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Gate 7 road project's progress on track

by Glen Paddie
Courier staff

The entrance and road leading out of Gate 7 to Highway 41-A has been closed for almost two months for road projects on and off-post.

Consequently, privately owned vehicles have not been allowed through the gate during this time.

Fort Campbell and Kentucky Highway officials knew closing Gate 7 and the road leading to it would be a great inconvenience to those who are stationed or work at Fort Campbell, but the bigger picture took precedence over a short-term inconvenience.

"We looked at trying to open the gate in the mornings from about 5 a.m. until 6:30 a.m. to help relieve some of the morning traffic for physical training," said Wally Crow, Fort Campbell's transportation planner. "However, after meeting with Department of Emergency Services officials, it was determined, for now, that it remain closed."

Crow said officials are constantly monitoring the situation and the biggest reason for not opening the gate just yet, even with staggered hours, was manpower.

Crow also said if the manpower were available, the gate could be opened without much trouble for short periods of time.

Even so, Crow seemed to find



A tractor-trailer coming into Fort Campbell prepares to make a wide turn just outside of Gate 7 into the transportation office parking lot. The road from Gate 7 out to Highway 41-A has been closed due to construction inside and outside the gate. Construction inside the gate has been completed, but there is still work to be done outside it, which is why the gate remains closed. Officials hope to have the entire project complete and Gate 7 reopened by Thanksgiving, weather permitting.

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the silver lining in not opening the gate for a little while longer.

"There is still more work to be done on this project," stated Crow. "The contractor will continue to

have an advantage by not having to deal with traffic and there's still some good weather left before winter."

Crow said that not only will the

contractor appreciate the continued reprieve of traffic, but the Kentucky Highway Department will too, because in the long run it will be much safer for everyone.

Crow added that all the road work inside Gate 7 on this particular project is finished.

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Strike gets motivated

by Sgt. Joe Padula
2nd Brigade Combat Team

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Attributes of a great leader include honesty, integrity, accountability, responsibility, trust, passion, ability to inspire and having the capability to listen and communicate, stated by Howard Putnam, the former chief executive officer of Southwest Airlines and a speaker at the latest Get Motivated Seminar held at Nashville's Bridgestone Arena, Oct. 17.

Get Motivated Seminar Inc. is a personal training and development company comprised of well-known leaders who speak at large venues on the topic of leadership. In the crowd of about 17,000 were 196 Strike Soldiers and leaders of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, who learned much from the high-profile motivational speakers.

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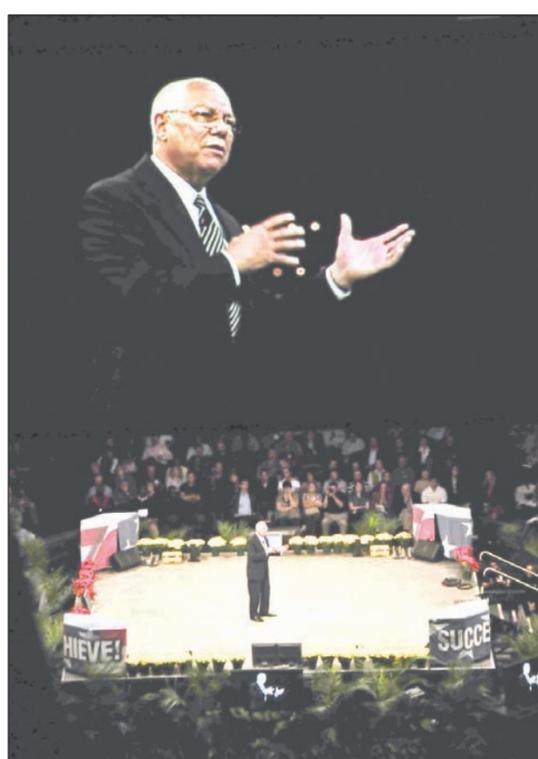


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Retired Gen. Colin Powell, the 65th U.S. Secretary of State and Strike's commander in 1976, speaks on a stage and a Jumbo-Tron screen to an audience of about 17,000 on the qualities of leadership at a Get Motivated Seminar held at Nashville's Bridgestone Arena, Oct. 17. Among the large crowd were 196 Strike Soldiers and leaders from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division.

SOAR celebrates 30 years

by Kimberly Tiscione
160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment

Generations of Night Stalkers, Families and friends recently gathered to celebrate 30 years of Army special operations aviation.

On Oct. 16, 1981, the Department of Defense officially recognized a unit dedicated to providing helicopter support to the nation's special operations forces. That small formation has evolved into today's 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment.

An informal event held the day prior to the milestone anniversary afforded an opportunity for founding members of the unit originally known as Task Force-160 to those serving in today's formation to gather for camaraderie, reflection and some well-deserved fun.

A small group of Night Stalkers from the unit's 3rd Battalion at Hunter Army

Airfield, Ga., captured the spirit of the event by cycling nearly 450 miles from their home base to Fort Campbell, in honor of all Night Stalkers and to participate in the celebration.

"I couldn't think of a better forum to reflect on our roots and traditions than to provide a venue for our first and current generations of Night Stalkers to connect," said Col. John Thompson, commander of the 160th SOAR.

The day started with a symbolic 30K Run that began at Old Clarksville Base, the unit's original home, and concluded at the current regiment work area. Crowds then gathered at a local park for sporting competitions, Family activities, musical entertainment and an aerial demonstration by the U.S. Army Special Operations Command Black Daggers Parachute Demonstration Team. Guests were also invited to explore static

displays of the unit's specially modified helicopters and talk with crew members.

Attendees did pause for a formal mid-day ceremony that included two significant presentations.

The first was a handmade plaque delivered by a group of five New York City Fire Department personnel, all military veterans, who wanted to recognize Night Stalker contributions over a decade of deployments supporting the War on Terror. Justin Devine, who served at Fort Campbell years ago, presented Thompson with the plaque made using a piece of steel recovered from one of the World Trade Center towers.

Then, more than 50 Task Force-160 plank holders were called to the stage individually and recognized for their role in shaping and defining the essence of Night Stalking.

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Upcoming AFAP conference discusses Army-wide issues

by Nondice Thurman
Courier staff

Each year Fort Campbell holds an Army Family Action Plan conference. The purpose of the conference is to go through issues that have been reported which affect not just Fort Campbell, but the Army as a whole. This year's conference is Nov. 7-9.

During the conference, delegates from the Fort Campbell community – Soldiers, spouses, retirees and more – will get together and work in groups to go over the various issues brought forward. They go through the issues and decide which ones will be presented to the command group. Once the command group decides which issues they feel should be pushed further up the chain, they are sent to Forces Command. Forces Command holds a similar conference to decide which issues will go to the Department of the Army AFAP conference.

"We've had a few issues that

have gone up all the way," said Alex Krohn, Fort Campbell AFAP program manager.

Among the issues that made it from Fort Campbell to the Department of the Army level last year were taking temporary duty assignments over 31 days into consideration with dwell time and having certified grief counselors with casualty assistance officers to provide immediate support on the casualty assistance officers' initial visit. The issue regarding dwell time made it into the top five at FORSCOM.

Tom Johnson, spouse of 1st Lt. Carissa Johnson, brought the issue forward when his wife was deployed just three months after spending nine months away from home for school.

"It would have been beneficial for her to have time in between that [officer] school and this deployment to rebuild herself," said Tom, during an interview earlier this year.

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PHOTO BY HEATHER CLARK | COURIER

A HMMWV Egress Assistance Trainer (HEAT) sits inside Fort Campbell's new Training Support Center. The new center was officially dedicated to Col. Robert E. Jones in a ceremony Tuesday.

TSC dedicated to Col. Robert E. Jones

by Heather Clark
Courier staff

Preparation for combat in unfamiliar places has been a Fort Campbell priority for decades. As the times change, so does the technology which Soldiers use to prepare themselves for deployment. To keep

pace with changing times and environments, Fort Campbell has completed construction of its newest Training Support Center, located at 6075 Screaming Eagle Blvd.

The building was dedicated to Col. Robert E. Jones in an official ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday.

"This training support center will be a key facility," said Steve Zuercher, chief of the TSC. "A facility with this much capability deserves an equal namesake, and I believe we have chosen just that in Colonel Robert E. Jones."

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COMMAND MESSAGE

This Veterans Day, honor all who have sacrificed

by Gen. Raymond T. Odierno
U.S. Army Chief of Staff

Since 1919, Americans have paused to remember the service and sacrifice of the men and women who have defended the American way of life. Our veterans have enlisted in peacetime and wartime, placing themselves in danger, serving with honor under difficult circumstances and often making the ultimate sacrifice to keep our Nation free. We owe a

We encourage you to thank those who serve today and the generations who came before them.

great debt to those who have assumed the ultimate responsibility of citizenship.

On that first Armistice Day, Americans marked the end of World War I – “the war to end all wars.” Yet, as we have seen, foes of liberty continue to emerge, requiring the

steadfast service and resolve of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen.

During almost a century of conflict and change, the courage and commitment of our military men and women have never fal-

tered. It is their strength that has sustained us through these uncertain times and ensured our interests are protected at home and abroad.

We encourage you to thank those who serve today and the generations who came before them. Take the time, not just that day but every day, to honor our Fallen and wounded heroes, remember the missing, and recognize all who today fight to defend our country and our freedom.

COMMAND MESSAGE

Domestic violence: end of your time in the military?

by Capt. Thomas J. Akacki Jr.
Legal Assistance attorney

It goes without saying domestic violence is an unfortunate and illegal activity that carries with it heavy consequences. Extensive literature exists pertaining to the societal repercussions from domestic violence. Volumes of legal texts outline the civilian process and punishments regarding domestic violence.

In the civilian world, domestic violence comes in two flavors: misdemeanors and felonies. Misdemeanors are criminal violations with punishments of incarceration for a period of one year or less. Misdemeanors may also carry financial penalties such as fines. The heavy sentences, more than one year imprisonment, results from felony convictions.

For this reason, felonies are often viewed as the greater of the two evils. However, few Soldiers understand the implications domestic violence misdemeanors may have on their military careers.

The primary lesson to learn is the implicit dangers of domestic violence...Do not become a party to domestic violence. The secondary takeaway is the great impact such a conviction will have on your career as a Soldier.

The Lautenberg Amendment to the Gun Control Act of 1968 became effective Sept. 30, 1996. This Amendment makes it a felony for those convicted of misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence to ship, transport, possess or receive firearms or ammunition. The Amendment also makes it a felony to transfer a firearm or ammunition to an individual known, or reasonably believed, to have such a conviction.

This means a misdemeanor conviction plus interaction with firearms or ammunition equates to a felony. For the purposes of the Lautenberg Amendment, a plea of *nolo contendere* is equivalent to a misdemeanor conviction. One should immediately wonder how this may affect Soldiers, especially since government personnel are not exempt

from the Lautenberg Amendment.

Application of the Amendment does not only apply to military firearms and ammunition. Department of Defense and Department of the Army policies also apply to privately owned firearms and ammunition. Commanders must therefore establish procedures to address Soldiers with qualifying convictions who store privately owned weapons.

Procedures may allow Soldiers to sell or transfer their weapons to authorized persons directly without taking physical possession of the weapons in violation of the Lautenberg Amendment. For note, DoD and DA policies do not apply to major weapons systems or crew-served weapons, such as tanks, missiles and aircraft systems.

While it may appear your career as a Soldier is automatically over due to the Lautenberg Amendment, some policies do exist to keep Soldiers from committing a felony as a result of their daily tasks. While your career may not be terminated, per se, your time in service will be affected greatly.

All Soldiers who have misdemeanor domestic violence convictions are: (1) non-deployable for missions requiring weapons, (2) not eligible for OCONUS assignments, (3) denied leadership roles requiring access to weapons and ammunition, (4) not permitted to attend service schools requiring weapons training, (5) reported as non-deployable, and (6) ineligible for re-enlistment.

The list of effects on a Soldier

with a misdemeanor domestic violence conviction is far-reaching. However, it does not explicitly call for the instantaneous termination of military service. While a commander may bring administrative separation action against a Soldier for the underlying misconduct which led to the misdemeanor conviction administrative punishment is not required by the Amendment.

The primary lesson to learn is the implicit dangers of domestic violence and the negative consequences it brings to the lives of those involved.

Do not become a party to domestic violence. The secondary takeaway is the great impact such a conviction will have on your career as a Soldier. If you have further questions or concerns regarding domestic violence and its application to the Lautenberg Amendment, please make an appointment with an attorney at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Legal Assistance Office, located within Building 125 on Forrest Road near Gate 5.

CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

Things cannot be judged by places, appearances alone

Author Unknown

A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead. He remembered dying, and that the dog walking besides him had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them. After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill, it was broken by a tall arch that arch that glowed in the sunlight.

When he was standing before it, he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother-of-pear, and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold. He and

the dog walked toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side. When he was close enough, he called out, “Excuse me, where are we?”

“This is heaven, sir,” he answered.

“Wow! Would you happen to have some water?” the man asked. “Of course, sir, come right in, and I’ll have some ice water brought up.”

The man gestured, and the gate began to open.

“Can my friend, gesturing toward his dog, come in, too?” the traveler, asked.

