason everybody dreams about flying. I knew about the Army's flight program because my last year I had been a recruiter.

Q: What's the best thing about your job?

A: As an aviator: Knowing the life you're changing on the ground.

As an instructor: I like that I get to be part of the foundation. You'll never forget your IP (instructor pilot) from flight school.

Q: What is something that stands out to you about this generation of students?

A: It's what I call "prefection." When you tell me something bad you're going to do, before you do it, because of some reason like "because I'm hot," that's somebody else's fault.

Q: What keeps you up at night?

A: Did I give them everything they're



PHOTO BY KELLY MORRIS

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Tom Henderson (right) talks through the steps of preflight with 2nd Lt. Mike December and 2nd Lt. Morgan Hill at Lowe Army Heliport on Fort Rucker Nov. 2.

supposed to get? Did I say it the right way? Is my best good enough for that kid?

Q: What's the best thing about your military training and experience thus far?

A: Camaraderie and esprit de corps are something that if you've not been in the military, you cannot grasp it. There's something about those shared experiences that can't be duplicated. You have that common bond of — you've lost the internal locus of control, and how do you still deal with this.

Q: Do you feel like the Army has grown you personally?

A: What we do with the Army Values -- that's just being a real man. If you do those things in your life, you're going to be a pretty solid human being. You realize this is not about you, or what you want to do, or making somebody laugh, and it's just not about money. If you can do things the right way, then the outcome is always right. You don't chase money; you do your job and the money will come.

Q: What is one of your strengths and a weakness?

A: My charisma is my strength and my

weakness. I'm super passionate about everything I do. Sometimes I feel like I get more fired up if I feel like you don't care as much as I care. So I'm trying to show you how important this thing is. You've got to balance out the fact that things are important, but everything is not the most important thing. I'm a train wreck when it comes to that.

Q: What's your future plan?

A: I don't want to get out. I like it here.

Q: What advice would you offer the generation coming up behind you?

A: Yeah, don't be so self-important. There's more important things than your feelings, there's more important things than your opinion. Follow the law, follow the rules, follow the books -- be a man or a woman of character. Be responsible for you. Then I think that you'd find out life is not that hard. You've just got to keep plugging along.

Q: Looking back, would you change anything?

A: The only change I would make is I would have never got out [of the Army], because it's a perfect fit for me.



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CW2 Henderson coaches his son's football team at the Recreation Center in Enterprise, Alabama.

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Children line up to meet Santa Claus during last year's Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. This year's ceremony will take place on Howze Field Dec. 1 from 5-6 p.m. PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Cheer

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of Excellence Band, Fort Rucker Detachment NCO in charge. "These (events) are a great reminder that the military has service members fighting all around the world – that's why we do what we do."

To start, people can enjoy the lighting of the post Christmas tree with familiar holiday music, hot chocolate and a special visitor from the North Pole. People are also invited to take photos with the big man in red at The Landing following the tree lighting, where there will be special treats for children.

During the ceremony, winners of the DFMWR Ornament Contest will be announced from three categories: 3-5 year olds, 6-8 year olds and 9-11 year olds. Winners from the contest will get the chance to help like the post tree.

Following the lighting of the tree, The Landing will host its annual spaghetti dinner that families can enjoy, which includes their choice of pasta and sauce, garlic bread, assorted cookies, and tea and coffee.

Prices for the dinner are \$10 for adults ages 13 and older, \$5 for children ages 3-12 and free for children younger than 2. There is also a family option, which covers two adults and two children under 12 for \$25. After dinner, people are invited to enjoy complimentary photos with Santa Claus.

For more information on the dinner, call 255-0769.

To cap off the night, people can enjoy one of Fort Rucker's most treasured tradi-

tions – the Commanding General's Holiday Concert.

The Maneuver Center of Excellence Band Fort Rucker Detachment will provide a night of traditional holiday favorites, as well as some Christmas rock music, according to Sproul.

"Our brass ensemble will be performing these pieces throughout the night, which include 12 members of the band, as well as guest performances," he said, adding that the holiday concert will be the band's only performance this season.

One of the special guest performers is Deejay Eddie Phillips, morning deejay for FM 101.1, who will be performing a reading of "T'was the Night Before Christmas."

The event is open to the public and Santa will make another appearance during the performance.

Those who do not possess Department of Defense identification cards are reminded that they must obtain a gate access pass to enter the installation. Visitors may obtain passes from the visitor control centers at the Daleville and Ozark gates. The Daleville VCC is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Sundays. The Ozark VCC is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

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Trees

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experience a traditional Christmas with a real tree."

Stallings added that the community can support

Trees for Troops and programs like it through the gift of their time.

"We need to spread the word, so that we can make sure that all 75 trees are given away to military

families," she said. "Contact (DFMWR) for more information on volunteering, supporting this program or others like it."

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Children Christmas Program "Meet Me at the Manger"	14 Dec, 1800 Spiritual Life Center
A Night in Bethlehem: A Drive-Thru Nativity	13 Dec, 1800-2000 Spiritual Life Center
Children's Christmas Eve Mass	24 Dec, 1600-1700 Main Post Chapel
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	24 Dec, 1900-2000 Main Post Chapel
Christmas Midnight Mass	24 Dec, 2400-0100 Main Post Chapel
Christmas Day Mass	25 Dec, 0900-1000 Main Post Chapel
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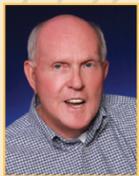
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RETIRING AN OLD GIANT

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The new hangar and operational headquarters at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, for the 2nd GSAB (MedEvac), 1st CAB.

Bagram MedEvac mission moves into new home

By Robert Harrison
U.S. Forces Afghanistan
Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — To many who may walk or drive on Disney Street here, Bldg. 960 is an old, dilapidated hangar that probably needs to be torn down. They may not know that this hangar has been the operational home for Army medical evacuation units since 2004.

C Company, 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division relocated its headquarters, operations and aircraft hangar to new facilities recently.

Col. John M. Cyrulik, 1st CAB commander, and Col. G. Shawn Wells, Jr., Area Support Group – Afghanistan commander, thanked all the teams, including the U.S. Air Force 455th Expeditionary Mission Support Group and the 389th Engineer Company, that pulled together to complete the new project.

Cyrulik presented awards to several individuals who played key roles in getting the job done.

Wells and 455th EMSG leadership, Air Force Col. Bradford D. Coley and Chief Master Sergeant Eugene Elking, also congratulated each of the award recipients.

“A job very well done, very well done,

thanks very much to all of you,” said Cyrulik. “Everything we do here, everything, it’s multi-compo, it’s Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Reservists, National Guardsmen, from all the compos, from all the services.

“That’s the only way we get work done around here,” he added, “It’s by consummate teamwork. I sincerely appreciate all your hard work and collaboration.”

“Each and every day our engineer community do phenomenal things here. Whether it be Coyote Creek or working at the ECPs (Entrance Control Points),” said Wells. “But, I’ll tell you, you’ve gone to a new level of excellence with this [proj-

ect].”

The new hangar is dedicated to retired Maj. Gen. Patrick H. Brady who earned the Medal of Honor for his conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a MedEvac helicopter pilot in Vietnam.

Brady, and his boss at the time, Maj. Charles Kelly, are considered to be leading advocates in the early years of helicopter air medical evacuation. Brady designed the unit emblem still in use by C-2/1 GSAB. Kelly was killed in action in Vietnam.

Bldg. 960 was originally built by the U.S. in the early 1950s for the Afghan govern-

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ROCKET MAN

PHOTO BY SPC. SCOTT LINDBLOM

Capt. Tyler Reynolds plugs a rocket fuse into the rocket pod on an AH-64 Apache helicopter during an aerial gunnery exercise at Fort Stewart, Ga. Reynolds commands Troop D, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment.

OUTREACH

10th CAB trains civilian fire department on MedEvac

By Spc. Thomas Scaggs
10th Combat Aviation Brigade
Public Affairs

FORT DRUM, N.Y. — Red lights flashed along the side of a Town of Watertown Fire Department truck. The sound of an approaching UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter echoed in the distance. Firefighters emptied out of the fire station and into the chilly fall morning.

A large red and white cross painted on the side of the aircraft became visible as it prepared to land. Leaves whipped frantically through the air as the helicopter made contact with the ground and its door swung open.

A MedEvac training was about to begin.

Aviators from C Company, 3rd General Support Aviation Battalion, 10th Aviation Regiment, 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, put on the training for the fire department in Watertown Nov. 5 to improve safety and efficiency in case of a real emergency in the future.

“We’re starting with the Town of Watertown Fire Department, but eventually we’re going to expand it out to Black River, Evans Mills, Calcium and a few other locations,” said Staff Sgt. Mark A. Dickey, a flight paramedic and platoon sergeant with C Co., 3-10th GSAB. “One day, we could have a major event and we may need to work with these local agencies so, in order to ensure that there is good interoperability and (cooperation) between us, we do this training.”

The morning began with the aircrew giving firefighters a general tour of the helicopter.

Dickey explained the importance of safety when walking around outside or assisting inside the aircraft. On the outside, blades may bend dangerously close to those standing on the ground. Inside, measures need to be taken to safely secure or unload a patient.

Next, Sgt. 1st Class Garrick Morgenweck, a flight paramedic and platoon sergeant with C Co., fielded the group’s questions about procedures. He also taught them hand signals that the aircrew might use to communicate from a distance.

With a solid base of knowledge developed, the firefighters began practicing how to load and unload a patient while the aircraft was off.