“I’m sorry, sir, but we don’t accept pets.”

The man thought a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going with his dog.

After another long walk, and at the top of another hill, he came to a dirt road leading through a farm gate that looked as if it had been closed. There was no fence. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book.

“Excuse me!” he called to the man. “Do you have any water?” Yeah, sure there a pump over there, come on in.”

“How about my friend here?” the traveler gestured to the dog.

“There should be a bowl by the pump,” said the man. They went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old-fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it. The traveler filled the water bowl and took a long drink himself, then gave some to the dog. When they were full, he and the dog walked

back toward the man who was standing by the tree.

“What do you call this place?” The traveler asked.

“This is Heaven,” he answered.

“Well, that’s confusing,” the traveler said.

“The man down the road said that was Heaven, too.”

“Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope. That’s Hell.”

“Doesn’t it make you mad for them to use your name like that?”

“No, we’re just happy that they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind. You can’t always judge things and places by appearances. Your friend is always welcome at my water bowl anytime.”

COMMENTARY

Work it out! Stress-busting ideas

by Seasoned Airforce Spouse
Health & Fitness Magazine

Stress can come from a variety of places. It can stem from good news or not-so-good news. Even great news can create it. A new baby? A new house? A long awaited PCS to a place you’ve always wanted to go?

For many people, natural reactions can include freaking out, eating, drinking, anger or other non-productive behaviors but handling stress that way can lead to more problems in the long term.

I stress over the good, the bad and the ‘doesn’t even exist yet.’ I blame my inner control freak... At some point, I realized that I had to find ways to sort through my thoughts. A work out session for my mind that distracts or allows for letting good (or bad news) sink in.

Music is huge for me. I basically meditate with my ip-od since it’s impossible for me to be still and clear my head. It relaxes me like a warm blanket when I’m feeling anxious.

When life and news is good, music gives me something to bounce to while I do the grateful dance.

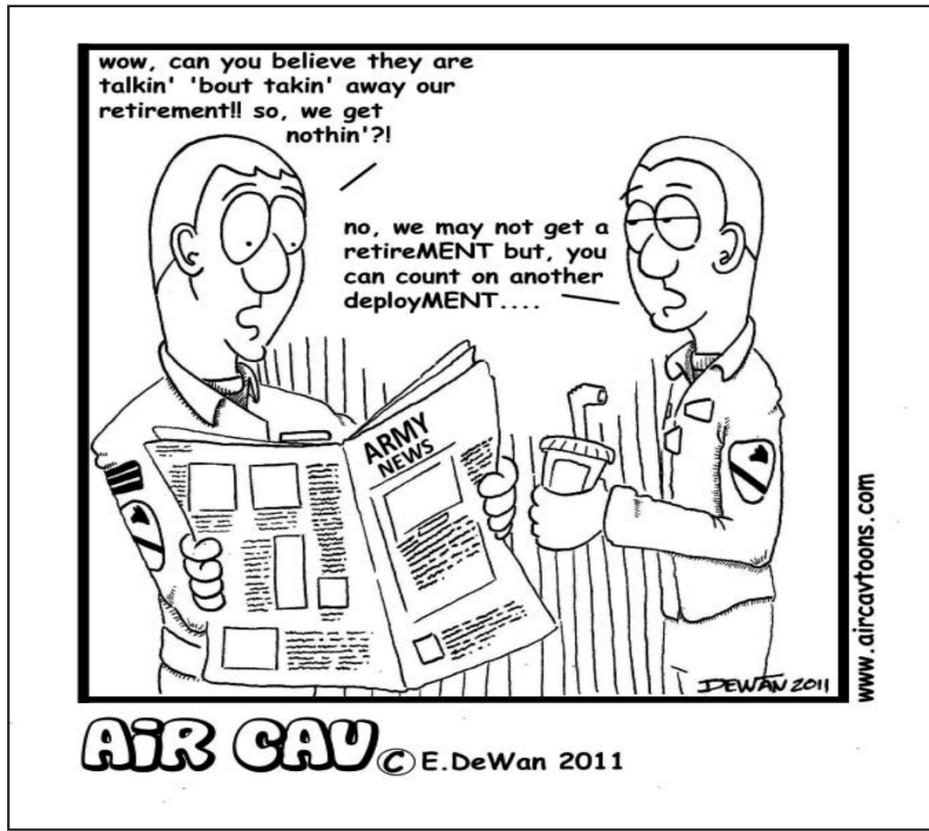
Silence. I can’t silence my entire house or its inhabitants, but I can silence myself for a few hours. It helps to focus on my mind and not my mouth.

Organizing and purging! Clearing the clutter clears my head, gives me a sense of control and burns calories. I’ve been doing a ton of this lately. It’s exhausting physically, but mentally relaxing.

Cleaning like a housekeeper. Even the dog avoids me when I have a broom in hand, a spray bottle in the other and eyes narrowed while looking at the corners and countertops. I do not clean like this over good news. Strictly frustration or anger fuels this type of elbow grease, but it really works.

I’ve found that these activities are better than chewing my nails to nubs, or endless ranting.

What do you do to process the positive and negative stressors of life?



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NEWS

ROAD

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"What we have left is taking up some of this pavement between the new hard surface and the existing concrete pavement [speaking of the truck turn at the head of the transportation office parking lot coming on to post]," Crow said. "Then, they're going to move those light bollards on the right side going out in order to widen that side of road."

"Then all they'll have left is repaving this road on out to 41-A and marking the traffic lanes," he added. "Where this road meets 41-A, there will

be six lanes - two lanes in, two lanes out and two turn lanes."

Crow noted that there are a few small details to work through, such as what kind of crash cushion will be placed at the transportation office parking lot truck turn coming on to post.

"Money is tight, so a temporary row of Jersey barriers might be placed there until a more permanent solution can be found," said Crow.

"We're making progress and I'd say this project is about 75 percent complete," he added.

Before leaving the construction site, Crow already spoke of the long-term vision for road construction in and around Gate 7.

"This project will help our queue issues

leading out to 41-A and will allow traffic to flow better up to the gate, but we're still going to have some issues of queue from inside the gate up to Wickham," said Crow. "This project went from the gate to Morgan and J I Line Roads, but at some point in the future, we are going to widen the road inside the gate all the way up to Wickham."

For now, Crow asked that everyone be patient and keep looking for updates on any kind of openings, even staggered, for Gate 7.

"I think the Soldiers will be pleased with the work that's been done if we can stay on target," he added. "Weather permitting, I think all this can be open by Thanksgiving."

SOAR

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Thompson attributed today's Army special operations aviation capabilities to the spirit of innovation, commitment to excellence and courage to push the boundaries of rotary wing flight that the founders instilled in our culture.

"The standards that [plank holders] set 30 years ago are still embedded in every Night Stalker today," he said. "The future is sound because of the foundation [they] established. We take personal pride in furthering [their] legacy as we continue to lead and force change to maintain our ability to deploy worldwide and hit a target plus or minus 30 seconds."

Night Stalkers have been involved in every major combat operation since Operation Urgent Fury, Grenada in 1983 and participated in many missions that may never be disclosed. October 2011 is also the 10th anniversary of operations in Afghanistan, which included an element of Night Stalkers among the first special operations forces in the country. Today, Night Stalkers remain deployed in support of Operation New Dawn-Iraq and Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan.

TSC

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The TSC has been a large part of the training process at Fort Campbell since the 1960s, providing enablers such as mock weaponry and landscapes, virtual simulation equipment and audio visual support.

Fort Campbell's latest TSC, one of 77 Army-wide, provides the latest technological training devices and operates support activities for 14 facilities on the installation, including engagement skills trainers, virtual vehicle convoy trainers and flight simulators.

"The Fort Campbell Training Support Center is the first in the Army to have a full complement of

Colonel Jones was a patriot, a leader and trainer..."

Col. William Hickman, deputy commander of operations

live virtual constructive capabilities on hand," said Col. William Hickman, deputy commander of operations. "It will provide units with training enablers that will allow them to focus their efforts to prepare them for their next missions."

Hickman explained that the

capabilities of the new facility are better equipped to prepare Soldiers for what they may face during deployment.

"One of the biggest threats in Iraq and Afghanistan is IEDs," said Hickman. "Now we have devices similar to the ones we encounter overseas. They can take them to the training area and use them as the enemy would against us, thereby learning how to defeat them."

To commemorate the modern training marvel, officials chose to honor a man with a military career that spanned over 30 years and who served the community of Fort Campbell during the WWII era as commander of the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment.

"Colonel Jones was a patriot, a warrior, a leader and trainer ...

and an example to everyone he met for doing the right thing and doing it well," said Hickman. "It is with great respect that we honor Colonel Jones by dedicating his name to this new Training Support Center."

On hand to witness the dedication ceremony was Jones' daughter, Reta Jones-Nicholson, who shared a few words of her own about her father's legacy and life in and out of uniform. As for the TSC, she offered an assessment that was short and heartfelt.

"My father had one compliment that was his extreme compliment," said Jones-Nicholson. "You knew he meant it when he said 'Outstanding,' and so I say that to you today in his memory and in his honor."

ISSUES

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Those are the type of issues that AFAP delegates address, since it is something many Soldiers and their Families may deal with throughout their career. With the conference, just around the corner,

Krohn explained they are still encouraging individuals to bring forward any issues they have.

"We would like submissions by Nov. 1," said Krohn. "But we won't turn any away. Last year we had one submitted the night before. We don't want someone to have to wait until next year."

Krohn explained issues can be submitted

anonymously, but they prefer to have them with a name and contact information. Names and contact information are not used for any purpose other than to contact the individual if there are any questions. If there is no name and there are questions, there is a chance to the issue may not be sent forward when it could have been something that effects many people.

There are three ways issues can be brought forward. You can go to the Family Resource Center and fill out a form, you can call (270) 798-4800 or you can go to www.campbell.army.mil. There is a link toward the bottom that says "Got Issues? Army Family Action Plan (AFAP)." The link takes you to an online form to fill out. All issues should be in by Tuesday.

STRIKE

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"This event was good for Strike Soldiers and leaders because we learned important leadership skills," said Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone Antley, first sergeant of Strike's Co. C, 1st Squadron, 75th Cavalry Regiment. "We're walking away knowing how to be a better team player and how to bring motivation to Strike."

The Nashville lineup included former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani; past Southwest Airlines CEO Howard Putnam; CEO of Forbes Inc., Steve Forbes;

famed football coach Lou Holtz; comedian Bill Cosby; and the 65th U.S. Secretary of State and Strike's commander in 1976, retired Gen. Colin Powell.

Powell gave specific guidelines on being a better leader, which apply to the military and civilian sectors.

"Take care of your troops by recognizing them; recognize good performance," said Powell. "Sometimes it's with a promotion or a medal, a bonus of some kind, but very often it's that human connection; put your arm around somebody and say, 'Hey man, you're doing a great job, I'm so glad you're a part of my team.' If

you want them to believe in your purpose, mission and goals, you have to take care of them."

Today's Strike Soldiers connected with the general's words and enjoyed hearing what the former Screaming Eagle had to say.

"My definition of leadership was described by General Colin Powell and I liked when he said 'No matter what somebody's title is you should treat people with respect,'" said Capt. Michael Gold, commander, Co. C, 1st Squadron, 75th Cavalry Regiment. "I enjoyed this seminar and it is good for Soldiers because you learn different techniques of being a good leader."

Some of the Strike Soldiers

attending did not expect to relate to all of the speakers, but learned more from the unforeseen motivators.

"I learned the most from Coach Holtz," said Sgt. 1st Class Geraldine Hall, the brigade's legal noncommissioned officer in charge. "It surprised me because I was not expecting anything he was going to say would be relevant to me. He said, 'Either you are growing or dying; grass is either growing or dying ... even your marriage is growing or dying; nothing stays in the middle, so what are you doing, growing or dying?' I've been saying that quote everyday since the seminar, it makes so much sense."

The daylong seminar provided guidance to those in attendance while encouraging the civilians and Strike Soldiers listening. Powell, a leader in the Army and as a statesmen, made closing remarks that lifted people's heads and instilled a sense of pride, confirmed by the standing ovation he received.

"We're still the inspiration for the rest of the world, we're still the ones they come to when they need a problem solved, we're still a unique nation ... and as long as we never forget that's who we are ... a nation of nations ... we'll continue to be the leader of this world that truly wants to be free."

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NEWS

Army business system GFEBS now operational worldwide

by Frank Distasio
Army News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The most advanced financial management system in Army history, the General Fund Enterprise Business System, or GFEBS, is now operational worldwide.

The GFEBS now has nearly 40,000 users across all service components, and is the most widely implemented of the Army's Enterprise Resource Planning systems. It's expected when fully deployed, sometime in fiscal year 2012, GFEBS will engage close to 60,000 users at some 200 locations worldwide and will impact almost every Army organization and function.

The GFEBS records financial transactions with supporting documentation, tracks transactions to the detailed level, and will produce an auditable trial balance. The Army Audit Agency's

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most recent evaluation found that GFEBS complies with 1,054 of 1,113 requirements from the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act. On-going development of GFEBS will complete the remaining 5 percent for full compliance in fiscal year 2012.