After a few successful attempts with an empty litter, they moved on to carrying a mock patient.

For the final stage of training, the aircraft was powered on. With the full sound and force of the helicopter’s blades turning, the firefighters quickly loaded and unloaded the mock patient with ease.

The day’s training had come to an end, but officials from the Watertown Fire Department still had praise to give for the opportunity.

“It’s great, because we don’t get to do this every day and there are different people that may be on or off whenever there is an actual emergency,” said Bill Bamann, a fire captain with the fire department. “It’s always good to have training whenever we can get it and it’s a good refresher because things can change.”

Similar training opportunities with other neighboring Fort Drum communities are slated for the future.

12th CAB hosts 21 nations



PHOTO BY CAPT. JAYMON BELL

Col. Ioannis Koukoulis, Hellenic army aviation directorate; CW4 Mike Boley, 12th CAB; Col. Christopher Waters, 12th CAB Commander; and Brig. Gen. Frank W. Tate, Multinational Corps Northeast, NATO, listen to a capabilities brief during the second annual Strong Europe Aviation Rotary Wing Summit in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, Nov. 1.

By Capt. Jaymon Bell
12th Combat Aviation Brigade
Public Affairs

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany — Twenty-one NATO and allied partner nations attended the second annual NATO Aviation Rotary Wing Summit Nov. 1-3 at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort conference center.

The purpose of the conference was to assess challenges to tactical interoperability, build training opportunities to meet those challenges and to foster trust through formal and social interactions.

The keynote speaker was Brig. Gen. Frank W. Tate, the deputy chief of staff operations, Multinational Corps

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Spiders past, present reunite at Hunter Army Airfield

By Sgt. William Begley
3rd Combat Aviation Brigade
Public Affairs

HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD, Ga. — The Black Widows of the 188th Assault Helicopter Company, 101st Airborne Division reunited for the first time in over 50 years at Hunter Army Airfield in late October.

The Vietnam era veterans were hosted warmly by the Spiders of A Company, 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade and were shown around an area of operations on HAAF that many had seen long before the current Soldiers were even born.

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PHOTO BY SGT. WILLIAM BEGLEY

Members of the Black Widows of the 188th Assault Helicopter Company, 101st Airborne Division trade experiences with the Soldiers of A Co., 4-3rd Avn. Regt., 3rd CAB during their reunion at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., Oct. 26.

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Giant

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ment. The Russians occupied the hangar throughout the 1980s. The Taliban used the hangar from 1990 until they were ousted by American forces in 2002.

The original hangar was named the Evan W. O'Neill Hangar as a dedication to the 10th Mountain Division private first class infantryman who was killed in action in 2003. The 1st CAB has relocated the memorial stone and rose bushes to a place of honor near the new facility. The plaque commemorating the dedication disappeared some years ago; however, the Soldiers here researched and found an old photograph online and arranged to have a replica of the original plaque made.

Cyrulik and Wells both spoke of the history of the old hangar, but stressed that time and age have pushed the original hangar well beyond refurbishment. Safety and operational needs have long required a new facility. Bldg. 960 is slated for demolition later this year.

After the ribbon cutting on the new facility, Cyrulik and Wells wielded sledgehammers to ceremoniously take the first swings of the demolition that will finally retire an old giant that had long served American fighting forces.



PHOTO BY BOB HARRISON

Col. G. Shawn Wells Jr., Area Support Group - Afghanistan commander, takes the ceremonial first swing in the demolition of Bagram Airfield Bldg. 960.

12th CAB

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Northeast, NATO.

Tate's opening remarks stressed the importance of using the summit to advance interoperability in every aspect of rotary wing operations.

"It will take all of us and all of the rotary wing we can muster, working together, to meet the demand in the event of a high intensity conflict," said Tate.

The summit took place at a strategic time of the year for most nations, before the annual combined training conference. The CTC will take place in Oberammergau, where countries will commit to training events for fiscal year 2017 and beyond.

Senior leaders and aviators from Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bul-

garia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, and Ukraine attended.

The conference used multiple small group sessions to address specific tactical challenges and limitations facing future training events. The subjects ranged from available training areas, MedEvac missions, attack operations and refuel procedures.

The dialogue shared between the nations established a framework for future joint interoperability, combined training opportunities, and a mutual understanding for improving freedom of maneuver throughout Europe.



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Attendees pose for a picture outside the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort conference center Nov. 2.

Spiders

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Herb Sims is a retired colonel and was a member of the 188th Assault Helicopter Company, 101st Airborne Division during its deployment in Vietnam.

"We deployed in April of 1967 to a place called Dau Thieng, which was where our base was. We just fell in on a piece of ground there. I have not seen most of these guys in 50 years. After Vietnam we just went our separate ways," Sims said.

A lot has changed over the 50 years Sims has spent away from his comrades.

"Well, it's really unusual seeing someone you haven't seen in 50 years. Some of them you wouldn't recognize walking down the street, other guys still look pretty close. Some of us have to carry a picture around to recognize each other," Sims said.

The commander of the Black Widows of the 188th Assault Helicopter Company, James McWhorter, was a major when he commanded the unit in Vietnam. He retired as a lieutenant colonel after serving for 25 years. He described the company that closely resembles a modern day battalion.

"It was a big company at that time. We had the company itself, which was the Black Widows; we had the gun platoon, which was the Spiders; we had our own medical and signal detachments; and

our own maintenance detachment," said McWhorter. "We were well over 300 people strong. It wasn't unusual to have a major as a commander and sometimes a lieutenant colonel."

"We went to Dau Thieng, which was a rubber plantation, and all that was there for us was a mess hall the engineers had built. Everything else we had to put up. We used artillery canisters as foundations for tent platforms. Everybody came to do a job and they knew they had to do it themselves or it wasn't going to get done," McWhorter said.

McWhorter said that seeing his fellow Black Widows after over 50 years was a very strong experience.

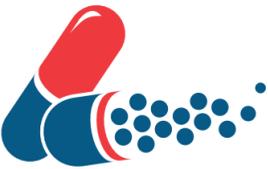
"Granted I may have gotten a little old and some of our hair is gone but they're still the same people and they show the same dedication now by being here as they did when we served back in Vietnam," McWhorter said.

Lt. Col. Jennifer A. Mykins, current commander of 4-3rd Avn. Regt., spoke about the lineage of the Spiders and the ties they have that never break.

"We talk all the time to our Soldiers and tell them that we stand on the shoulders of those that came before us and their legacy. These individuals, the veterans that are here today and what they represent over the past 50 years, it's because of them that

we are here today," Mykins said. "This is our way of saying thank you for what they did back in Vietnam. We continue to

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CAMPING UNDER STARS

Event delivers family fun

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

Although cold weather has finally embraced the South this season, the temperature was perfectly mild for a night to make great memories under the Alabama stars.

Families came together along West Beach at Lake Tholocco for a night of s'mores, movies, games and stories during the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Camping Under the Stars Friday.

The annual event featured a story time by Col. Shannon T. Miller, Fort Rucker garrison commander, and a special appearance by Sgt. Ted E. Bear, who was brought to life by Fort Rucker's own Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher D. Spivey, Fort Rucker garrison command sergeant major.

"I really appreciate the fact that I get to bring my children out here for a night like this," said Jayme Brennan, military spouse. "Camping is a great way for us to get time together and create memories for our children, and that's exactly what we want to do."

Brennan said that, as a child, her parents would often take her camping, but with life sometimes getting in the way, it can be difficult for her own family to find the time to enjoy such activities.

"We used to go camping all the time when I was a kid and I always loved it," she said. "It's not something that we get to do as often as we'd like, and I think it's definitely good for kids these days to get a taste of the outdoors because I think the older we get, the less time we spend in nature."

Although this year's event didn't include a bonfire because of exceedingly dry weather, people were still able to indulge in hot chocolate and make s'mores by the grill. Also, throughout the night, children got the chance to jump in a bounce house, pick out a temporary tattoo of their choice, and watch movies on the big screen, all while laying comfortably in their tents.



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Col. Shannon T. Miller, Fort Rucker garrison commander, and Sgt. Ted E. Bear, brought to life by Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher D. Spivey, Fort Rucker garrison command sergeant major, dance with children during Camping Under the Stars at West Beach on Lake Tholocco Friday.



Teagan Coats, military family member, gets a temporary tattoo with the help of her father, W01 James Coats, 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt., and Pvt. 1st Class Mykea Carroll, 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt. and volunteer for the event.



Dozens of tents dotted the grass near Lake Tholocco's West Beach during the event.

W01 Darren Marcus, B Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment, came out with his wife, Jennifer, and two children, and although they weren't able to stay for the night of camping, they didn't miss out on the fun.

"Even though we aren't camping, I still wanted to enjoy this experience with them," said Darren. "You don't get a lot of opportunity to get to watch movies on a big screen outdoors with a lot of other families and I thought this would be great

for the kids to enjoy."

"We try to attend as many events as we can for our children," added Jennifer. "If they're having a good time, then we are, so we're really enjoying ourselves. We think it's great that they offer events like this for the families here because a lot of times it can be tough to come up with ways to entertain the kids - we're just really grateful."

That entertainment and quality of life is just part of what DFMWR aims to pro-

vide for the Soldiers and families on Fort Rucker, said Aida Stallings, Fort Rucker DFMWR community recreation division business manager.

"Camping is a great activity for families to enjoy some quality time together," she said. "November is the Month of the Military Family, and we (at DFMWR) do the best we can to show that we care about the Soldiers and their families by providing an excellent event that brings the military families together for a night

START SMART

Sports program involves parents in development process

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

It can be difficult for children to break into sports at a young age, but one program is helping to open doors for some by providing an easy way to get started.

The Start Smart Sports Development program and Fort Rucker Youth Sports is making it easy for children to get involved in sports by providing a way for parents to help with the development process, and that's just what they did during one session at the Fort

Rucker Youth Center Nov. 16 where parents and children took on the fundamentals of basketball.

Throughout the night, parents were involved in helping to teach their children the basics of the sport, such as dribbling and shooting, with a little help from Randy Tolison, Fort Rucker Youth Sports director, and Sani Williams, assistant youth sports director, who both decided to bring the program to the youth center to get children interested in sports.

"I think the program is great,

and even more so because it gets parents involved," said W01 Rob Cedar, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment. "I think a lot of times parents tend to use sports as a way to babysit their kids, but it's really important for them to be involved in it because I think the children need that support from them, and that's what I'm here to do."

"It's even better to be able to teach them with other parents and children around, too, because it gets them more interested in the activities," he continued. "Bas-

ketball is a team sport and they should start learning it as a team, so I think this is a great program."

It's that understanding of teamwork that makes the program so important, according to Williams, who said the program is a great way to help integrate children from individual play to team play.

"When children are just thrust into sports, it's not always the best way to get them to develop those skills," she said. "This allows parents to work with their own child

and give them a chance to spend a little more time with them while teaching them."

Williams said the program is beneficial to children because it provides them with the groundwork for the sport that they're interested in, and having the parents involved gives the program the added benefit of interaction between family members.

"Usually with organized sports, it's a coach who interacts with the children, but with this program the parents get to be actively involved, and I think that's a fun thing for both," she said. "With these skills, it will help the children to transition into the organized sport, which they will be able to do when they become of age."

So far, the program has been available for soccer, football and basketball, but Tolison and Williams said T-ball signups will begin in spring, and the program has the potential to add other sports later, like tennis.

"For now we're just starting with our regular season sports, but there is potential to add other sports to the program ... depending on how the program is received," said the assistant director.

Parents interested in signing up children for the program must visit parent central services and make sure to register their child with child, youth and school services. All children must have a current sports physical.

For more information, call 255-2257 or 255-2254.



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Parents and children work together to learn the fundamentals of basketball during a Start Smart session at the Fort Rucker Youth Center Nov. 16.

ON POST

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO FORT RUCKER EVENTS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS NOON THURSDAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK'S EDITION.

Spaghetti dinner

The Landing will host its annual spaghetti dinner Dec. 1 from 6-7:30 p.m. Dinner includes a choice of pasta and sauce, garlic bread, assorted cookies, and tea and coffee. Prices are family, two adults and up to two children, 12 and under, \$25; adults, ages 13 and over, \$10; children, ages 3-12, \$5; and children ages 2 and under eat for free. The facility will also host complimentary photos with Santa.

For more information, call 255-0769.

International Spouses Get Together

Army Community Service hosts its International Spouses Get Together the first Friday of every month at 9 a.m. at the Allen Heights Community Center. According to ACS officials, the get together is a place for spouses to find support, and help with finding resources for obtaining U.S. citizenship, education, drivers licenses and more. Multilingual volunteers are available.

For more information, call 255-3735.

Winter Wonderland Skate Night

Child, youth and school services will host its Winter Wonderland Skate Night Dec. 2. Safety skate will cost \$2, and will be from 6:15-7:15 p.m. – parents must be present. Regular skate will cost \$5, and will be from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Attendees are welcome to dress up as a snow princess, ice prince, snow boy, or snow girl. Judges will pick the best costume. There will also be giveaways and picture-taking sessions. Youth skaters must be current CYSS members.

For more information, call 255-9108 or 255-9127.

North Pole Express

MWR Central has tickets available to the North Pole Express Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Heart of Dixie Railroad Museum in Calera. Cost is \$36 tickets for seating in the Frisco Car – a coach ticket. Anyone ages 2 and older needs to have a ticket to ride the train. Children under the age of 2 are admitted for free with an adult with a ticket and must ride on a parent's lap. Ticket includes a ride to the North Pole, and a meet-and-greet with Santa, Mrs. Claus and elves. The event will also feature a Christmas story, chocolate milk, cookie, and a special surprise from Santa. The deadline to purchase tickets is Nov. 29.

For more information, call 255-2997.

FRG leadership training

Army Community Service will host family readiness group leadership training Dec. 6 in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 371F from 8:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. For more information, call 255-9578.

Family Member Resilience Training

Army Community Service will host its family member resilience training Dec. 7-8 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at The Commons. The training is designed to give people the tools they need to become more resilient in all the challenges that life may throw at them. For more information, call 255-3161 or 255-3735.

Soldiers in Greasepaint

The Center Library will host "Soldiers in Greasepaint: USO Camp Show Performers of World War II," Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m. in remembrance of the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. From Utah Beach to the Philippines, from wrestlers and tap dancers to the biggest names in show business, from 16,000 servicemen in an amphitheater in southern France to 20 GIs in Jeeps in a lonely stateside outpost, USO Camp Shows during WWII were part of a diverse, hilarious, moving, and inspiring story of voluntarism and service, according to organizers. Storyteller Dolores Hydock shares a small slice of this big-hearted story from a remarkable time in U.S. history. This program is funded through the Alabama Humanities Foundation and is open to authorized patrons. The event is Exceptional Family Member Program friendly.

For more information, visit the Center Library or call 255-3885.

Single parent family game night

Army Community Service, and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service will host single parent family game night Dec. 8 from 5-7 p.m. at the AAFES post exchange food court. Free giveaways will be included. This will be an Exceptional Family Member Program-friendly event. This is an initiative of Fort Rucker Community Health Promotions Council Family Resiliency Work Group and



PHOTO BY NATHAN PFAU

Christmas tree lighting

The annual Fort Rucker Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for Dec. 1 at 5 p.m. The event will feature music, hot chocolate, the lighting of the post Christmas tree and a visitor from the North Pole. Afterward, The Landing will host complimentary photos with Santa – and he may also have some treats for good girls and boys, according to organizers. The event will be open to the public and Exceptional Family Member Program friendly. For more information, call 255-1749 or 255-9810. Pictured is a scene from last year's event.

it is open to authorized patrons. Registration deadline is Dec. 2. Attendance will be limited to the first 20 families to register. The event is open to single parents who are active duty, retired, DOD employees and their families. People can pre-register by calling 255-3359 or 255-9647.

Employment readiness class

The Fort Rucker Employment Readiness Program hosts orientation sessions monthly in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, in the Army Community Service multipurpose room, with the next session Dec. 8. People who attend will meet in Rm. 350 at 8:40 a.m. to fill out paperwork before going to the multipurpose room. The class will end at about noon. The sessions will inform people on the essentials of the program and provide job search tips, as well. Advance registration is required and attendance at a session is mandatory for participation in the program.

For more information, call 255-2594.

Breakfast with Santa

The Landing will host its annual Breakfast with Santa Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon. The event will feature a buffet-style menu, including pancakes, eggs, bacon, fruits and assorted pastries. For more information, call 255-0769.

Montgomery Zoo trip

MWR Central will offer a day trip to see the Montgomery Zoo transformed into a Winter Wonderland, sparkling with thousands of lights and festive decorations, Dec. 10. The bus will depart Fort Rucker at noon and travel to Montgomery. The cost of this trip is \$35 per person and includes a ticket to the zoo, zoo lights viewing, and transportation to and from the zoo.

For more information and to register, call 255-9810.

Holiday craft

The Center Library will host a holiday craft session Dec. 13 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for children ages 3-11. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited to the first 65 children to register. The event will be open to authorized patrons only and will be Exceptional Family Member Program friendly.

For more information or to register, call 255-3885.

Blended retirement system seminar

The Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program will present a blended retirement system seminar Dec. 14 from 6-7 p.m. in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, in Rm. 282. This will be a discussion of the significant changes to the current military retirement system, including how retirement pay will be calculated, continuation pay, and the Thrift Savings Plan with matching government contributions. This discussion will be facilitated by ACS ac-

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HAMBURGER HILL

Native American veteran recounts brutal fight in Vietnam

By David Vergun
Army News Service

SOUTH GATE, Calif. — Greg Simon saw men mowed down like hay — his own men and those of the enemy — on Hamburger Hill in South Vietnam in May 1969.

Simon — a Native-American mix of Osage, Cherokee and Black Foot — reluctantly shared his story during a powwow in South Gate hosted by the Native American Veterans Association Nov. 12-13.

At the time, Simon was a corporal, a radio operator with the 101st Airborne Division. But when it became apparent that the North Vietnamese Army force was about to overrun their positions, he was called upon to man one of six 102mm cannons.

“The enemy came straight at us, so we direct-fired Beehive rounds at them, cutting down trees and people,” he said.

A Beehive round is round filled with shotgun-like metal that scatters everywhere when fired, he explained.

Despite his unit using six 102mm howitzers at the bottom of Hamburger Hill and three 105mm howitzers atop the hill, they just kept coming, he said. The enemy twice overran their positions. Eventually, most in his unit were dead, dying or wounded. In the end, Simon himself was among the wounded.

Once the medics and doctors had patched him up, he returned to duty. He served from 1968 to 1970 in Vietnam. He recalled that the mobility of his unit was amazing. “We’d hop inside a Chinook with the one-0-deuce slung under it and off we’d go from one fire-base to another,” he remembered.