"We know what an audit-ready financial environment looks like and our audit readiness plan incorporates the necessary steps to get us there," said Mary Sally Matiella, the assistant secretary of the Army for financial manage-

ment and comptroller. "Fundamental to supporting an audit is being able to support every financial transaction all the way down to the details and supporting documentation."

The GFEBS involves fully or partially replacing 106 information systems, interfacing with other systems - currently, that involves about 45 systems - and re-engineering business processes and data structures.

With its latest release, GFEBS added functionality to include an

interface with the Army's Deployable Disbursing System, which enables GFEBS to support financial operations in overseas locations.

Additionally, the second phase of the Army's federated concept for integrating ERP systems was completed between GFEBS and the Global Combat Support System-Army, which included synchronizing funds management and cost management master data between the two systems, consolidating cost management and execution reporting, and funds management and financial reporting in GFEBS.

GFEBS received a full deployment decision from Elizabeth McGrath June 24, the program's milestone decision authority. The decision affirmed the deployment readiness of the GFEBS solution and authorized system implementation Army-wide.

The GFEBS deployment is

scheduled to conclude in 2012, providing a core system for managing a significant portion of the Army's general fund and ushering in a new era in Army financial management.

In an Army posture statement submitted to Congress, Secretary of the Army John McHugh and now retired Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. wrote that the GFEBS is "much more" than just an accounting system.

"[It] is the Army's new business system," they said. "It gives managers a greatly improved capability to manage the cost, schedule, and performance of their programs and, at the same time, is the centerpiece in our progress toward full auditability of our financial statements."

For more information on GFEBS, visit the milWiki page: <https://www.milsuite.mil/wiki/Portal:GFEBS>

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NEWS



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Trevor Romain, a renowned children's book author and illustrator, speaks to children at W.W. Ashurst Elementary School on Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., Oct. 13. Romain is in the midst of a "With You All the Way" tour that will take him around the world to offer support and comfort to military children.

Author supports military kids

by Elaine Sanchez
American Forces Press Service

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. – Trevor Romain was in his element as he stood among a group of giggling 2nd and 3rd graders at W.W. Ashurst Elementary School last week. Gesturing wildly and jumping for emphasis, the renowned children's book author and illustrator told one of his signature "duh" jokes – this one involving his grandmother and a ceiling fan – as the students laughed and cheered.

Romain is willing to pull out every trick in his hat – whether it's cartoons or jokes, gestures or grimaces – to capture children's attention. He has learned over the years that kids absorb his message better when it's accompanied by humor.

And his message this day was simple: people are with military children "all the way."

"You didn't choose to be military kids; somebody else chose for you," he told the kids as they hung on his every word. "But you are serving, too. You are special; you are very important."

Romain is in the midst of a worldwide tour called "With You All the Way," a partnership between his foundation and the USO that aims to support military children around the globe and help them to deal with the stresses of military life.

During his tour last year, he visited 40,000 military kids and is attempting to see close to 60,000 this year, he said, both stateside and overseas. He kicked off this year's tour two weeks ago in Alaska and plans to stop at installations in Germany, Turkey, England and Italy, among others.

At each stop, Romain touches on topics that directly affect military children, from handling deployments and separations to adjusting to frequent moves and new schools. Throughout, he emphasizes the importance of reaching out for help when needed, being kind to others, and the need to "feel your feelings" – all while keeping the kids wildly entertained.

Romain asked the students here to explain how they managed their feelings. The children, nearly all of whom have experienced a parental deployment, eagerly volunteered their suggestions, which ranged from taking deep breaths, to writing in a journal, to "talking to my cat and toys."

"It's OK to be angry; it's OK to be frustrated and sad," he told them. "But what we do with those feelings is really important."

As he talked about deployments and feelings, Romain noticed a girl crying in the back of the crowd. He started up a "Jack and Sky" cartoon that deals with overcoming obstacles, then walked back to offer her words of encouragement and comfort.

In an interview after the assembly, Romain noted the relief he's observed in children after simply giving them permission to feel. "As adults, we try to fix things," he said. "We ask them to feel and then we get uncomfortable when they do feel. We tell them, 'Don't worry. Don't cry.' What we're really saying is, 'Don't feel.'"

"What we're trying to do here is allow them to feel so they can move through their trauma," he added. And for a kid, having a parent gone for extended periods of time, such as a deployment, is traumatic, he noted.

"What we want [children] to do is to be able to manage their feelings instead of the feelings managing them," Romain said. "If you are in charge of feelings, you can move through them."

Romain wrapped up the assembly with a film clip showing troops and kids from around the world shouting out "We're with you all the way."

"I want you guys to know that there are a lot of people who care deeply for you," he said.

He promised the children they'd soon receive a "With You All the Way" deployment kit, which includes postcards that can be sent to a deployed loved one, an interactive journal with activities and writing prompts, a stuffed animal and the DVD, "With You All the Way! Dealing With Deployment." The Trevor Romain Foundation collaborated with the USO and Defense Department to create the kits to address the needs of children before, during and after deployments.

After the assembly, the girl who had been crying in the crowd joined a group of children lingering around Romain. Romain had touched on some of the issues that she's recently had to deal with, she said, such as moving away from friends and dealing with separations from her father, who serves in the Marine Corps.

The 8-year-old said she learned two important lessons from Romain: "It's always OK to cry, and always tell someone if you need a hand," she said. "It's very important."

Military kids are resilient, Romain said, which helps carry them through the stresses of military life. It's an "honor to serve these kids," he said.

Officials seek DoD-wide Tuition Assistance Plan

by Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Pentagon officials are reviewing the Defense Department's tuition assistance policy, and no DoD-wide decision has been made to change benefits, officials said Oct. 20.

All military services are providing input to the DoD review, officials said. Any recommended changes, they added, must be instituted in a deliberate, thoughtful manner that maintains the integrity of a joint, uniform policy for all service members.

Tuition assistance is a popular benefit for military members, particularly in light of the rising costs of post-secondary education courses.

However, in light of high military participation in the program, officials said the current tuition assistance policy has created funding challenges for the services. During fiscal 2010, tuition assistance costs totaled \$542 million, they reported.

In light of current fiscal constraints, the services consider these costs unsustainable, officials said.

However, even if adjustments are made to the program, they emphasized that the department will continue to support its members' higher education goals.

"Opportunities for personal and professional growth have long been a part of military life, and the Department of Defense is committed to helping service members pursue civilian education while in uniform," Robert L. Gordon III, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and Family policy, said.

Among educational offerings at military commands and installations is access to tuition assistance counselors who provide face-to-face guidance to service members and their families, officials noted.

In addition, the Voluntary Education Program portal addresses a full range of educational issues, from tuition assistance and financial aid to information on more than 1,800 colleges and universities. The portal can be found at <http://apps.mhf.dod.mil/voled>.

Meanwhile, DoD's off-duty, voluntary educa-

tion programs represent one of the world's largest continuing education program, officials noted. About 300,000 service members enroll in postsecondary courses in year, leading to associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees.

Colleges and universities also deliver classroom instruction through an extensive network to hundreds of military installations around the world.

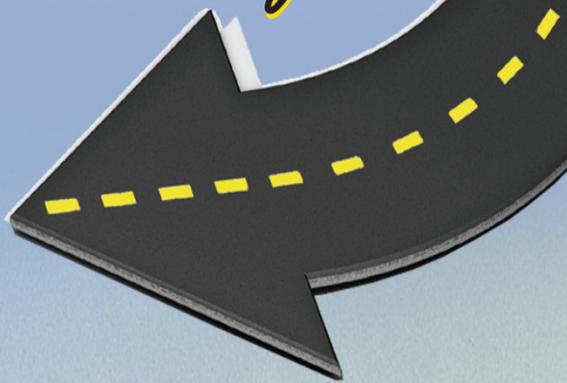
Easier access to online educational programs – regardless of where a service member may be assigned or deployed – has sparked higher participation and greater use of educational benefits, officials noted.

This comes at a time when tuition and fees have increased dramatically.

In 2002 the average cost of an undergraduate course enrollment was \$276.79, and for graduate work, \$461.70, officials said. Today, that same course-work cost \$600.40 and \$750.00, respectively.

These issues, combined, have created financial conditions that need to be addressed now to preserve the benefit, officials said.

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Assessing brain injury: Virtual reality may hold answer

by Barb Ruppert
TATRC

FORT DETRICK, Md. – With the possibilities of concussion, neurotoxin exposure and post-traumatic stress disorder among service members, the need for accurate and widespread assessment of brain function is critical.

An individual's performance on standardized cognitive tasks can reveal the extent of injury, even when other signs and symptoms are not immediately apparent. This enables healthcare staff to start treatment earlier, monitor its effectiveness more closely, and make more accurate return-to-duty decisions.

Participants at a national workshop on the biological assessment of brain dysfunction held last spring discussed recent advancements in neurocognitive testing, including the use of virtual reality. The event was funded by the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command's Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center, or TATRC.

Workshop co-chair and TATRC director Col. Karl Friedl noted that cognitive assessment must become unobtrusive and even fun.

"If it's fun, individuals will be more motivated and the results could be more accurate," he said.

Doctor Jennifer Vasterling, chief of psychology at the VA Boston Healthcare System and professor of psychiatry at Boston University, presented an overview of cognitive abnormalities associated with post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD reactions. She explained that cognitive testing can illuminate specific functionally relevant difficulties so healthcare professionals can identify other problem areas, in addition to emotional symptoms, to target in treatment. She discussed exposure therapy as one example.

"We know that exposure therapy is effective in treating PTSD, but that it works better for some people than for others," she explained. "What if cognitive impairment or, conversely, cognitive proficiency influences a person's ability to benefit from the treatment? Exposure therapy requires recall of traumatic memories and the formation of new emotional associations with those memories."

"Perhaps research on memory and other cognitive functions important to the process of change in this and other PTSD interventions could help us augment the interventions so they are more effective for people with a cognitive impairment," she said.

For cognitive assessment, the military currently uses paper-and-pencil tests as well as the Automated Neuropsychological Assessment Metrics, or ANAM, computerized test. Workshop co-chair Dr. Robert Kane, project manager for the Neurocognitive Assessment Tool Program at the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, shared findings related to concussion.

He noted the importance of cognitive tests, citing studies showing that such tests detected concussion effects in individuals even after they reported themselves to be symptom free. Kane said that computerized tests seem to provide more detail than traditional ones, thus illuminating different cognitive effects stemming from different types of concussion.

"An emerging pattern of evidence shows that loss of consciousness is a determining factor in the type of cognitive issues resulting from a concussion," he added.

While the ANAM has been a helpful tool for gathering data in the military, some workshop participants felt that it needed additional research to back it up. This would be particularly important in advancing it as a standard measure that the civilian community might also adopt to evaluate cognitive functioning.

Colonel James Ness, the new director of the Engineering Psychology Program in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership at West Point, indicated he plans to develop a team of faculty and cadet researchers to examine and scientifically evaluate the ANAM.

"We'd also like to explore additions such as virtual reality, which is perfect for today's video game generation," he said.

Ness believes virtual reality, or VR, could have been a useful tool in the medical training he conducted during his recent deployment as command inspector general with the NATO Training Mission/Combined Security Training Command

in Afghanistan.

Several at the workshop shared Ness's enthusiasm about potential VR applications to cognitive assessment and training.

"Just as in a flight simulator, we can embed performance measures into the virtual situation," said co-chair Dr. Robert Kane. "We need to explore what information could be captured that we might not capture otherwise."

Dr. Thomas Parsons, director of the NeuroSim Laboratory at the University of Southern California's Institute for Creative Technologies, is developing and testing VR assessment tools for return-to-duty decisions after brain or psychological injury.

With Soldier input, his team has recreated multi-sensory environments and situations from Iraq and Afghanistan, including patrolling in a Humvee or on foot, and witnessing varying levels of environmental stressors, such as improvised explosive device, or IED, explosions, rocket-propelled grenades, bomb blasts and insurgent gunfire.

"The beauty of VR is that it allows us to integrate standardized neuropsychological measures into interactive applications that approximate the real world of a military service member," he explained.

The team has worked with other partners – military and civilian – to compare their test results with standardized paper-and-pencil tests as well as ANAM results.

"My focus is on validating this technique, working with both clinical and nonclinical populations, so it can become standardized and accepted as a way to add further information to the current tests we have," Parsons said.

Parsons' team is also using eye tracking, psychological measures, and physiological measures such as cardiovascular reactivity and EEG to refine the virtual environments. One goal is to discover the optimal intersection of performance and stress level – if the environment is not arousing or the cognitive task is too simplistic, then the user becomes bored and disengages.

On the other hand, if the environment is overstimulating and too complex, then the individual becomes overwhelmed and frustrated. Hence, the goal is to adapt the assessment relative to the user's optimal performance.



PHOTO BY DR. ALBERT "SKIP" RIZZO | USMC
Researchers at the University of Southern California's Institute for Creative Technologies are developing and testing virtual reality assessment tools for return-to-duty decisions after brain or psychological injury. They have also been developing virtual environments for stress resiliency training and for exposure therapy to treat post-traumatic stress disorder.