Simon said he had so many stories to relate about his exploits in Vietnam that it would take days to tell them all: stories like the time his unit stopped the NVA from coming in from Laos on the Ho Chi Minh Trail, or the time his unit ventured into North Vietnam to rescue a unit of Marines who were faring poorly against a much larger NVA force.

Before he enlisted in the Army, Simon remembered, he encountered vets returning from Vietnam with post-traumatic stress disorder. “I thought they were all sissies,” he said. “Even when I returned from Vietnam I thought that.”

But in 1983, Simon’s wife told him that he needed to seek help. “I had anger issues and PTSD, but didn’t want to admit it,” he said.

The biggest hurdle in treating his PTSD was first admitting he had it.

WILLIAM GIVENS

Retired Sgt. 1st Class William Givens is the founder of NAVA, which he started in 2000. The organization is unique, he said, in that any veteran can join. Of the 30 member families, two are non-Native American.

Members are from the greater Los Angeles area, but others are welcome to join, he said. Members hold a monthly breakfast and a powwow every Veterans Day weekend. The nonprofit group’s mission statement is “We are Native-American veterans providing outreach to tribal and non-tribal veterans and their families.”

Outreach services include assisting veterans and their families with applying for federal, state and county benefits. NAVA has its own color guard, which promotes native heritage at ceremonies and presentations upon request. NAVA also hosts an annual veteran summit that connects veterans with service providers and organizes healing ceremonies for veterans struggling with emotional or psychological issues.

NAVA takes a special interest in veterans who are just separating from one of the services. “Our goal is to leave no veteran behind in their successful transition to the civilian community,” Givens said.

Givens’ ancestry is a mixture of Creek and Okanagan. He served in the Air Force from



PHOTOS BY DAVID VERGUN

Native-American veterans participate in a Native American Veterans Association powwow, held in South Gate, Calif., Nov. 12.

1963 to 1967 and in the Army from 1967 to 1990. He served in Saigon in 1963. He later was a radio operator and photographer on a secret mission in Pakistan in 1968.

Asked what he remembers most about his Army service, he said, “[Soldiers] are the best people I’ve ever met in the world. They take care of each other just like a tribe.”

Givens is currently employed by the state of California’s Employment Development Department.

STEVEN DE LA ROSA

Steven De La Rosa is a Lipan Apache, born and raised in the Inland Empire area of Los Angeles, an area that includes South Gate.

The Inland Empire is now a sprawling suburb of Los Angeles, but when De La Rosa was growing up, he said, much of the land was still wilderness, so much so that he and his father could hunt deer, pheasant, duck and geese. They also went for many hikes, even at night, using various land navigation techniques.

The skills he learned hunting and navigating the wilderness, he said, probably saved his life during his service in the Marine Corps from 1971 to 1974.

In early 1972, De La Rosa was notified at Camp Pendleton, California, that he was deploying. However, the notification included no mention of where he was deploying to. Eventually, he and other Marines landed at a NATO base in Iceland, where their mission was to protect the NATO Ground Defense Forces, who were holed up in underground bunkers in Iceland’s hinterland.

One Marine was assigned to each of the bunkers, which were scattered throughout Iceland. The NATO personnel would stay inside the bunkers for weeks, never coming out. The Marines received no contact with anyone for extended periods of time. De La Rosa was never told what was inside the bunkers and he was never allowed inside. Today, he still wonders what was inside.

Guarding his particular bunker, De La Rosa would walk miles of perimeter barbed wire fencing, armed with an M-14 rifle. It was tough, he remembered. “I nearly froze to death a few times and so did others,” he said.

In February in Iceland, the darkness lasts 24 hours, the temperatures can drop to 20 and 30 degrees below zero, and storms regularly blow in off the Atlantic, turning into severe blizzards.

“It’s easy to get lost in [whiteout conditions],” he recalled. “You can end up freez-



Native-American veterans participate in the powwow.

ing to death and being buried in some snow-drift.”

The total darkness and long hours in the cold caused some of the Marines, whom De La Rosa called “hard-core Vietnam guys,” to hallucinate. “It started to work on you and there were things out there that you imagine,” he said. The hallucinations led some of the men to discharge their rifles, resulting in multiple investigations and lots of paperwork.

De La Rosa still bears physical reminders of his duty in Iceland. His nose has scars from frostbite. When he went to see the corpsman about his frostbite, he was given some gun grease to apply to his nose and told to go back outside on duty. In time, his nose went black with dead tissue.

He also developed arthritis as a result of his duty there, he believes, and he has permanent cornea damage in both eyes from sun glare on the ice.

His only contact with the outside world was a phone in an unheated guard shack near the gate to the bunker, he said. The person to call when you got into trouble was

Lance Cpl. Joe Pierce. “If Pierce couldn’t save you, then no one could,” he said.

Pierce grew up near Canada and was accustomed to the cold. When Marines went missing, he would hunt for them in his 2.5-ton truck, known as a deuce-and-a-half. “He found people half dead in snow drifts,” De La Rosa said. “He’d warm them up in the cab.”

De La Rosa said he kept his sanity by touching the feather of an owl, which he kept inside his jacket liner. He said his grandmother gave it to him and told him it would give him the power of the owl and allow him to turn himself invisible, see through darkness, and sense danger in the future.

When he returned, De La Rosa used the owl feature as a bookmark in his King James Bible. He finally retired after serving 37 years as an operating room surgical technician.

Today he is proud of the work he did and the lives he saved. He believes the work soothed some of his own PTSD symptoms, and he loved the work so much that he often volunteered for extra night shifts.

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Gift Card Deals

From Friday through December 24, patrons get a \$5 gift certificate for every \$50 purchase of Georgia State Park gift cards.

Gift cards can be tucked into a stocking for later use on cabins, campsites, historic site admission, retail items, picnic shelters, boat rentals, golf fees and many other outdoor activities.

Give the card to a loved one or keep the gift certificate for yourself. The \$5 certificates are valid January 1-31, 2017; \$20 minimum must be spent. Not valid on ParkPass fees or Friends memberships.

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side, a cozy fire pit outside and hot showers nearby. Yurts usually rent for \$75 to \$100 per night. Georgia State Park campsites feature water and electric hookups (some sewage hookups) and a central bathroom. Campsites usually rent for \$25 to \$40 per night. During holiday season, many families gather at state parks to enjoy parties and reunions in group shelters.

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ONGOING — The American Legion Post 80 has regular meetings the second Monday of the month, starting at 6:30 p.m., at the Legion Hall. For more information, call 222-7131 or visit www.andalusialegionpost80.org.

ONGOING — The American Legion Post 80 hosts a dance with live music every Saturday from 7:30-11:30 p.m. For more information, call 222-7131 or visit www.andalusialegionpost80.org.

DALEVILLE

ONGOING — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6020 Franchise J. Ballard Post membership meetings are at the post headquarters on State Road 84 every third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Breakfast is served Sundays, and games and TVs are available for entertainment. Meetings are open to all. The post can host parties, weddings, and hails and farewells. For more information, call 598-6211, 598-1297, 598-6211 or 379-9187.

DOTHAN

ONGOING-DEC. 31 — The Wiregrass Museum of Art hosts its fall exhibitions Southern Abstraction and Firmly Planted in the Black Belt - the Art of Bud Harris Wednesdays-Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Private tours and activities can be arranged by appointment on Mondays and Tuesdays. For more information, visit <http://www.wiregrassmuseum.org/> or call 334-794-3871.

ONGOING — Disabled American Veterans Dothan Chapter 87 maintains a service officer at its office at 545 West Main St. (Mixon Business Center) Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The chapter will assist veterans who were injured or disabled while in military service. DAV service officers help veterans and their spouses with disability compensation claims and other veterans benefits. All veteran services provided are free of charge. For more information, call 836-0217, Ext. 123, or send an email to davchapter87@gmail.com.

ENTERPRISE

ONGOING — Disabled American Veterans Chapter 9 Enterprise-Coffee County meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Shane's Rib Shack. For more information, call 308-2480.

ONGOING — The American Legion Post 73 meets at the American Legion building at 200 Gibson Street on the fourth Saturday of each month beginning at 9 a.m. The building

is across the street from the Lee Street Baptist Church. For more information call 447-8507.

ONGOING — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6683, John Wiley Brock Post monthly membership meetings for the VFW Post 6683 and Auxiliary are on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the post headquarters building located at 2615 Coffee County Road 537. The post mailing address is P.O. Box 311752 Enterprise, AL 36330. For more information, call 334-464-1171 or the auxiliary at 334-464-2222. The post also has a Facebook site at vfwpost6683.

GENEVA

ONGOING — The Geneva County Relay for Life meets the last Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Citizens Bank. For more information, call 248-4495.

MIDLAND CITY

ONGOING — Residents are invited to town hall meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 1385 Hinton Waters Ave. For more information, call 983-3511.

NEW BROCKTON

DEC. 15 — Disabled American Veterans Chapter 99 will conduct its annual Fun Time get-together at 6 p.m. in the New Brockton Senior center, located one block behind the police station. Finger food and soft drinks will be served free of charge to DAV members and their families, and other interested persons are invited. For more information, call 334-347-0114.

ONGOING — Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 9-11 a.m., Disabled American Veterans Chapter 99 maintains a service office in the New Brockton Police Station at 202 South John Street. The office will assist veterans who were injured or disabled while in military service. DAV service officers help veterans and their spouses with disability compensation claims, Veterans Affairs pensions, death benefits, VA medical care, Social Security disability benefits, veterans job programs, homeless veterans services and other veteran services. All veteran services are provided free of charge. For more information, call 718-5707.

OZARK

ONGOING — The Friends of Ozark holds a monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Ozark-Dale County Library. For more information, call 477-6221 or email wcholmes53@hotmail.com.

ONGOING — Every Wednesday, the Ozark-Dale

County Public Library hosts free Wii Zumba from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Teens and adults are invited. For more information, call 774-5480.

PINCKARD

ONGOING — The public is invited to the Cross Country Workshop every Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Pinckard United Methodist Church.

For more information, call 983-3064.

SAMSON

ONGOING — The Samson City Council meets monthly the first and third Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Samson Community Center.

ONGOING — American Legion Post 78 meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m.

TROY

ONGOING — Troy Bank and Trust Company sponsors senior dance nights every Saturday night from 7-10 p.m. at the J.O. Colley Senior Complex. The complex is transformed into a dance hall and features music from the 40s, 50s, and 60s with finger foods and refreshments.

For more information, call Janet Motes at 808-8500.

WIREGRASS AREA

ONGOING — A German coffee takes place the last Thursday of every month except November at 10 a.m. at The Landing on Fort Rucker. The group has been meeting for more than 40 years.

JAN. 5-6 — Disabled American Veterans annual service officer certification training will be at the Auburn Hotel in Auburn. For more information, call 334-406-6700.

ONGOING — The Marine Corps League, Wiregrass Det. 752, welcomes all Marines, Navy corpsmen and chaplains, and their families, to its monthly meetings. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Attendees are welcome to arrive early for food and camaraderie. The next meeting will be at the Golden Corral in Dothan. For more information, call 718-4168 or 805-7335.

ONGOING — Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 970 County Road 528, Elba, offers Sunday school the first, second, third and fourth Sundays of the month at 9:45 a.m., and worship the first and third Sundays of the month at 11 a.m. Bible study is Wednesdays after the first and third Sundays from 6-7 p.m. For more information, call 334-774-1738.

Beyond Briefs

Theatre in the Mind

The Alabama Shakespeare Festival will host its free Theatre in the Mind series on various Saturdays now through May 6 from noon to 1 p.m. The series is designed to help people gain new insights into ASF productions through the acclaimed Theatre in the Mind and Bard Talk lecture discussions. Designed around the plays ASF presents each season, people can participate in free pre-show discussions with authors, cast members, designers and directors. The discussions are hosted by Dr. Susan Willis, ASF's resident dramaturge.

Schedule: Saturday —A Christmas Carol; Feb. 4 — Because of Winn-Dixie; Feb. 18 —The Two Gentlemen of Verona; March 11 —Sherlock Holmes; March 25 —Dauphin Island; and April 22 —The Tempest; and May 6 — Rep Actor's Discussion (after matinee) and Narrated Changeover.

Theatre in the Mind is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required — people may pick up their tickets at the box office counter just before each

lecture. People do not need to be a ticket holder to that day's performance to attend the lecture.

For more information, call 334-271-5353, or visit www.asf.net/Education/Theatre-in-the-Mind.aspx.

Second Friday Art Walk

Mobile's Second Friday LoDa Art Walk celebrates the arts downtown. The free monthly showcase of visual and performance arts starts at 6 p.m. second Friday of every month now until Dec. 9, when galleries, restaurants, shops, institutions, etc., in the Lower Dauphin Arts District open their doors for a family-friendly evening of exhibitions and entertainment by area artists.

For more information, visit <http://www.facebook.com/LODAartwalk>

'A Christmas Carol'

The Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery presents its production of "A Christmas Carol," adapted by Geoffrey Sherman and based on the novel by Charles Dickens, at various times now through Dec. 24. Festival officials said the production is recommended for ages four and up.

Ticket prices vary based on play, date and availability of seating. For more information, call 334-271-5353 or visit <http://www.asf.net/>.

Gem, mineral, jewelry show

The 46th annual Montgomery Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show will be held at Montgomery's Garrett Coliseum, Dec. 2-4. Dealers will have beads, crystals, geodes, rough, cabochons, gem stones, finished jewelry, tools, supplies and mineral and fossil specimens, according to organizers. Club members will display their individual collections and will give demonstrations on gem and rock cutting, faceting, cabochon making, and knapping.

Admission is \$2 for adults, or \$3 for a weekend pass. People ages 18 and under with a student ID and a paid adult are admitted for free. Parking is free, as well.

For more information, visit montgomerygemandmineralsociety.com/mgms/index.php/annual-gem-show.

Panama City Beach Marathon

The Panama City Beach, Florida, Marathon is scheduled for Dec. 3. The event also sports a half-marathon, a 5k race and

a children's fun run. People can register now — there is no race day registration — at <http://www.active.com/panama-city-beach-fl/running/distance-running-races/panama-city-beach-marathon-2016?int=>.

For more information, visit <http://www.pcbmarathon.com/>.

Tree lighting

Panama City Beach, Florida, will host its Christmas tree lighting ceremony Dec. 5 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Frank Brown Park. The PCB Police Department will also be accepting unwrapped toy donations for its Cops N' Kids program.

For more information, visit <http://www.panamacitybeachparksandrecreation.com/christmas-tree-lighting.html>.

Governor's Mansion open house

The Alabama Governor's Mansion Christmas Open House is scheduled for Dec. 5, 12, and 19 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Admission is free and tickets are available at the Governor's Mansion Gift Shop.

For more information, visit governor.alabama.gov/governors-mansion/mansion-tours/. The mansion is located at 1142 S. Perry St., Montgomery.

Army secretary issues challenge with 'Hack the Army' program

By Maj. Christopher Ophardt
Secretary of the Army Public Affairs

WASHINGTON – On Nov. 11 at the Capital Factory in Austin, Texas, Army Secretary Eric Fanning announced plans to launch the federal government's most ambitious "bug bounty" challenge, known as Hack the Army.

Building off the Army's previous Hack the Pentagon program earlier this year and similar initiatives advanced by private sector companies, the Army will offer cash rewards to hackers who find vulnerabilities in select, public-facing Army websites.

"We're not agile enough to keep up with a number of things that are happening in the tech world and in other places outside the Department of Defense," Fanning explained. "We're looking for new ways of doing business."

Unlike the Hack the Pentagon program, which offered hackers static websites that weren't operationally-significant as targets, Hack the Army will offer dynamic exchanges of personal identifiable information, sites considered critical to the Army's recruiting mission.

Over the next few weeks, HackerOne, a security consulting firm under contract with the Pentagon, will invite a group of security researchers and bug hunters to participate in the Army challenge. According to Fanning, the challenge represents a break with the past. Previously, the government has sought to avoid working with the hacker community.

"Here, we are not just meeting them face-to-face, we are challenging them," he said. "Take your best shot. Bring it on."

The Army's bug bounty program will be open to properly-registered members of the public, but in another first, Fanning announced that U.S. government civilians and active-duty military personnel will also be authorized to participate.

"What Hack the Pentagon validated is that there are large numbers of technologists and innovators who want to make a contribution to our nation's security, but lack a legal avenue to do so," Fanning said.

Registration for the program opened Monday at <https://hackerone.com/hackthearmy>. Soon, the full list of Army websites and databases that bug hunters will be permitted to hack under the program will be provided to registered and invited participants.

"These assets have deep ties to the Army's core operations, and as Secretary of the Army, the security of these foundational systems are incredibly important to me," Fanning said.



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Department of Defense's Defense Digital Service, which oversaw the Hack the Pentagon initiative, said the bounty program is about changing attitudes inside the government about hackers.

"Our workforce is static. There's a finite number and finite set of skills. Crowdsourcing is really the only way to get the dynamic skills you need that a static workforce can't get you," said Lisa Wiswell of Defense Digital Service.

Chris Lynch the head of Defense Digital Service added, "Hack the Army [will show] that bringing in creative hackers from a wide variety of backgrounds can fundamentally improve the way we protect our Soldiers and secure our systems."

Fanning agrees. In a world where traditional security approaches are increasingly insufficient, he believes, more creative approaches to security challenges are needed.

"There are people all over the world that are trying to get access to our systems, our data, and our information for malicious purposes," he said.

"Although we have a very well trained, incredibly capable security team in the military [and DOD], it's not enough. The more different sets of eyes, more different teams . . . that we can bring to this problem, the more secure we're going to feel about our information."



PHOTO BY JOHN MARTINEZ

Secretary of the Army Eric Fanning announced plans to launch the federal government's most ambitious 'bug bounty' challenge, known as Hack the Army, Nov. 11 at the Capital Factory in Austin, Texas.

Religious Services

WORSHIP SERVICES

Except as noted, all services are on Sunday.

Headquarters Chapel, Bldg. 109

8 a.m. Traditional Protestant Service

Main Post Chapel, Bldg. 8940

8:30 a.m. Catholic Confessions
9 a.m. Catholic Mass
11 a.m. Collective Protestant
12:05 p.m. Catholic Mass (Tuesday-Friday)
4 p.m. Catholic Confessions (Saturday)
5 p.m. Catholic Mass (Saturday)

Wings Chapel, Bldg. 6036

9:30 a.m. Protestant
Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Latter-Day Saints
10:45 a.m. Wings Crossroads (Contemporary Worship Protestant Service)
11 p.m. Eckankar Study (4th Sunday)
Spiritual Life Center, Bldg. 8939
10:15 a.m. CCD (except during summer months)

BIBLE STUDIES

TUESDAYS

Crossroads Discipleship Study (Meal/Bible Study)
Wings Chapel,
6:30 p.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel

Wings Chape, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Adult Bible Study

Spiritual Life Center,
7 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Catholic Women of the Chapel

Spiritual Life Center,
9 a.m.