Through this extensive testing and refinement, the Virtual Reality Cognitive Performance Assessment Test, or VRCPAT 1.0, has evolved into VRCPAT 2.0 for Adaptive Training. This tool is part of a stress prevention project in which a virtual mentor guides individuals through traumatic episodes pre-deployment, providing coping strategies that may lessen the emotional damage from Soldiers' actual experiences in theater. The next iteration, VRCPAT 3.0, is now in development for team cognition and Mobile Counter-IED Interactive Training.

In another application of the technology, Dr. Albert "Skip" Rizzo, associate director of the Medical VR Research group at the USC Institute for Creative Technologies, is using a Virtual Iraq/Afghanistan environment similar to that used for VRCPAT to deliver exposure therapy for combat-related PTSD. He noted that a 2008 meta-analysis (Parsons and Rizzo) found that VR outperformed traditional exposure therapy for phobias, while another study found that it led to greater improvement in post-9/11 PTSD symptoms than traditional therapy.

Rizzo's and others' initial pilot clinical trials have shown that therapy with Virtual Iraq may achieve better results than traditional therapy, with a lower dropout rate. These findings suggest that being immersed, safely and gradually, in a simulated stressful experience could be more effective, and perhaps more engaging and acceptable to those raised with video games, than simply asking the

patient to imagine the scene.

However, Rizzo noted that randomized controlled trials would be needed to support this claim. Three such trials are ongoing.

Rizzo, lead investigator JoAnn Difede and partnering investigator Barbara Rothbaum have recently begun a three-site randomized clinical trial of VR exposure therapy's ability to reduce PTSD symptoms compared to traditional imaginal exposure therapy. The trial is also testing whether the use of D-Cycloserine, a medication that affects emotional processing in the brain, improves results of the therapy when taken during the exposure sessions. To better objectify the outcome measurement in this study, they are using a sophisticated "startle response" conditioning/extinction paradigm.

"The startle reflex is a good indicator of PTSD because it is often amplified in these individuals and fails to extinguish as is typical with those not experiencing PTSD," said Rizzo.

These examples are just a few of the exciting efforts in both the military and civilian research communities to improve the care of our deployed service members and veterans. Successfully preventing, identifying and treating brain and psychological injury will be vital parts of this improvement.

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NEWS

Ghostriders receive prestigious Master of Readiness Award

by 1st Lt. Courtney E. Pace
101st Combat Aviation Brigade

Company D, 5th Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, Oct. 6 received the Master of Readiness Award for the highest operational readiness rate of an Assault Battalion in the continental United States for calendar year 2010.

The Master of Readiness Award recognizes Company D for its outstanding effort in maintaining UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters as the ultimate utility platform. The award was received at the battalion level from the Utility Helicopters Project Manager's Office, and individually on the company level from Sikorsky Aircraft, manufacturer of the Army's Black Hawks.

Lieutenant Col. Christopher W. Waters, 5th Bn., 101st CAB commander, presented the battalion level award to Company D, and a representative from Sikorsky presented the company level award.

The maintenance company works hard and earned this title, said 1st Sgt. Michael P. Riley, D Company, 5th Bn., 101st CAB senior noncommissioned officer.

"Being the recipient of such a prestigious award validates the professionalism of the NCO Corps and the dedication of the Soldiers maintaining the battalion's aircraft," said Riley.

Since 2005, Company D has received awards for its aviation maintenance accomplishments.

"It takes constant perseverance to overcome the challenges and rigors of scheduled and unscheduled aircraft maintenance, including parts forecasting and stocking, avionics support, maintaining ground support equipment and quality and production control," said Riley.

Those Soldiers and NCOs who make it happen work tirelessly to ensure the pilots and crew chiefs have fully mission capable aircraft.

Private 1st Class Matthew K. Seufer and Pvt. Robert E. Cunningham, both Black Hawk repairers with Company D, both said they enjoy working on the Black Hawk.

"I grew up on a farm," Cunningham said. "I never thought I'd be working on aircraft and I've enjoyed it since I started."

Seufer and Cunningham said the maintenance they are currently conducting on the Black Hawks is regular scheduled maintenance called a "nine to 11 hour torque check."

The aircraft recently came out of reset, where civilians repaired them, and now that they have been flown between nine to 11 hours, the maintenance Soldiers ensure all the nuts and bolts and all the main components of the drive system are functioning properly by checking the torque, Seufer said.

"So far, since being back home, this is the most common thing we do," he said.

Seufer said maintenance is a lot of responsibility because the maintainers ensure the aircraft is fully mission capable, which ultimately will keep the pilots and crew chiefs safe while out on missions in both garrison and combat environments.

"We're just making sure everything is done right by the book to make sure nothing goes wrong during the flight," he said.

Sergeant Roy C. Brown, a squad leader and supervisor in the maintenance platoon, said ensuring the aircrews stay safe during flight is the most important part.

"I've had a lot of fun and interesting times supporting missions," he said.

Aside from the physical aspect of maintaining the aircraft, there is the electrical side that allows all systems inside the aircraft to function properly.

Sergeant Michael C. Wright,



PHOTO BY 1ST LT. COURTNEY E. PACE | 101ST CAB

Private 1st Class Matthew K. Seufer, a Black Hawk repairer, Sgt. Roy C. Brown, a squad leader and supervisor in Maintenance Platoon and Pvt. Robert E. Cunningham, a Black Hawk repairer, with Company D, 5th Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, conduct a "nine to 11 hour torque check" on a Black Hawk helicopter Sept. 29.

a team leader with the avionics section, said the avionics side of the maintenance company deals with anything electrical on the aircraft such as flight controls, communications and navigations.

"Most of ours is unscheduled maintenance," he said. "We also do have periodic inspections."

Wright said his favorite part about avionics is learning something new.

"I learn something new every day," he said. "By learning something new, it helps me to train Soldiers. The ability to pass on knowledge to the new generation, and knowing that when I leave they'll be able to take my spot and that of my peers."

Ensuring the aircraft avionics are fully functional, allowing the aircrews to do their job and stay in the air is enjoyable, said Wright.

"It makes me feel awesome," he said. "To know that we enable the mission to continue. It's nice to know that the pilots trust us to put their lives in our hands. They trust us to know the aircraft is fixed the right way and that everything will function as it should during flight."

A lot of the work being done is to get the UH-60L model Black Hawks ready to ship to other

units and transition to the new UH-60M model.

The UH-60M model is designed to function in the higher elevations of Afghanistan and to enhance the survivability of its crew with new features to include enhanced rotor blades, a digital cockpit and technological advantages that allow the pilots and crew chiefs to have better situational awareness than the older analog UH-60L model.

The new UH-60M model is 85 percent the same airframe as its predecessor, the UH-60L, said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Philip J. Anderson, 5th Bn., 101st CAB Production Control Officer.

"The main performance gain was for high mountainous regions in Afghanistan and Iraq, not here in the States," he said.

The new design was made for higher elevations and there is not a noticeable difference in how both models fly when conducting local operations around Fort Campbell, Anderson said.

The Medevac pilots are also starting to field the HH-60M, which is the emergency medical equipped Black Hawk, Anderson said. The new HH-60M, although slightly slower, has significant improvements.

"The benefits of the new system outweigh the benefits of

speed," he said speaking of the dual-embedded GPS system. "The accuracy of where they are going outweighs speed."

Pilots can use the digital GPS video screens instead of a paper map and determine their precise location, he said.

The HH-60M is a UH-60M with installed emergency medical equipment to include an external hoist and a built-in searchlight. There are no gunner's windows on the HH-60M and there is a nose mounted thermal imaging infrared system to help aid in night flying.

The main difference between the UH-60L and the UH-60M is in the cockpit, and it is as big of a difference as going from a rotary phone to a smart phone, which is great for pilots, Anderson said.

"We are finally up to the same [technological] level as the Kiowas, Apaches and F Model Chinooks," he said. "It puts everyone on the same level. We have the same capabilities."

The maintainers of the 5th Bn., 101st CAB Black Hawk helicopters have gone through extensive training on both models to remain proficient in keeping the aircraft mission capable, and it paid off when they received this major acknowledgment, the Master of Readiness Award.

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NEWS

Post holds tour, memorial for Gold Star Families

by Glen Paddie
Courier staff

The loss of a loved one is painful – the grief often unbearable – especially if they die unexpectedly.

In saying that, imagine losing a loved one on foreign soil – in a theater of war – never to be told the intimate details of their death, unable to hold their hand as they take their last breath and unable to look them in the eye and tell them, “I love you” one last time.

After two World Wars, Korea, Vietnam and now a decade of war on terror, this kind of scenario is what brought about the advent of American Gold Star Mothers.

The gold star concept began in 1928 when 25 mothers met in Washington, D.C. to establish American Gold Star Mothers. The effort was led by Grace Darling Seibold, whose son, George Vaughn Seibold, was killed in action in World War I in Europe while serving alongside the British military.

Seibold received little to no information on her son’s death due to the fact that he was serving under the banner of another nation, albeit an ally.

Since that time, American Gold Star Mothers has added wives, husbands and Families to its moniker and has become an organization of coping, connection and healing.

No military organization understands the importance of the gold star concept more than the 101st Airborne Division, who linked up with Survivor Outreach Services and Army Community Services for a day-long gold star post tour on Oct. 20.

“This is a very humbling experience because these people

have paid the ultimate price and deserve our utmost respect,” said Sgt. 1st Class Tyler Arnold, chief instructor, Sabalauski Air Assault School. “So, it’s an honor to be able to come out here and show them a little bit of what their loved ones went through and experiences while serving in the military.”

Arnold took the lead as the tour stopped by the Sabalauski Air Assault School for about an hour and a half.

Tour members were shown the basics of the air assault school and given the opportunity to rappel under the care of the most highly trained air assault Soldiers in the world.

“Saying yes to jumping off the tower was easy, especially knowing my husband did this year’s ago,” said Gold Star wife, Vicky Egli of Thompson Station, Tenn., whose husband, Maj. Paul Egli, 3rd Infantry Division, died just 18 days short of his retirement immediately upon return from Operation Iraqi Freedom. “My knees began to shake as they geared us up and when the instructor asked me on a scale of 1 to 10 how scared I was, I replied with a ‘9,’ but said ‘there is no turning back now – this is for you Paul.’”

Several other Gold Star Family members chose to brave the tower and it was without a doubt, the ‘fun’ highlight of the day and the tour.

As with anything connected to gold star, the memory of that lost loved one is never far away, so after the air assault school tour, Family members were taken to division headquarters where a memorial service was held to honor their lost loved ones.

“Less than one-percent of America serves in the military,” said Maj. Gen. James McConville,

“This is a very humbling experience because these people have paid the ultimate price...”

Sgt. 1st Class Tyler Arnold,
Sabalauski Air Assault School

commanding general 101st Airborne Division and Fort Campbell, welcoming the Gold Star Families to 101st Airborne Division headquarters. “So many Americans have no idea what our Soldiers and Families do and the sacrifices they make.”

“Many Americans don’t understand the painful goodbyes, the fear and the concern that befalls a Family when a newscast reports a story about a firefight downrange or a helicopter going down,” he added. “They can’t fathom the difficulties of a mother or father being deployed, missing birthdays, holidays, anniversaries, not to mention their child’s first touchdown or homerun.”

McConville admitted he wasn’t the most articulate speaker and said he knew words would never suffice or bring clarity to the losses these Gold Star Families have faced.

“We can only thank you for the sacrifices of your Soldiers, we can only thank you that we enjoy the



Gold Star Family member, Cindy Ashby, (left), whose father, Air Force Lt. Col. Kenneth Stonebraker, is still listed as missing in action since Oct. 28, 1968, smiles as she successfully rappelled off the Sabalauski Air Assault Tower. Smiling her way down to her assigned instructor is Martha Hall, grandmother of Spc. Keith E. Essary, who was killed in action in January 2009.

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freedoms we do today because of your sons and daughters,” McConville stated. “We can only thank God in the fact that we have men and women who are willing to serve this country as we go forward.”

As the Families sat stoically and tearfully listening to McConville’s speech, they faced an incomplete wreath of yellow roses in the center of the room.

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Sergeant 1st Class Toney Ringle, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, carves a design into a pumpkin with his wife, Sandy, and son, Brandon, Friday.



Spartans celebrate Halloween

by Sgt. Richard Daniels Jr.
1st Brigade Combat Team

The once bustling area where Soldiers prepared and trained took on an ghastly look as the 1st Special Troop Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, began its Halloween extravaganza Friday at the battalion area of operations.

The Family Readiness Group event provided various activities for the whole Family to enjoy,

such as: pie eating contests, pumpkin carving contests, a petting zoo, treats and goodies, an apple bobbing contest and a haunted house.

Sergeant Jayne Hallock, a team chief with Company C, 1st STB, said each platoon had their own theme for the haunted house, which featured a room for each theme.

“As they enter through main room, they will be escorted by the watch guard,” she said. “They’ll

go through 1st Platoon, through the zombies, heading to 2nd platoon. Where there will be werewolves and vampires, and into the headquarters, which will be the operating room.”

As children rushed their way through each room clinging to the closest relative, they were given a handful of candy to remember their visit.

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Bastogne MPs protect streets

by Sgt. Jon Heinrich
1st Brigade Combat Team

Through freezing temperatures, long hours and negative weather, military police from the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, keep the community safe every night by conducting patrols around post.