Above the Best Bible Study

Yano Hall,
11 a.m.

1-14th Avn Regt Bible Study

Hanchey AAF, Bldg. 50102N,
Rm. 101 11:30 a.m.

164th TAOG Bible Study

Bldg. 30501, 11:30 a.m.

Precepts Bible Study

Soldier Service Center, 12 p.m.

Kingdom Kidz & Youth Group Bible Study

Spiritual Life Center,
5:30 p.m.

Adult Bible Study

Spiritual Life Center,
6 p.m.

THURSDAYS

WOCC Bible Study (1st/3rd Thursday)

Swartworth Hall,
Bldg. 5302, 11:30 a.m.

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NOT FORGOTTEN

Daughter receives medal for Navaho father's service in Korea

By David Vergun
Army News Service

SOUTH GATE, Calif. — A hawk circled overhead Nov. 12 at the Native American Veterans Association powwow as Karry Luttge received a medal from the Republic of Korea honoring her father.

At that moment, Luttge sensed the presence of her father and she knew that he was looking down on her. Her father had served several years in the Army and fought bravely in the Korean War, but he had always been reluctant to talk about his service, Luttge said, even when she repeatedly questioned him about it.

He finally opened up, though, before it was too late.

GROWING UP IN LA

Her father, Cornelio Carrisoza, a Navaho, had a rough time of it growing up in Los Angeles in the 1930s and 40s because of his Native American heritage.

Luttge can relate to his experience. She grew up in Burbank in the 1960s and 70s in a mostly white neighborhood, where she was sometimes shunned. Yet she was always proud of her Native-American heritage.

Luttge has always been proud of her father, too. Growing up, she found that they shared the same interests. They watched football together, went for hikes in the mountains and deserts together, collected coins, fished and

both of them loved dogs. "I'm the spitting image of him," she said.

Today, she still recalls one fishing trip when they baited the hooks with baloney. That day, the fish had a feast because they couldn't get the hooks to set.

In April 1969, when she was 9 years old, her parents divorced and Lutttge was devastated. Her dad would often visit her, though, but he still refused to discuss his service in the Army.

One possible clue about his time in the service, she suspected, was his civilian career. All his life, he worked as a mechanic at a Los Angeles clay factory.

In August 1999, her dad

finally opened up. He told her that he served in the Army from 1952 to 1955, with service in Korea in 1952 and 1953. During the Korean War, he was a tank mechanic, working on the front lines.

That explained his skills as a mechanic. The Army taught him well, Lutttge said, and he used what he learned in the Army to transition to civilian life.

What she remembers most today about his account of the war was his constant fear of death. The North Koreans would rain artillery rounds down on them on a regular basis.

When they heard the rounds coming, the men would all dive for the bunkers, she recalled him saying.

On Aug. 22, two weeks after finally opening up to her about his Army experience, he passed away.

KOREAN VETS HONORED

During the powwow, a ceremony honored four Korean War veterans, three of whom were present and one who was not — Lutttge's dad.

The three veterans and Lutttge each received an Ambassador for Peace medal from the Republic of Korea. They also received a proclamation

from the Republic of Korea minister of Patriotic and Veterans Affairs.

The proclamation read, in part: "It is a great honor and pleasure to express the everlasting gratitude of the Republic of Korea and our people for the service you and your countrymen have performed in restoring and preserving our freedom and democracy."

"We cherish in our hearts the memory of your boundless sacrifices in helping us re-establish our free nation."



PHOTO BY DAVID VERGUN

Karry Lutttge is presented with an Ambassador for Peace Medal and official proclamation from the Republic of Korea by William Givens, from the Creek Nation of Oklahoma, during a Native American Veterans Association powwow, held in South Gate, Calif., Nov. 12.

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POST CHAMPIONS

Centurions edge out Control Freqs for championship title

By Nathan Pfau
Army Flier Staff Writer

The Fort Rucker Intramural Football season came down to an epic head-to-head battle that had fans on the edges of their seats until the final seconds of play.

The 6th Military Police Detachment Centurions earned the title of post champions after a hard-fought battle with the 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment Control Freqs.

The Centurions came into the game on top and undefeated in the playoffs – needing only to secure a single win to lock in the championship. Control Freqs gave them a run for their money, though, winning the first game, 33-14, to force a second game, but ultimately losing to the 6th MPs, 38-33.

“This is a long time coming for the MPs,” said Sgt. Bennie Morris, captain for the Centurions. “They came in on the first game and they loaded up on us real bad. They hit us hard from the beginning and we couldn’t come back from it, but we expected that and we had the two-game advantage on them. We just went in there (during the second game) and kept cool heads ... and we got in there and focused on the game and did what we do best.”

The first game started as the Centurions took possession to start, but they didn’t seem to be on solid ground as they gave up an interception almost immediately, giving Control Freqs the advantage.

The 1-11th took full advantage of the gift and soon found themselves in the end zone with their first touchdown to take an early lead.

The 6th MPs came back strong on their second possession, and this time Pvt. Shawn Rogers, quarterback for the Centurions, was able to connect with his receivers to push down field, eventually getting across the opposing goal line to tie the game at 7.

At this point, both teams were full of energy and seemed evenly matched, and the Control Freqs took possession and managed to



PHOTOS BY TORI EVANS

Players of the 6th MP Centurions and the 1-11th Control Freqs go head to head during the final games of the 2016 Fort Rucker Intramural Football Championship.

push right through the opposing defense for another touchdown to retake the lead, 13-7.

The 6th MPs matched their opponent’s offense and slipped through the 1-11th’s defense relatively easily to push on the opposing end zone.

Roger managed to connect another pass to get across the goal line for their second touchdown and extra point to take the lead, 14-13.

The Control Freqs wouldn’t be outdone on their passing game, though, as they managed to connect two long bombs on their following possession to find themselves in the opposing end zone again to retake the lead, 20-14.

The 1-11th weren’t making things easy for their opponents, as they stuck to Rogers like glue, forcing him to pass, leading to a second interception, giving up any chance of scoring again before the end of the half.

Control Freqs had possession go-



ing into the second half and turned the heat on during their possession connecting on a pass for another touchdown to secure a comfortable lead, 27-14.

The Centurions had their work cut out for them and the pressure was on as they pushed up field, but the 1-11th wasn’t letting up and stayed on the 6th MPs quarterback, forcing him to throw his third interception of the game to give possession back to the Control Freqs.

They once again took full advantage of their possession, and managed to break through the opposing defense and get into the end zone again to secure a commanding lead, 33-14.

The Centurions were struggling to stay in the game with the 1-11th’s defense staying strong on their quarterback, but it wouldn’t deter them from pressing on and they managed to connect their passes into the opposing end zone

for their first touchdown in the half, still behind 33-21.

Their last-minute rally wouldn’t be enough, though, as the clock wound down giving Control Freqs the win.

Although they managed to stay alive by winning the first game, the 1-11th had to do it all over again to secure the championship. They started the second game strong, but the Centurion’s defense kept it tight and managed to force an early turnover.

The 6th MPs followed up with a 30-yard run by Rogers to get past the opposing 50-yard line and push toward the end zone. Rogers seemed to have gotten his mojo back and was able to connect with his receivers to secure the first touchdown of the game to take the lead, 7-0.

Control Freqs took possession determined to stay in the game, but threw an interception, giving possession back to the Centurions.

The 1-11th returned the favor with an interception of their own and then retook possession to try and get back in the game, and did just that with a running play for a touchdown but no extra point to trail, 7-6.

The Centurions came back and managed to push through the opposing defense with their aggressive offense to run in for another touchdown to lead again, 13-6.

The Control Freqs matched the 6th MPs pace and managed to slip through their opponent’s defense for another touchdown to tie the game, 13-13.

Neither team was going down without a fight, as the two teams traded touchdown for touchdown, but it would be the Centurions who would end up on top as the clock wound down, managing to take the lead, 38-33, with seconds remaining.

Control Freqs had possession in the final seconds, but pushed too aggressively and threw another interception that ended the game, sealing the championship for the Centurions.

Support group focuses on self-care, resiliency

By Jenny Stripling
Lyster Army Health Clinic
Public Affairs

Throughout most people’s lives, innate to being a human, is the search to form bonds with others.

Lyster Army Health Clinic offers a free Women Warrior Support Group for women in the military who may need extra support

and comradery from fellow women.

The group meets Mondays at 3 p.m. in the LAHC Behavioral Health Service area, with new groups occurring every eight to twelve weeks. The group focuses on resiliency and self-care, and is tailored for women who are looking to receive and provide support to other women and gaining or building upon skills that are useful in their everyday lives.

“This group is designed for women who feel they may need that extra motivation, for the times when accomplishing something is better when not alone,” said DeQuetta Sanders, counseling psychologist and lead for the Women Warrior Support Group at LAHC.

“The group focuses on emotional stability and may work concurrently with a women’s current treatment plan, if they

have one,” she said. “The group is designed to strengthen communication, or perhaps even issues a woman who is serving or has served may have with eating, sleeping, behavior management and more.”

The group is open for all women who are serving or have served in the military. The next group iteration begins Jan. 30.

For more information on future group sessions, call 255-7028 or 334-255-7350.