The MPs begin every night conducting physical training from 6 until 7:30 p.m., followed by inspections and pre-mission briefs before working the midnight shift, which starts at 10 p.m. and finishes at 5 a.m., then they set up traffic control points around post from 5 until 6 a.m. to help in directing traffic in the morning.

Staff Sgt. Robert J. Streit, patrol supervisor from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Special Troops Battalion, 1st BCT, with more than 10 years experience as an MP, says the brigade’s MPs first had to go through training since arriving back from deployment before they could patrol the streets.

“When we came back from deployment we had a three-page checklist we had to cover ourselves,” said Streit.

“Once we certified all that, we conducted an eight-day Law Enforcement Training Course conducted by the 716th MP Battalion. During that is when we got all our certifications for the Oleoresin Capsicum spray, which you actually had to be sprayed by OC.

“We had to be trained on unarmed self defense, all that fun stuff,” continued Streit.

“We actually had to go through driving under the influence and field sobriety test. They actually had people in a controlled

setting get drunk, and then we had to conduct Field Sobriety Tests on them just to get an idea what to look for and everything.”

MPs have several different tools they use while on patrol, some of which include pistols, shotguns, handcuffs, Asp batons and flashlights.

They also have a Computer Automated Device within each vehicle to help track calls that come in.

“The CAD, what it allows me to do, you can pull a map up on it, and it tracks Fort Campbell,” said Streit.

“It’s basically a GPS. You also have the instant message capability, which helps to keep traffic off the radio.

“This also allows me to know anything’s going on right now,” Streit added.

“I can see what patrols were called to it, what the call was about and track everything. Once I open the details I can pull the map up, and it will tell me specifically where it’s at.”

Streit says that on average they get about five to 10 calls a night. Among the various calls that come in during the night, the 1st BCT MPs typically tend to deal with domestic disturbances, shots heard on post, noise complaints, DUIs, break-ins and even housing checks.

“If you go on vacation you can let the housing office know that you request an MP to check and make sure everything’s OK,” stated Streit.

“If it’s vacant the housing can request that we check on those as well.”

“I like being an MP,” stated Streit. “The diversity of the fact that when we’re back, everybody else is either training or they don’t have anything to. We always have something to do.”

Strike officers win latest Iron Strike competition

by Spc. Shawn Denham
2nd Brigade Combat Team

Physical training is one of the cornerstones of the Army and its day-to-day activities.

Every aspect of performance contains the basic principles of good physical conditioning and capabilities.

The 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, holds a monthly combat focused competition for the brigade’s Soldiers and Leaders with the Strike Iron Competition.

Each of Strike’s battalions go head to head with one and other and the brigade staff officers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, won the latest Iron Strike Competition held at Strike and Johnson Field, Oct. 20.

The competition began at Johnson Field along Fort Campbell’s Tennessee Avenue and consisted of sit-ups and pushups.

The competitors then put on full combat gear; body armor, helmet and a water source, and

flipped tires across the open field then sprinted to Strike Field, where they dragged a weighted medical litter and hit tires with sledgehammers, called pembricks.

After that, they threw medicine balls to each other leading to the teams carrying weighted assault packs, running around Strike Field twice.

At the final section, the teams climbed walls, conducted pull-ups, swung across monkey bars, climbed ropes and tossed ropes, called “ropes gone wild.”

At the finish, the team with the least amount of time won the competition.

The officer team had bested the Soldier teams and was awarded a four-day pass, certificate of achievement and a brigade challenge coin.

This was the first time staff officers had participated in the monthly competition.

“We’ve set the standard for the brigade now,” said Capt. Graham Rainey, a British Army exchange officer from the Royal Irish Regi-



PHOTOS BY SPC. SHAWN DENHAM | 2ND BCT

Staff officers with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, do pushups during the first part of the Iron Strike Challenge Oct. 20. Left, Maj. Ryan Kort, a planner with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, swings across monkey bars during the Iron Strike Challenge Oct. 20. Soldiers wear their full battle gear, including body armor and helmet, throughout the competition, pushing the limits of their physical abilities.

ment, chief of current operations and native of Bangor County Down, North Ireland.

“This is a platform for staff officers to compete and perform and show what we’re capable of. We did pretty well out there today

and other teams in the future have something to work for.”

The team of four officers attended the September competition as spectators to familiarize themselves with the course and develop a plan of action, said

Rainey.

“We trained for about a month after watching the last competition,” said Maj. Ryan Kort, brigade planner.

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All Gold Star Families who had yellow roses placed in their designated seats were then asked to come forward to place their roses in the wreath to make it complete.

As each Family member filed through to place their rose, speakers piped out the apropos lyrics of, "When I Get Where I'm Going," by Brad Paisley and "I'll Keep a Part of You With Me," by Faith Hill.

Even though the memorial was being held at one of the toughest military division headquarters in history, there were few dry eyes in the room.

One new Gold Star Mother's pain stood out, in particular.

"My son, Petty Officer Second Class, Matthew James "Berg" Bergman, was lost at sea in the Gulf of Aden on July 26 of this year," cried Melody Paxton, Nashville, Tenn. "He had just turned 21 and was on his first mission with Expeditionary Strike Force 5 and he just disappeared off the U.S.S. Boxer."

"The wound is really fresh and I feel like him passing has taken away my window into what he did - who he was," she added. "I mean, it's just been three months."

Alabama native and current Clarksville resident, Rebecca Ponder fully understands Paxton's pain as she lost her son, Master Sgt. James William "Tre" Ponder III in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan in 2005.

Ponder, a crew chief with 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment at Fort Campbell, was only supposed to be training other Night Stalkers from Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. at the time, but volunteered to fill in for another Soldier on a critical mission where he and his crew inserted a Navy Seal team inside enemy territory.

Shortly afterwards, the Seals called in for an immediate extraction after being surrounded by the enemy.

Ponder and his fellow Night Stalkers, doing what they do best, quickly headed to their rescue only to be struck by enemy fire after the extraction was successfully made.

Ponder, along with 17 other Americans troops, were killed as his chopper crashed into the remote mountains of eastern Afghanistan.

"At the time my son was killed, he was doing what he loved to do," Ponder added.

Seeing Paxton physically bearing the grief of losing her son at the memorial was heart rendering enough, but Ponder gave a peak into another dimension to the ever-challenging life of a Gold Star mother.

"There are Vietnam War mothers who still deal with grief," she added.

"We all grieve differently - there are not set guidelines to follow."

"We're all normal and you don't have to get over it in two years or 40 years," she said.

"You just make adjustments in your life and establish a new normal and deal with each day as it unfolds."

No one in the room understood the pain of Paxton and Ponder like Mary Beyers, American Gold Star Mother's First Vice-President and Nashville native.

"My son, Captain Joshua Byers, 3rd Armored Cavalry, died on July 23, 2003 in Iraq as a result of an improvised explosive device," said Beyers. "Four or maybe even five years later, I was up late one night searching for support groups and that's when I found American Gold Star Mothers."

Beyers said she immediately joined and shortly thereafter was asked to start a chapter for Middle Tennessee, which she did in January 2007.

"Before getting linked with SOS at Fort Campbell, which was about three years ago, it was very frustrating not to be informed," Beyers added.

"We feel like we're back in the loop again."

That loop has been and will continue to be a major resource for Family members connected to Gold Star - truly an elite group of their own - be they mothers, wives, husbands or children.

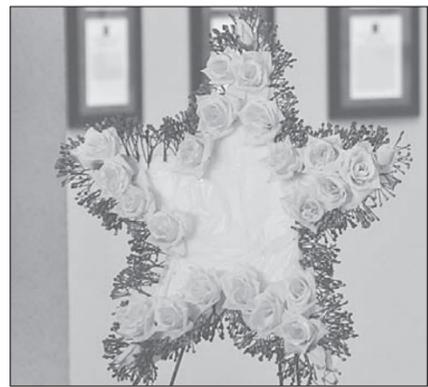
Whether to get involved or not isn't an option for these mothers.

"I'm already involved in Adopt-a-Soldier," said Paxton.

"My son would have wanted me to honor him by honoring others."

Beyers said her greatest fear is that people will forget their loved ones who paid the ultimate price for freedom.

"We're trying to continue our sons' and daughters' legacy by helping others," she added.



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Before and after photos of the Gold Star wreath at Division Headquarters on Oct. 20. At the beginning of the ceremony, the wreath was incomplete, however, after several Gold Star Families, such as Rebecca Ponder, placed yellow roses on the wreath in remembrance of lost loved ones in combat, it quickly filled to capacity.



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After exiting the haunted house, Families went to other sections of the battalion to enjoy the other festivities.

A master of ceremonies for the event, 1st Lt. David Prewitt, a military police platoon leader with Headquarters and Headquarter Company, said "We are not only taking this time to celebrate Halloween and put together some fun events for Families to come out to, but we are also using it as a kick off for the FRGs of each company so they can use the overall event and each individual event at their company. They can also take this opportunity to also have some fund

raising activities there to jumpstart their FRGs."

Prewitt said each company held their own event. The apple bobbing contest was held by Co. A. The petting zoo was contracted out by Co. B and they also had a grill going for the Families. The haunted house and a no hands involved pie eating contest was hosted by Co. C. And HHC hosted the pumpkin carving event.

The event ended with a costume contest.

"It was a chance for the Families to come out and enjoy the unit that their Soldiers are in," said Prewitt. "It was a chance to actively engage with the Soldiers' leaders and teams that they are a part of. They don't always have the opportunity to do it because normally when the teams are together, they are out doing some sort of training."

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"We tailored our training to what we saw the last group of Soldiers do. We knew it was going to be tough, so we looked at strategies to save time and rehearsed our plan."

The temperature was much lower during this competition compared to the last one, said Capt. Travis Stutes, a brigade planner.

"The cold weather really added to the difficulty," Stutes said. "This tested us physically, made it hard to get started. But when you run a bit you start to get warm; by the time we hit the pembricks the cold wasn't too big of a deal anymore."

Despite the challenges and cold weather conditions, the officers



Staff officers with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, hit tires with sledgehammers during the Iron Strike Challenge Oct. 20.

outperformed the other teams and proved their abilities.

"There is a perception that staff officers don't do [physical training] and hide a lot," said Capt. Paul

Rhodes, provost marshal. "That's not the case; Regardless of the position, everyone is in the fight. We want to get out and be seen doing PT."

Executive action to create new jobs for veterans

By Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone C. Marshall Jr.
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C. - President Barack Obama is using executive action to create new jobs for veterans in support of the American Jobs Act, a senior White House official said Tuesday during a conference call.

"I think all Americans can agree that veterans shouldn't have to fight for a job once they've come home from the fight overseas," said Matt Flavin, director of the White House Veterans, Military Families and Wounded Warrior Task Force. "But we've seen from the unemployment numbers, especially for post-9/11 veterans, that

the case is too many of our veterans are having to [fight] that fight."

Flavin cited the president's request for the private sector to hire and train 100,000 military veterans and spouses as the catalyst for new hiring initiatives. "We're making good progress on that," he said. "I think most of you probably saw last week the first lady announced that the American Logistics Association and their 270 affiliated companies committed to hiring 25,000 veterans and military spouses by the end of 2013."

"We'll continue to do this private-sector work," he continued. "We'll continue to work with our partners in the private sector, the non-

profit space, as well as the veterans' groups and the military service organizations."

One of two new hiring initiatives introduced to help increase opportunities for vets comes via community health centers.

"The Health Resources and Services Administration supports a network of community health centers that deliver high-quality primary care services at more than 8,000 service delivery sites across the nation," said Mary Wakefield, administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration.

"Today we're challenging those health centers to hire 8,000 veterans - that's

approximately one veteran per health center site - over the next three years."

Wakefield said with the support of the Recovery Act and Affordable Care Act, health centers have added new full-time positions since 2009. "In fact, community health centers have added more than 18,600 new full-time positions in many of the nation's most economically distressed communities," she said. "Just last year, ... health centers employed more than 131,000 staff."

Wakefield also discussed another new initiative to assist with veteran hirings.

"We are working to speed up the process of training military medics to become

physician assistants," she said. "Nearly \$45 million has been invested to support accredited physician assistant training programs in the past two years."

Wakefield said 57 active physician assistant training grants are available through HRSA. "Going forward, we'll be giving priority in physician assistant grant awards to universities and to colleges that help to credential veterans," she added.

Tom Van Coverden, president of the National Association of Community Health Centers, said his organization embraces the initiatives fully and stands ready to serve.

"Our community health centers already employ

many, many veterans, from entry level staff to clinicians all the way from doctors and dentists to administrative staff to nurses to network leaders," he said.

Van Coverden cited attention to detail, administrative and technical skills in the use of technology, and life-saving skills as tools veterans bring to the table. He also lauded vets as "great employees" who are well-trained and bring real-world experience.

"I think that there's a deep and a rich history of the community commitment," Van Coverden said. "The community health center ... is a natural setting for those who really care about service."

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U.S. Army CID warns against romance scams

CID Release

According to Army CID Special Agents, CID continues to receive hundreds of reports of various scams involving persons pretending to be U.S. Soldiers serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. The victims are most often unsuspecting women, 30 to 55 years old, who think they are romantically involved on the Internet with an American Soldier, when in fact they are being cyber-robbed by perpetrators thousands of miles away.

"We cannot stress enough that people need to stop sending money to persons they meet on the Internet and claim to be in the U.S. military," said Chris Grey, Army CID's spokesman. "It is heartbreaking to hear these stories over and over again of people who have sent thousands of dollars to someone they have never met and sometimes have never even spoken to on the phone."

The majority of the "romance scams" as they have been dubbed, are being perpetrated on social media dating-type websites where unsuspecting females are the main target.

The criminals are pretending to be U.S. servicemen, routinely serving in a combat zone. The perpetrators will often take the true rank and name of a U.S. Soldier who is honorably serving his country somewhere in the world, marry that up with some photographs of a

Soldier off the Internet, and then build a false identity to begin prowling the Internet for victims.

"We have even seen instances where the Soldier was killed in action and the crooks have used that hero's identity to perpetrate their twisted scam," said CID Special Agent Russel Graves, who has been fielding the hundreds of calls and emails from victims for months.

The scams often involve carefully worded romantic requests for money from the victim to purchase special laptop computers, international telephones, military leave papers, and transportation fees to be used by the fictitious "deployed Soldier" so their false relationship can continue. The scams include asking the victim to send money, often thousands of dollars at a time, to a third party address.

Once victims are hooked, the criminals continue their ruse.

"We've even seen instances where the perpetrators are asking the victims for money to 'purchase leave papers' from the Army, help pay for medical expenses from combat wounds received, or help pay for their flight home so they can leave the war zone," said Grey.

These scams are outright theft and are a grave misrepresentation of the U.S. Army and the tremendous amount of support programs and mechanisms that exist for Soldiers today, especially those serving

REPORTING theft

Where to go for help:

• Report the theft to the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) (FBI-NW3C Partnership).

Online: <http://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>

• Report the theft to the Federal Trade Commission. Your report helps law enforcement officials across the United States in their investigations.

Online: <http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft>

By phone: 1-877-ID-THEFT (438-4338) or TTY, 1-866-653-4261

By mail: Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580

• Report the fraud to the Federal Trade Commission on Nigerian Scams.

Email: spam@uce.gov

• For more information on CID visit www.cid.army.mil

overseas, said Grey.

Army CID is warning people once again to be very suspicious if they begin a relationship on the Internet with someone claiming to be an American Soldier and within a matter of weeks, the alleged Soldier is asking for money, as well as their hand in marriage.

Many of these cases have a distinct pattern to them, explained Grey. "These are not Soldiers, they are thieves. If someone asked you out on a first date and before they picked you up they asked you for \$3,000 to fix their car to come get you, many people would find that very suspicious and certainly would not give them the money. This is the same thing, except over the

Internet," said Grey.

The perpetrators often tell the victims that their units do not have telephones or they are not allowed to make calls or they need money to "help keep the Army Internet running." They often say they are widowers and raising a young child on their own to pull on the heartstrings of their victims.

"We've even seen where the crooks said that the Army won't allow the Soldier to access their personal bank accounts or credit cards," said Grey.

All lies, according to CID officials.

"These perpetrators, often from other countries, most notably from West African countries are good at what they do and quite familiar

with American culture, but the claims about the Army and its regulations are ridiculous," said Grey.

The Army reports that numerous very senior officers and enlisted Soldiers throughout the Army have had their identities stolen to be used in these scams.

To date there have been no reports to Army CID indicating any U.S. service members have suffered any financial loss as a result of these attacks. Photographs and actual names of U.S. service members have been the only thing used. On the contrary, the victims have lost thousands.

"The criminals are preying on the emotions and patriotism of their victims," added Grey.

The U.S. has established numerous task force organizations to deal with this and other growing issues; unfortunately, the personnel committing these scams are using untraceable email addresses on "gmail, yahoo, aol," etc., routing accounts through numerous locations around the world, and using pay-per-hour Internet cyber cafes, which often times maintain no accountability of use. The ability of law enforcement to identify these perpetrators is very limited, so individuals must stay on the alert and be personally responsible to protect themselves.

"Another critical issue is we don't want victims who do not report this crime walking away and thinking that a U.S.

serviceman has ripped them off when in fact that serviceman is honorable serving his country and often not aware that his pictures or identity have been stolen," said Grey.

What to look for:

• DON'T EVER SEND MONEY! Be extremely suspicious if you are asked for money for transportation costs, communication fees or marriage processing and medical fees.

• If you do start an Internet-based relationship with someone, check them out research what they are telling you with someone who would know, such as a current or former service member.

• Be very suspicious if you never actually speak with the person on the phone or are told you cannot write or receive letters in the mail. Servicemen and women serving overseas will often have an APO or FPO mailing address. Internet or not, service members always appreciate a letter in the mail.

• Many of the negative claims made about the military and the supposed lack of support and services provided to troops overseas are far from reality - check the facts.

• Be very suspicious if you are asked to send money or ship property to a third party or company. Often times the company exists, but has no idea or is not a part of the scam.

• Be aware of common spelling, grammatical or language errors in the emails.

Consolidation streamlines household moves, saves money

by Donna Miles
Army News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Military members and civilian Defense Department employees aren't expected to notice it, but changes that start next year at U.S. Transportation Command will help to make their household goods shipments more efficient and cost-effective.

Transcom announced plans to consolidate 151 personal property shipping offices into 11 regional offices over a four-year period beginning in 2012.

The consolidation is expected to save millions of dollars over the next 10 years, said Transcom commander Air Force Gen. William M. Fraser III, and supports goals to boost the command's effectiveness

and efficiency.

The changes aim to eliminate redundancies within the household goods shipment process, officials said, reducing overall operating costs and providing standardized, more efficient business practices.

Eleven new joint personal property shipping offices will handle behind-the-scenes household goods movement details such as

booking shipments and commercial movers.

Transcom will establish these offices at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Chelmsford, Mass.; Fort Belvoir, Va.; San Antonio; Jacksonville, Fla.; and San Diego. To manage moves outside the continental United States, joint offices will stand up at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Yokosuka, Japan;

Seoul, South Korea; and Grafenwoehr, Germany.

However, because local personal property processing offices will continue to provide pre-move counseling services and inspect inbound and outbound shipments to verify quality customer service, the consolidation is expected to be transparent to customers and their families, officials said.

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NEWS

DoD makes wartime contracting strides

by Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Defense Department has made tremendous strides in executing and managing contracts in war zones and will continue to build on the work of the Commission on Wartime Contracting in Afghanistan and Iraq, the acting undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics said Oct. 20.

Frank Kendall and Air Force Lt. Gen. Brooks L. Bash, the Joint Staff's director of logistics, testified before a subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Both officials told the subcommittee that contractors have become an integral part of operations in wartime, and discussed the commission's final report.

"The department has been working closely with the commission since its inception in 2008, and we appreciate and welcome its efforts to assist the department in eliminating waste, fraud and abuse in wartime contracting," Kendall said.

The department has worked closely with the commission, which made 82 recommendations for streamlining contracting and putting controls in place, Kendall said. DoD is implementing most of the commission's recommendations and is studying the final 15 recommendations included in the final report, he added.

"For the new strategic recommendations, the department is currently completing its analysis," he said. "In broad terms, however, we agree in principle with the overarching precepts driving the commission's final report recommendations."

An example is the commission's recommendation for the department to use risk factors in deciding whether to contract out certain services during contingency operations.

"We agree on the importance of risk-based assessments, and the department has already taken some steps in this direction," Kendall said. In Afghanistan, the commander already is on board and includes risk as part of the decision process for undertaking projects, he told the panel.

Another recommendation calls for DoD to

"We agree on the importance of risk-based assessments..."

Frank Kendall,
director of logistics

develop deployable cadres for acquisition management and contractor oversight. The Army has already begun this with the Expeditionary Contracting Command, Kendall said.

The commission also calls for reducing the use of private security contractors in Afghanistan.

"In Afghanistan, ... we are implementing the recommendation," Kendall said. "A plan is in development to transition selected private security contractor contracts to an Afghan public protection force. As the capability and size of this force mature, certain security functions will transition."

Other recommendations call for strengthening oversight rules to ensure U.S. money doesn't go to firms that trade with the enemy. Another recommendation calls for adequate staffing and resources in establishing procedures to protect the government's interest.

"We have already implemented several improvements in this area," Kendall said. "We have strengthened our ability to withhold payments to contractors with inadequate business systems as a means to protect U.S. government interests."

DoD uses contract support to operations to provide a number of important capabilities, from fuel delivery to food service, Bash said in his testimony.

"We have come to leverage contracting as an important force multiplier to overcome fiscal, political and cultural realities," he said, noting that contracting "is an important and necessary capability for our forces."

The Joint Staff, Bash said, has led a variety of efforts to "institutionalize this critical capability to ensure that when we go to war in the future we are better prepared to execute effectively and efficiently, and, most importantly, to provide the best possible support to the warfighter at a reasonable cost."

Corps of Engineers waives day-use fees

by Doug Garman
Army Corps of Engineers

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will waive day-use fees for veterans, active and reserve component service members, and their Families at the more than 2,400 Corps-operated recreation areas nationwide on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

"This Veterans Day we will honor our veterans, active and reserve service members, and their Families with an invitation to visit one of the thousands of Corps recreation sites nationwide, free of charge. As an active participant of the administration's America's Great Outdoors initiative, we hope that you will join us," said Jo-Ellen Darcy, assistant secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

The day-use fee waiver requires only verbal confirmation of service. This waiver covers boat launch ramp and swim beach fees. The waiver does not apply to camping and camping-related services, or fees for specialized facilities such as group picnic shelters. Other agencies that manage recreation areas on Corps lands are encouraged, but not required, to offer the Veterans Day waiver of fees in the areas that they manage.

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"We began this initiative in 2006 to support and honor the men and women who have served our nation and the armed forces, and to encourage them and their Families to visit and enjoy one of our many recreation sites," said Mike Ensich, chief of operations for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

With more than 370 million visits annually to 422 lake and river projects, the Corps is the largest federal provider of outdoor and water-based recreation in the nation.

The more than 2,400 Corps-operated recreation areas nationwide provide a diverse range of outdoor activities to people of all ages, and the Corps estimates that 90 percent of its recreation projects are within 50 miles of metropolitan areas.

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5-101st CAB trains on convoy operations

by 1st Lt. Courtney E. Pace
101st Combat Aviation Brigade

Soldiers in E Company, 5th Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, trained on convoy operations, driver's training, nuclear, biological and chemical operations and support procedures for a forward operating base during a three-day field training exercise Sept. 26-28.

Training Soldiers on convoy operations is important, but so is ensuring veteran Soldiers and newly enlisted Soldiers learn from one another to enhance the training they are undergoing.

This training exercise gave their leadership a better understanding of the strengths, weaknesses, skills and knowledge of all the Soldiers in the company, said 2nd Lt. Derek J. Castelluccio, E Co., 5th Bn., 101st CAB executive officer.

"We did a lot of driver's training and moving together," he said. "Now we don't need to focus on that and can start focusing on all the SOPs we'll build as a company for deployment."

Castelluccio said communication was the weakest skill during the training, which is one of the most important aspects of all operations.

During the field training exercise, the Soldiers received a class on basic radio operations and radio etiquette in order to strengthen this skill.

"One of the greatest things about our company is that what we are doing now is what we will be doing when we deploy," said Castelluccio. "Our mission doesn't really change, except for where we are based out of."

The company is comprised of cooks, maintenance personnel and aircraft fuel handlers, which enables them to be entirely self-sustaining at the company level.

Castelluccio said the company's new senior noncommissioned officer, 1st Sgt. Larry R. Johnson, said his biggest incentive is to cross train Soldiers.

"It sets us up for success in our future careers," Castelluccio said. The Commander Capt. Justin M. Oles, issued his guidance for the company to have the platoon



Soldiers in E Company, 5th Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, undergo driver's training during a three-day field training exercise that allowed them to get night vision device driver's training in addition to practicing all basic soldiering skills, Sept. 26-28.

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leaders rotate out positions as the Distribution Platoon leader, the Motor Pool Platoon leader and the company's executive officer to ensure they know all aspects of the company.

"The Soldiers could turn it off, conduct [preventive maintenance checks and services] and get it up and running again," said Castelluccio. "You become self-sustaining. To them [the Maintenance Platoon] it's a minute task and everyday thing, but for [my Soldiers] in the headquarters element, it's something they've never done before, but something they should know how to do."

Specialist Stephanie N. Cartwright, a wheeled-vehicle mechanic in the Motor Pool Platoon, said the training was good.

"Coming from an 'old dog' perspective, I think we worked together well," she said of the teamwork between veteran and new Soldiers. "It is something everyone in the company needed so we could work well on deployments."

Cartwright said her platoon is mainly comprised of new Soldiers, and they ask her a lot of questions centered on if the training was similar to what it

will be like on a deployment

"I talked to them and shared my experiences," she said. "When I first got here I was fresh out of AIT, got thrown into a deployment and walked in blind. I had the help of my NCOs, but I didn't have that preamble to what it would be like outside of the unit's rotation to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif. This was a good opportunity to help and do my role in this company."

Cartwright said the six-mile road march conducted on the last day was a great addition to the training exercise.

"I think as far as that goes, it helped cohesion and helped gauge where everyone was at physically," she said. "It helped with cohesion because First Sergeant is brand new to the company, almost, and to go out and do a six-mile ruck march with us helped us gauge where his motivation is going to be at with the Soldiers and leadership."