PIGSKIN PICKS



Minnesota vs. Detroit

Washington vs. Dallas

Pittsburgh vs. Indianapolis

Arizona vs. Atlanta

San Diego vs. Houston

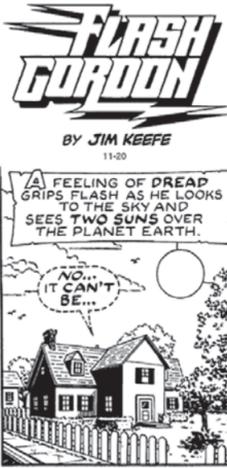
Kansas City vs. Denver

Green Bay vs. Philadelphia

<p>David Agan PAO (46-31)</p>							
<p>Col. Tom von Eschenbach CDID Director (43-34)</p>							
<p>Jim Hughes PAO (44-33)</p>							
<p>Capt. Jason Jordan 6th MP (39-38)</p>							
<p>Capt. Mike Simmons DPS (48-29)</p>							

DOWN TIME

OUR STORY SO FAR...



Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

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- COMICS: What superhero's real name is Steve Rogers?
- LITERATURE: Which mystery author created the character of Sam Spade?
- ANATOMY: What disease is commonly associated with a lack of vitamin A?
- LANGUAGE: In the NATO phonetic alphabet, what word stands for the letter "J"?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the Roman counterpart to the Greek god Odysseus?
- MOVIES: What 1954 movie included the song "The Man That Got Away"?
- HISTORY: What did the 1997 Kyoto Protocol international agreement attempt to regulate?
- TRANSPORTATION: In what city is the Jose Marti International Airport located?
- MUSIC: What famous singer/songwriter was born with the name Robert Zimmerman?
- FOOD & DRINK: What plant does the coriander seed come from?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Super Crossword VOWELS ON VACATION

- ACROSS**
- 1 Throat ailment
 - 6 Rial earner
 - 12 Final Four inits.
 - 16 "It was only OK"
 - 19 English dramatist George
 - 20 Singer/fiddler Krauss
 - 21 MP3 player attachment
 - 23 Took a big step to relieve debt [IEOAU]
 - 25 Worker "standing by"
 - 26 Enjoy
 - 27 Surpasses
 - 29 Wanton man
 - 30 Carry on, as business
 - 34 Mind-altering chemical substances [YOAIEU]
 - 38 Rip off
 - 39 Musical gourd
 - 42 Composer of many marches
 - 43 Withdrawn
 - 44 Hebrew "A"
 - 47 Transformed
 - 49 Tirade
- DOWN**
- 1 UV-blocking stat
 - 2 — Aviv
 - 3 Johnnie Walker blend
 - 4 Pixie-like
 - 5 Livens (up)
 - 6 TV chef
 - 7 Caribou kin
 - 8 Joan of art
 - 9 NBA broadcaster
 - 10 Steno's aid
 - 11 Ear bone
 - 12 Kansas river
 - 13 Upper limit
 - 14 Consist of
 - 15 Wet mo.
 - 16 Part of GMC
 - 17 Adequate
 - 18 Joan of Arc's crime
 - 22 Like steel
 - 24 Joist or lintel
 - 28 Windows boxes?
 - 30 Web, to flies
 - 31 Bun
 - 32 Low- diet
 - 33 Major hike
 - 35 Perm part
- ACROSS**
- 51 Cooking contest since 1949 [IUYAEO]
 - 53 Study of bonds between atoms [OEUYAI]
 - 59 Poker-pot promise
 - 60 Of an average
 - 62 Episodic drama
 - 63 Basic human intelligence
 - 66 U. URL ending
 - 69 Hunter constellation
 - 71 Fencing move
 - 72 Spanish for "that"
 - 73 President before Rutherford Birchard Hayes [UYEIOA]
 - 77 "Imagine!"
 - 78 Disney movie
 - 80 Daughter of Desi Arnaz
 - 81 Posed (for)
 - 82 Suffix with Oktober
 - 83 Zedong's theories
- DOWN**
- 85 "G'day" sayer
 - 88 Shower with flowers, e.g.
 - 90 "Sicko" and "Super Size Me," e.g. [OUEAYI]
 - 92 "Dear Abby" is one [YIAEOU]
 - 98 Mazar of "Entourage"
 - 99 From sunup to sundown
 - 101 Follower of "had a farm"
 - 102 Morris, e.g.
 - 105 Gone up
 - 108 Naval clerk
 - 110 Flutter
 - 111 In great demand [IYOUAE]
 - 114 Trapped by a blizzard
 - 117 Sheltered, nautically
 - 118 Plaza Hotel girl
 - 121 Leslie Caron musical
 - 122 Seder time
 - 126 Thwarters of Boris Badenov [OYAUIE]
 - 131 Neighbor of a Sudanese
 - 132 "SOS!"
 - 133 "So do I"
- ACROSS**
- 134 The, to René
 - 135 Suffix with disk
 - 136 Palace of Paris
 - 137 For — (dirt-cheap)
- DOWN**
- 36 Bygone emperors
 - 37 "Peanuts" boy Linus —
 - 40 Radio-switch letters
 - 41 Sidewalk eatery
 - 45 Fraternity letters
 - 46 "Silicon Valley" ailer
 - 48 Arab chiefs
 - 50 No — traffic
 - 52 Wishes away
 - 54 Been abed
 - 55 Obstructs
 - 56 Burn slightly
 - 57 Zoo pens
 - 58 Wintry mix
 - 61 Ding-a-lings
 - 63 Online health info site
 - 64 Stern with a violin
 - 65 May greeting card opener
 - 67 Fast Net svc.
 - 68 Normal
 - 70 Gun org.
 - 73 People itemizing
 - 74 Bathtub gunk
 - 75 — beat (hesitate)
 - 76 Abbr. on a food label
 - 79 Tough spot
- DOWN**
- 82 Central points
 - 84 The head honcho
 - 86 Capri, e.g.
 - 87 Inside: Prefix
 - 89 Verse tribute
 - 91 Sole, for one
 - 93 Obstructs
 - 94 Blue color
 - 95 Preface
 - 96 Skirt style
 - 97 Both-hands-up time
 - 100 Rhapsodic
 - 102 Small church
 - 103 Blazing
 - 104 Hurdle for a grad student
 - 106 E'erlasting
 - 107 Titans' org.
 - 109 Longtime Steelers coach
 - 112 In case that
 - 113 Musical Mel
 - 115 Wife of Fred Flintstone
 - 116 Actor Cary
 - 119 Vodka brand
 - 120 Outer limits
 - 123 Mined metal
 - 124 Animal doc
 - 125 Devour
 - 127 2000 Peace Nobelism Kim — Jung
 - 128 "Toodles"
 - 129 "— Tiki"
 - 130 Ship record

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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See Page D3 for this week's answers.

KID'S CORNER



Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

FIND THE BIG WORDS!
Can you find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left? A definition for each is provided below, and the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word for the grid.

DEFINITION:

- A sports announcer wears one.
- Where birds and bells hang out.
- Great mixers.
- Concoated with a decorative overlay.
- Favorably regarded.
- The winning burger was —
- Toast and egg dishes (sl).
- To twist into a confusing mess.

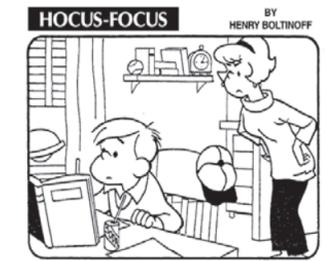
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ribs + feel
serb + lend
need + veer
teed + seem
fees + bite
yeas + deep
gent + lane

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THE FIVE-WILL-GET-YOU-EIGHT WAGER!
Draw figure 1 on a sheet of paper. Then challenge your friends to add five straight lines to the drawing so that the result will give you eight equal-size triangles. Our solution is shown in figure 2.

CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

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ANSWERS: 1. Scarecrow, 2. Chicken, 3. Duck, 4. Turkey, 5. Goose, 6. Crow, 7. Raven, 8. Owl, 9. Bat, 10. Frog, 11. Snake, 12. Lizard, 13. Snake, 14. Frog, 15. Owl, 16. Bat, 17. Snake, 18. Lizard, 19. Snake, 20. Frog, 21. Owl, 22. Bat, 23. Snake, 24. Frog, 25. Owl, 26. Bat, 27. Snake, 28. Lizard, 29. Snake, 30. Frog, 31. Owl, 32. Bat, 33. Snake, 34. Frog, 35. Owl, 36. Bat, 37. Snake, 38. Lizard, 39. Snake, 40. Frog, 41. Owl, 42. Bat, 43. Snake, 44. Frog, 45. Owl, 46. Bat, 47. Snake, 48. Lizard, 49. Snake, 50. Frog, 51. Owl, 52. Bat, 53. Snake, 54. Frog, 55. Owl, 56. Bat, 57. Snake, 58. Lizard, 59. Snake, 60. Frog, 61. Owl, 62. Bat, 63. Snake, 64. Frog, 65. Owl, 66. Bat, 67. Snake, 68. Lizard, 69. Snake, 70. Frog, 71. Owl, 72. Bat, 73. Snake, 74. Frog, 75. Owl, 76. Bat, 77. Snake, 78. Lizard, 79. Snake, 80. Frog, 81. Owl, 82. Bat, 83. Snake, 84. Frog, 85. Owl, 86. Bat, 87. Snake, 88. Lizard, 89. Snake, 90. Frog, 91. Owl, 92. Bat, 93. Snake, 94. Frog, 95. Owl, 96. Bat, 97. Snake, 98. Lizard, 99. Snake, 100. Frog, 101. Owl, 102. Bat, 103. Snake, 104. Frog, 105. Owl, 106. Bat, 107. Snake, 108. Lizard, 109. Snake, 110. Frog, 111. Owl, 112. Bat, 113. Snake, 114. Frog, 115. Owl, 116. Bat, 117. Snake, 118. Lizard, 119. Snake, 120. Frog, 121. Owl, 122. Bat, 123. Snake, 124. Frog, 125. Owl, 126. Bat, 127. Snake, 128. Lizard, 129. Snake, 130. Frog, 131. Owl, 132. Bat, 133. Snake, 134. Frog, 135. Owl, 136. Bat, 137. Snake.