Cartwright said cross training is crucial.

"There was lots of times on the last deployment when we [worked on] the generators and it was crucial to know how to use a fuel pump, the components of

the generator and how to take care of the components," she said.

Cartwright said her favorite part was proving herself to her leadership.

"Instead of being looked at as a new person, they realize you have experience," she said. "My platoon sergeant had no idea that I spent most of my deployment on the radio, and could be proficient on radios as a truck commander. It took me being a truck commander to show him that."

The same went for the new Soldiers.

"It kind of helped to have the new Soldiers prove themselves to us as to what they are proficient in," she said.

Specialist Tom E. Nunn, an aircraft fuel handler in the Distribution Platoon, said his favorite part of the training was working with the radios and acting as the convoy commander during the driver's training.

"I have never really been on a radio before and I got to learn it," he said. "It was a really good learning experience."

Sergeant Marquis K. Gant, a section sergeant in the Distribution Platoon, said the training

was very informative for Soldiers straight out of AIT, who are joining the company as their first duty station.

"They're not battle tested," he said. "It put a perspective on things."

Gant said the training was an excellent opportunity to cross-train the Soldiers on one another's jobs. He said this proved useful on past deployments as Soldiers who aren't aircraft fuel handlers learned how to fuel, helping out when needed, and could be trusted to do the job as well as someone of that military occupational specialty.

"Soldiers who know how to do both [their job and an aircraft fuel handler's job] can be left out on a little FOB and take care of it," he said.

Sergeant Bradley A. Trumpy, a squad leader in the Motor Pool Platoon, said the training exercise allowed everyone in the company to learn their own role and the role of others, thus enhancing everyone's knowledge and skill base.

"We're getting back to the basics," he said. "We'll progress from there."

Trumpy said the age-old adage of "train as you fight" is very important. "If you bring the whole unit together to train as a unit, you know how to fight as a unit," he said.

Trumpy said in his previous unit, they exclusively trained as platoons and never came together as a whole company.

"That can be catastrophic," he said. "You need cohesion between platoons because you need each other. It shows the other platoons what we can offer each other."

Second Lt. Jake Morgan, the platoon leader for the Distribution Platoon, said the cohesion amongst the leadership and the Soldiers, and the Soldiers with each other, was another important aspect to the training. He said his favorite part was to take part in the training alongside his Soldiers.

"Just to get out and to get more face time with my platoon," he said. "To get that relationship established and to build the rapport was the best part."

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Staff Sgt. Cody Sieber, a medic with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, muscles through a strenuous obstacle course as part of the Maximum Warrior competition. The web competition pits special ops Soldiers against each other in various skill and strength challenges. Below, Sgt. 1st Class Drew Penny, 5th Special Forces Group, takes aim during a marksmanship challenge. Contestants competed in a variety of firearms challenges such as target recognition and combat pistol.



COURTESY PHOTOS

MAXIMUM2011 WARRIOR

Special Ops Soldiers test skills in web competition

by Heather Clark
Courier staff

In each branch of the military, Soldiers in special ops are set apart from the rest. As such, many of these Soldiers enjoy the opportunity to accept a good challenge and show they have what it takes to go above and beyond. When these challenges offer the opportunity to win a brand new Jeep, that's just jicing on the cake.

This was the idea behind military training company TIG's vision of a challenge competition which would combine activities such as marksmanship and off-road vehicle navigation. The end result was a 15-week online challenge series called Maximum Warrior.

For the current season, viewable at www.maximumwarrior.com, Fort Campbell has representatives from both the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment and the 5th Special Forces Group show their skills in the competition.

Aside from the obvious perk of winning a new vehicle, the participants had another similar motivator for participating.

"All of the military competitors are active duty," said Sgt. 1st Class Drew Penny of the 5th SFG. "The best part of the whole thing is all of



the guys I got to meet and compete alongside and share war stories with."

"Knowing the caliber of guys that are associated with special operations community really piqued my interest," said Staff Sgt. Cody Sieber of 160th SOAR. "I wanted to pit my own training and personal skills against the other guys."

Penny and Sieber got the opportunity to do just that, showing their abilities in weekly challenges such as Soldier rescue, wadi patrol and IED ambush. Penny emerged as the winner in both the first and second week's challenges, while Sieber nabbed a victory in the latest challenge, off-road maneuvering.

Both men agree that, of all the

challenges, the most daunting was the obstacle course.

"The obstacle course in the competition sucked," laughs Penny. "I'm only about 5'7", so I'm at a huge disadvantage for height. Where some guys could easily grab hold of things and pull themselves along, I was jumping or trying to play catch up due to genetics."

"I was the third slowest guy, but I was still proud because I was one of only three guys that completed every obstacle," said Sieber. "I refused to bypass an obstacle, even though that was an option."

Through the pushing and the competing, each of the Soldiers' units have watched the progression online each week. The reception

has been typical of such tight-knit military groups.

"It doesn't matter how good you do; there's always going to be a little jabbing," says Penny. "I won the first two competitions, but then I didn't do as well on the next two, so I got jabbed."

"They have a good time busting me up about it," said Sieber. "They'll say things like 'Oh, Mr. Hollywood,' or 'So much for being a quiet professional.' On the other hand, they are also proud of me for giving a good face to the regiment."

Overall, Penny and Sieber have enjoyed the opportunity to compete with special ops Soldiers from all branches of defense.

"Very few of the guys I met had an idea of what we do and what caliber of Soldier we have," said Sieber. "They told me I impressed them, and I was happy about that. You never want to give your unit or the Army a bad name."

"I just wanted to make sure I didn't bring any disgrace on my unit or Fort Campbell," said Penny. "It was a lot of fun, and there are still a lot of cool events coming up, so keep watching."

The challenge, including the first four weeks and the upcoming 11, can be viewed at www.maximumwarrior.com.



DEAR MS. VICKI

Response:

Dear Ms. Vicki,
Why are women always writing you complaining about what their Soldier boyfriend or their Soldier husband did? These are women who always have their hands out! They want our money.

Let me speak for all men for just a moment and tell these begging, whining and complaining women what to do: Get off your lazy DUFF's and get a J-O-B! Stop writing and complaining to Ms. Vicki when you get dumped. Stop expecting an allotment or support. No one owes you a thing. I don't care if you are a girlfriend, a fiancé or a wife. Take care of yourself!

Dear Ms. Vicki,
I need your help. I met the man of my dreams, a career Soldier with a lot of status. I'm not sure about this Army gig, but he gets to tell a lot of people what to do.

Ms. Vicki we had a whirlwind romance. He wined and dined me to the fullest. He sent me a credit card to do whatever I wanted to do with it. I quit my job, and left New York to come and live with him. My parents thought I was crazy, but Ms. Vicki you know how it is. I'm 33 years old and I feel that my clock is ticking down and that I may never be married or have children.

Shortly after I moved in with my boyfriend, he informed me that he would be deploying to Afghanistan. Ms. Vicki, I don't know anything about the military or this deploying stuff. To tell you the truth, I was never interested in having a relationship with anyone in the Army; I just wanted to have a great relationship with my boyfriend who I think is a really great person and that he would be a great father to our children.

Ms. Vicki, I'm pregnant! I'm three months pregnant. Now the man of my dreams does not want to commit. He is acting like he does not even want me anymore. He even said he is not sure if the baby belongs to him. He has some nerve.

What am I suppose to do, go back home to New York with a big belly? Who is supposed to help me take care of this baby?

My boyfriend is saying this is all too soon for him. He says he wants to get to know me better. Now granted, I know that five months is not a long time to know someone, but life happens. Plus, Internet dating is for real.

Ms. Vicki, he is on his way to Afghanistan. He has not offered to marry me, support me in any way or provide for his child before and after the birth. I can't believe him. I need some benefits Ms. Vicki.

What can I do? Aren't you a military spouse? Please give me some information.

From: Crazy and Pregnant

See VICKI, Page 2B

Girl Scouts kick off centennial celebration

by Michele Vowell
Courier assistant editor

Nearly a century ago, Juliette Gordon Low made a phone call to a friend that soon would change her life and the lives of more than 50 million girls across the globe.

"I've got something for the girls of Savannah, and all of America, and all the world, and we're going to start it tonight!" Low said, according to girlscouts.org.

On March 12, 1912, Low gathered 18 girls to register the first troop of American Girl Guides, now known as the Girl Scouts of the USA. Since then, Girl Scouting has grown to 3.7 million members, according to the website.

Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the organization. On Saturday, Fort Campbell's Girl Scout troops gathered at the RSO Annex on Indiana Avenue to kick off a yearlong centennial celebration and to honor Low's birthday - Oct. 31, 1860.

"It's a big number. A lot of things don't last 100 years," said Kristin Hiles, leader for Troop 985 and media liaison for Fort Campbell Girl Scouts.

For Saturday's event, each Girl Scout dressed in the colors corresponding to her age level. Daisies, who are girls in kindergarten through first grade, wore blue vests. Brownies, second and third graders, wore brown sashes. Junior Girl Scouts in grades 4-5, dressed in green. Older Girl Scouts are Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors.

Activities included a welcome ceremony for troop



COURTESY PHOTOS

Fort Campbell Brownie Riley Burke, Troop 792, celebrates the chance to break the pinata at the Girl Scout centennial anniversary kick off and Founder Juliette Gordon Low's birthday party Saturday at the RKO Annex on Indiana Avenue. Meanwhile, fellow Brownie Madeline Cardwell and other Girl Scouts wait their turn. At left, Devin Hernandez accepts a flower for reaffirming her commitment to be a Girl Scout.

members, eating birthday cake and Girl Scout Bingo, which featured key scouting words like community service and leadership, rather than the traditional letters and numbers. In the afternoon, the scouts took turns swinging a bat at a piñata filled with candy treats.

"The bat was heavy," said first-year Brownie Alana Moore, 8, who relied on her Girl Scout sisters eventually to break the piñata.

It's that sisterhood unity that has made Girl Scouting strong for so many years, said Veronica Reyes, events coordinator for Fort Campbell troops.

"You have that sisterhood, that common bond with each other," said Reyes. "You don't see that quite often anymore."

Both Reyes and Hiles agree that scouting is a tie that binds girls together. They said it can be especially important on a military post when their families move frequently and deploy often.

"It is terrific for Army Families," Hiles said. "A lot of girls take their scouting

with them to Germany, to Korea - anywhere their parents go."

"The girls understand each other," Reyes said. "It's nice to have a best friend ... that can understand what you are going through."

Fort Campbell currently has 13 Girl Scout troops with 250 members of all age levels from pre-K to high school. Any Fort Campbell girl interested in joining a troop should visit the Middle Tennessee website, <http://gsmidtn.org>, Reyes said.

Reyes' daughter, Synnora, has been a Girl Scout for five years. A Junior scout in Troop 112, Synnora said she enjoys being a part of the organization.

"You help others, you pass levels and ... have as much fun as you can," the 9 year old said.

In the past century, Hiles

said Girl Scouts hasn't really changed that much.

From the beginning, Low brought "girls of all backgrounds into the out-of-doors, giving them the opportunity to develop self-reliance and resourcefulness," according to the Girl Scout website. "She encouraged girls to prepare not only for traditional homemaking, but also for possible future roles as professional women - in the arts, sciences and business - and for active citizenship outside the home."

Today, troops still follow their mission: "Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place."

"It's all about community and volunteer work, which is what [Low] pushed - [for girls] to be a

part of their community, a part of their world," Hiles said.

For that reason and more, Hiles said she and her daughters, Anna and Leila, have the greatest respect for Girl Scout Founder Juliette Gordon Low.

"We really love honoring her," Hiles said. "The more my girls and I read about her the more we appreciate what she did."

Low died from breast cancer at her Savannah, Ga., home on Jan. 17, 1927, but her legacy of the Girl Scouts lives on nearly a century later.

"Being a Girl Scout now, means you'll be a Girl Scout for life," Reyes said. "If you ever need anything, always count on Girl Scouts to be there for you. We've been around 100 years. We'll be [here] 100 years more."

• The advice, opinions and recommendations of Ms. Vicki do not necessarily reflect those of the Fort Campbell Courier, Fort Campbell, the 101st Airborne Division, the Department of the Army or Department of Defense.

• If you have issues or concerns, your first line of communication should be your sponsor's chain of command. However, not all issues can be resolved at that level. Military One Source is a great source of information at www.militaryonesource.com, or call 1-800-342-9647. On Fort Campbell you can also call the Military Family Life Consultants at (270) 956-2935 for free, confidential counseling and advice. Additional counseling services are available 24/7 at (270) 798-CARE.

• Questions can be sent to Vicki Johnson at dearmsvicki@yahoo.com. Readers may also blog with her at www.washingtontimes.com or check out her internet radio show at www.blogtalkradio.com/dearmsvicki.

• Vicki Johnson has a Master of Science in social work from the University of Louisville and has been working with families and children - specifically those in crisis - for more than 10 years.