Human trials begin for Army-developed Zika vaccine

By Cheryl Pellerin
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — A clinical trial began Nov. 7 at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research where 75 participating healthy adults were vaccinated with a Zika virus vaccine that the institute's scientists developed earlier this year, Walter Reed officials announced recently.

The Phase 1 trial will test the safety and immunogenicity — the ability of the vaccine to trigger an immune response in the body — of the purified, inactivated Zika virus vaccine called ZPIV. The vaccine is being tested at WRAIR's Clinical Trial Center in Silver Spring, Maryland.

"The Army has moved efficiently from recognizing Zika virus as a threat, producing ZPIV for use in animals and demonstrating its effectiveness in mice and monkeys, producing ZPIV for human testing, and now initiating clinical trials to establish its safety and build the case for subsequent efficacy trials," Col. (Dr.) Nelson Michael, director of WRAIR's Military HIV Research Program, and Zika program co-lead, said in a statement.

Efficacy refers to the vaccine's ability to demonstrate a health effect when tested in a clinical trial.

"All of this," he added, "was done in 10 months."

Dr. Kayvon Modjarrad, Zika program co-lead and associate director for emerging infectious disease threats at WRAIR's MHRP,

said the Army was able to move so quickly in developing, manufacturing and testing a Zika vaccine "because of its extensive experience with this vaccine platform and longstanding investments in the understanding and mitigation of flaviviruses like yellow fever, dating back to the founding of WRAIR."

DOD ZIKA RESPONSE

WRAIR officials say this study is part of the Defense Department response to the ongoing Zika outbreak in North and South America and Southeast Asia.

For service members, there are concerns about infection during deployment and travel, but also in the continental United States, where most military installations are concentrated in southern states. There, climate conditions and mosquito populations favor Zika transmission, WRAIR officials say.

As of Nov. 2, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 149 cases of Zika infection were confirmed in the military health system, including four pregnant service members and one pregnant family member.

Zika infection during pregnancy, the CDC says, can cause a birth defect of the brain called microcephaly and other severe fetal brain defects.

Other problems have been detected among fetuses and infants infected with Zika virus before birth, such as defects of the eye, hearing deficits and impaired

growth. And reports have increased about Guillain-Barré syndrome, an uncommon sickness of the nervous system, in areas affected by Zika, CDC says.

But even Zika infections without symptoms "can lead to severe birth defects and neurological complications," Zika study principal investigator Maj. (Dr.) Leyi Lin said, adding, "A safe and effective Zika vaccine that prevents infection in those at risk is a global public-health priority."

ZIKA AND OTHER FLAVIVIRUSES

Flaviviruses like Zika are found mainly in mosquitoes and ticks and cause widespread morbidity and mortality worldwide. Other mosquito-transmitted viruses that are members of the flavivirus genus include yellow fever, or YF, dengue fever, Japanese encephalitis, or JE, and West Nile viruses, according to the CDC web page.

"We want to assess the safety and immune response of the ZPIV vaccine in JE and yellow fever YF vaccine recipients because these vaccines may alter the response to the ZPIV vaccine," Lin said.

"Uniquely," he added, "illness as a result of natural infection from JE, YF or Zika could be more severe when prior flavivirus infection or vaccination exists. Our study assesses co-vaccination to learn how to reduce risk when protecting against circulating flaviviruses."

This is important for service members who are vaccinated

against other flaviviruses and then stationed in or deployed to areas where Zika is becoming endemic, WRAIR scientists say.

ZIKA VACCINE PLATFORM

WRAIR's inactivated flavivirus vaccine platform was the same technology the institute used to create its Japanese encephalitis vaccine, licensed in 2009.

An earlier preclinical study found that rhesus monkeys vaccinated with ZPIV developed a strong immune response and were protected against two strains of Zika virus.

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, or NIAID, part of the National Institutes of Health, helped identify the viral strain used in the ZPIV vaccine, supported the preclinical safety testing and is sponsoring the conduct of this trial.

WRAIR, NIAID and the Department of Health and Human Services' Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority, or BARDA, have established a joint research collaboration agreement to support the vaccine's development.

The Pilot Bioproduction Facility at WRAIR manufactured the ZPIV vaccine being used in Phase 1 clinical studies, and the Army recently signed a cooperative research and development agreement to transfer the ZPIV technology to Sanofi Pasteur to explore larger scale manufacturing and advanced development. BARDA recently awarded a

six-year contract to Sanofi Pasteur to further develop this vaccine to licensure, according to the WRAIR release.

OTHER ZPIV TRIALS

WRAIR's ZPIV candidate also will soon be part of an NIH trial that began in August. The NIH vaccine contains DNA that instructs volunteers' cells to make certain Zika proteins that then illicit an immune response. As part of that study, WRAIR's ZPIV vaccine will be given to volunteers as a booster after they receive the NIH DNA vaccine, WRAIR officials say.

Three more Phase 1 trials using ZPIV are scheduled to begin this year, the WRAIR release noted.

- St. Louis University researchers, through the NIAID-funded Vaccine and Treatment Evaluation Units network, will examine the optimal dose of the vaccine to be used in larger studies.
- Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard Medical School researchers will evaluate the safety and immune response from a compressed vaccine schedule.
- The Ambulatory Center for Medical Research, part of Ponce Health Sciences University in Puerto Rico, will examine the vaccine's safety and immune response in participants who have already been naturally exposed to Zika or dengue viruses.

PIGSKIN

PICKS

Michigan vs. Ohio State

Mississippi State vs. Ole Miss

Auburn vs. Alabama

Notre Dame vs. USC

Utah vs. Colorado

Tennessee vs. Vanderbilt

Florida vs. Florida State

 Kent Anger DPTMS (54-23)							
 Todd Conyers USAACE (49-28)							
 Jeff Frey NCOA (42-35)							
 Wes Hamilton NEC (55-22)							
 John Tkac DPS (52-25)							

FORT RUCKER SPORTS BRIEFS

Spring soccer registration

Parents can register their children for spring soccer Dec. 1-Jan. 15. All interested participants must have a current sports physical and a valid child, youth and school services registration. Children must meet the age requirements by July 31, 2016. Cost is \$25 for youth ages 4-5 years and \$45 for youth ages 6-14. Additional children will receive a percentage discount to be determined at parent central services during registration. Parents who use Webtrac to register their children should call 255-9638 to let the staff know what size shirt and shorts to order for the children. Practice will begin around Jan. 30 and the season will begin Feb. 13. There will be a parents meeting Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. in Bldg. 2800, the youth center, on Seventh Avenue.

To register, visit parent central services or use Webtrac. For more information, call 255-9638 or 255-2254.

SWGCG holiday sale

Silver Wings Golf Course will host its holiday sale Dec. 1-24. Shoppers will be able to select items for purchase, and when they check out, they will pick a stocking from the tree for their holiday discount that will be applied to their purchase. The sale will be open to the public.

For more information, call 255-0089.

Ham shoot out

Silver Wings Golf Course will host its ham shoot out Dec. 17 with tee times from 8-10 a.m.

Cost is \$20 per player, plus cart and green fees if applicable. Format is individual stroke play. U.S. Golf Association handicap or weekend dogfight points will be used. Gift certificates and ham will be awarded as prizes to gross and net winners. Registration deadline is Dec. 17 at 9 a.m. The event is open to the public.

For more information, call 255-0089.

Biggest Buck Contest

Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation continues its Big Buck Contest through Feb. 10 during daylight hours. Entry fee is \$25 per person and the contest is open to the public. Participants must be registered before harvesting their buck — bucks must be harvested on Fort Rucker to qualify. Fort Rucker

requires that individuals ages 16 and older have an Alabama State Hunting License, a Fort Rucker Post Hunting Permit and a Hunter Education Card.

For more information and to register, call 255-4305.

Youth gymnastics classes

Fort Rucker Child, Youth and School Services hold gymnastics classes through Dec. 20 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the school age center, Bldg. 2806. Classes are offered for preschool — coed — (age 3-5) up through Level 5 (age 16). Cost varies from \$25-\$50 per month. Students can join classes at any time.

For more information, call 255-1867.

Super Crossword

Answers

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

2	4	7	6	1	8	5	9	3
6	8	5	9	7	3	1	4	2
3	9	1	4	2	5	8	6	7
4	5	3	1	8	6	7	2	9
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1	2	9	7	5	4	3	8	6
5	3	4	8	6	2	9	7	1
9	7	2	3	4	1	6	5	8
8	1	6	5	9	7	2	3	4

TRIVIA

Answers

- Captain America
- Dashiell Hammett
- Night blindness
- Juliet
- Ulysses
- "A Star Is Born"
- Greenhouse emissions
- Havana, Cuba
- Bob Dylan
- Cilantro

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