VICKI

Continued from Page 1B

Dear Crazy Girl and I do mean crazy, You sent me this guys rank, name, unit, and his phone number. You have some nerve. That was totally too much infor-

mation (TMI). What am I suppose to do, call him or pay him a visit? This is a crazy mess. Why would you meet someone online or otherwise and move in with them in a couple of months? Now you're pregnant. All in the name of wine and dine and a

credit card. Well, where is the credit card now? Hope you have enough to live off of. Listen Crazy, you are 33 years old. With age comes wisdom and good judgment, or at least it should. Slow your roll, and stop with the clock ticking. Sorry, but I can't show

you much sympathy, you should know better. Now you're upset and wondering why he is questioning the paternity of the child. You were caught up; caught up in a credit card, a whirlwind romance and rank. You may act like you didn't understand rank, but the

rank you emailed me is a lot of rank by military standards. Conversely, rank doesn't mean anything when there is no character to back it up. He is not going to marry you, and I'm sure you will have to prove paternity of your child. Yes, I think you should

go back to New York and ask for the support of your Family during this difficult time. Reapply for your job, and don't rush into anymore relationships. I truly hope you have a wonderful pregnancy and that you give birth to a healthy child. Enjoy!

The screenshot shows a Facebook profile for 'The Fort Campbell Courier'. The page includes a cover photo of a newspaper front page, a profile picture, and a navigation bar with 'Wall', 'Info', 'Photos', 'Boxes', 'Discussions', and 'Video'. The main content area features a post from October 20 at 2:56pm with 3,396 impressions and 0.12% feedback. The post text reads: 'Something wicked this way comes fortcampbellcourier.com As Halloween creeps closer and closer on the calendar, Families are looking around Fort Campbell and surrounding communities for events and activities to keep the little monsters entertained.' Below the post are several comments from users like Lisa Scaturro Hagnauer and Pamela Dunlap. The page also shows a 'Like' button and a search bar at the top right.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

FLU VACCINATIONS

Blanchfield Army Community Hospital is administering the influenza vaccine to local TRICARE beneficiaries.

Patients assigned to a primary care provider at BACH may receive the flu vaccine within their assigned clinic Monday through Friday on a walk-in basis. No appointment is necessary, however patients may ask for the vaccine during a regularly scheduled appointment.

BACH's community based medical home clinic, the Screaming Eagle Medical Home, will contact their patients who have been selected to participate in the secure messaging by email when the vaccine is available there. Until it becomes available at the Screaming Eagle Medical Home, patients assigned there may receive the flu vaccine within the Immunization Clinic at BACH. Patients 2 years or younger may receive the vaccine in the Young Eagle Clinic at BACH.

Patients assigned to a network primary care provider (off post) should ask to receive the flu vaccine from their assigned provider. If your assigned healthcare provider does not offer the flu vaccine, patients 36 months and older may receive the vaccine in BACH's Immunization Clinic on a walk-in basis Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the hours listed below. Parents with a child under the age of 36 months who receive care in the network may contact the Young Eagle Clinic at (931) 431-4677 to speak with an advice nurse for more information.

Walk-in flu vaccine availability hours are as follows:

- Blue Clinic: 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.
- Young Eagle: 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.
- Gold Clinic: 7:30 a.m. until noon and 1 until 4 p.m.
- Screaming Eagle Medical Home: 9 until 11:30 a.m. and 1 until 3:30 p.m. (once available)
- Immunization Clinic: Monday and Wednesday from 7:30 until 11 a.m. and

12:30 until 4 p.m. and Friday from 12:30 until 3 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month, the clinic opens at 8:30 a.m.

LEGAL OFFICE MOVING

The Fort Campbell Legal Assistance and Claims office, now known as Client Services, will move locations Nov. 15. The office will be located at 2765 Tennessee Ave., across from the Military Courthouse. To prepare for the transition, the Legal Assistance and Claims office will be closed Nov. 10.

ACAP HIRING EVENTS

Fort Campbell ACAP, located at 5661 Screaming Eagle Blvd., is hosting multiple hiring events on Tuesday and Wednesday.

WYOTECH will be available from noon until 4 p.m. Tuesday at building 5661 and Universal Technical Institute will be available from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at building 5661 and from 2 until 3 p.m. at 2433 Indiana Ave., to recruit for automotive, diesel, marine, motorcycle mechanics training, collision and refinishing training and job placement for its graduates with manufacturers and dealerships across the nation. WYOTECH and UTI are also recruiting trained technicians for instructor positions.

Multiple hiring events on Wednesday include the following: Hinkle Group will be interviewing senior E6 and above from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. for a Fortune 200 company with positions in Michigan, South Carolina, Alabama and Kentucky. A representative of the Kentucky Career Center will provide assistance in applying for jobs posted on their Kentucky State website at www.kentucky.gov from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. along with a representative from the federal Troops to Teachers Program who will provide instruction on how to apply for the program. From 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Cellular Sales/Verison Wireless will be recruiting sales representatives for its Clarksville

and Fort Campbell market and providing information on sales opportunities in 23 markets nationwide.

'I'M ALONE' WORKSHOP

The "I'm Alone" Parent Workshop is a readiness class for parents and youth to help prepare the Family for the big step of children staying home alone. This free workshop will be held from 12:30 until 3:30 p.m. Saturday at 3301 Indiana Ave. Topics covered will include nutrition, safety and responsibility. There will be hands on cooking activities and recipes that use microwaves and toasters.

For more information, call CYSS at (931) 216-8205.

COUPLES COMMUNICATION

Come and join a 2.5-hour workshop and learn how to strengthen your relationship through effective communication during a Couples' Communication Workshop from 6:15 until 8:45 p.m. Nov. 15 at the Family Resource Center. Discover the common mistakes and barriers in communication, learn to handle conflict constructively and learn key skills for effective couples communication.

The workshop facilitator will use programs and resources that will offer couples a different perspective as to what might really be going on when communication is lacking in a relationship. The Couples' Communication Workshop is open to all couples, other than those involved in domestic violence.

Limited child care is available for those with children registered with Child, Youth and School Services. Registration is also required for the workshops and interested parties should call (270) 412-5500 or 798-2045 for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Fort Campbell Chaplains will restart Religious Education classes each Sunday. The

classes are open to military, DoD civilians, Family members and retirees.

Registrations will continue on site at the classes. For more information, call (270) 798-3185/6124.

PARENTING WORKSHOP

ACS Family Advocacy Program presents 1, 2, 3, 4 Parents! - a three session workshop for parents of children ages 1 through 4. This workshop discusses ages and stages, discipline skills, avoiding accidents and problems, encouragement and building the bond. This upcoming workshop takes place from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday and Nov. 3 and 7. Limited child care is available. Children must be registered and up-to-date with CYSS in order to use the child care provided. Parents must pre-register and attend all three sessions to complete the class.

For more information or to register, call ACS Family Advocacy Program at (270) 956-3736 or (270) 412-5500.

LBL FALL, WINTER

Visitor facilities at Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area will begin their late fall and winter operation schedules in November.

The Homeplace and Woodlands Nature Station will be open Wednesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. during November. The Homeplace, Nature Station and the North and South Welcome Stations will be closed Thanksgiving Day, and all of December, January and February. However, The Homeplace and Nature Station will offer various guided programs, including the popular Bald Eagle Van Tours and River Cruises.

The Golden Pond Planetarium will operate Wednesday through Sunday during November (with the exception of Thanksgiving Day). The holiday favorites, "Tis the Season," and "Christmas Story" are being offered at the Planetarium, Wednesday through Sunday beginning Nov. 25 through

Dec. 23. If groups wish to be scheduled Monday or Tuesday, arrangements may be made by calling (270) 924-2020. After this period, the Planetarium will be closed through the end of February.

The Elk & Bison Prairie remains open year-round, dawn-to-dusk. The Golden Pond Visitor Center is also open year-round, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, with the exceptions of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

While the developed campgrounds, Hillman Ferry and Piney, will be closed beginning Dec. 1, campers will find all six self-service fee camping areas and all back-country areas open throughout the winter. Energy Lake Campground, Wranglers Campground and Turkey Bay OHV Area, as well as the hiking and biking trails, will also remain open throughout the winter unless inclement weather causes temporary closures for visitor safety. During times of excessive wet conditions, it is recommended that visitors "Call Before You Haul." Call (270) 924-2000 and press 3 for updates on weather related closures or check the Alerts & Notices on LBL's official website at www.lbl.org. Follow us on Twitter at LBLScreechOwl or call 1-800-LBL-7077 or (270) 924-2000.

LBL PHOTO CONTEST

Friends of LBL announces the 2011 Land Between the Lakes photo competition. The contest is open to photographers of all ages, who complete a registration form and submit an entrance fee. Those younger than 18 must have signed parental permission form. Photos will be judged in six categories: mammals, birds, small world, connecting people and nature, habitat and digitally enhanced. Entrants may submit three photos per category, and all entries must be submitted by 5 p.m. Dec. 1. All photos must be taken in/of the Land Between the Lakes. Visit www.friendsoflbl.org/ and click on the Photo Contest Button for complete details.

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MEDCOM aims to apply 'Medical Home' model

by Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Piper
Army News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Army Medical Command is working to improve care by focusing on creating clinics based on small-group family practices.

The goal is to apply the Army Patient Centered Medical Home model to all treatment facilities throughout the Army, said Col. Mark Reeves, a Family practice specialist with MEDCOM who spoke at the Association of the U.S. Army Annual Meeting and Exposition, Oct. 11.

"We are pushing the whole process hard and are making progress," he said.

Patient Centered Medical Home is part of the Army medical system's transformation. It focuses on the small Family practice and starts with the patient. Each primary care manager, or PCM, has two licensed practical nurses that work together all the time to form a core team.

The aim of the core team is to develop a long-term relationship with patients. No more than five of these core teams make up a patient center medical home, creating a small group practice.

"We have come to realize that we cannot achieve 100 percent continuity with one PCM with all the patients they have to manage all of the time," Reeves said. "The next-level effort is to have a small available group practice that prioritizes knowing that group of patients very well and cross coverage is seamless."

Included in the medical home model is a behavioral health specialist, a dietician and a clinical pharmacist.

"These three skill sets represent well the overall incidents of what our patients conditions are and these are some areas that patients have said they've had difficulty accessing," Reeves said. "Aligning these three specialties with the primary care workforce is likely to achieve significant synergy that helps our patients get what they need with limited barriers."

Throughout this model is case management for the more complex patients and care coordination for

every single patient.

As the medical homes are created, one of the short-term goals, which will be a long-term indicator of success, is National Committee of Quality Assurance recognition for the medical homes. The NCQA measures the ability of facilities to provide quality healthcare through standardized, objective measurement guidelines.

The guidelines, called the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set, have been broadly adopted throughout the American medical community. HEDIS includes performance measures related to dozens of important health-care issues. Selected measures include: advising smokers to quit; antidepressant medication management; breast cancer screening; cervical cancer screening; children and adolescent access to primary-care physicians; children and adolescent immunization status; comprehensive diabetes care; controlling high blood pressure, and prenatal and postpartum care.

Patients regularly receive surveys in the mail from medical treatment facilities to gauge the effectiveness and quality of the care they received. Satisfaction surveys from the past year indicated that 95 percent of people were happy when they saw their primary-care manager. Nearly 93 percent of the people surveyed were satisfied with their primary-care manager.

"Patients are much happier if they see their PCMs because this is somebody that they develop a long-term relationship with who knows their health history and is thinking toward their benefit," Reeves said.

The overall satisfaction with the system was 91 percent, which implies that there are system issues. Reeves said some were probably driven by lack of access, others driven by the absence of care coordination, and perhaps a lack of a multidisciplinary team.

"Bottom line is if you see a PCM you like and trust, you are more likely to be interested in doing the things that team develops and you are more likely to be inclined to health maintenance and readiness," Reeves said.

PETS OF THE WEEK



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A male, brown and black Yorkie dog and a female, microchipped, calico domestic short hair cat are available for adoption at the Vet Treatment Facility. Adoption fees for military ID card holders are as follows: \$97 for female cats and dogs, \$92 for male dogs and \$82 for male cats. Prices include an adoption fee and the distemper/parvo/corona vaccine, rabies vaccination, antigen heartworm test, fecal test, microchip implant and spay/neutering. It also includes a feline leukemia test for cats. Civilian price is \$72 and includes rabies and distemper shots, canine heartworm tests, heartworm prevention medication and feline leukemia tests. Spay/neuter not offered to civilian pets. Microchips are required the day of adoption. The impound is located at 5290 Eighth St. and is open for adoptions Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. (270) 798-5519. www.fortcampbellmwr.com/animalshelter/index.html.

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'For the Soldier, by the Soldier'

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Show provides Family-friendly entertainment with carnival atmosphere

by Nondice Thurman
Courier staff

Most of the time when you think of Soldiers training, it is field exercises and going to the range to prepare for an upcoming deployment. For one group of Soldiers though, training means 12- to 16-hour days singing, dancing, learning to put together and take apart the stage trusses and much more to prepare for each performance. These Soldiers make up the cast and crew of the 2011 U.S. Army Soldier Show and their next stop is Fort Campbell.

"It's one of the better shows we do all year," said Christina Walker, Fort Campbell Morale, Welfare and Recreation installation-wide recreation events manager. "It touches the whole spectrum, all genres of music."

The 90-minute performance showcasing the musical talents of Soldiers from locations across the world comes to Fort Campbell Friday and Saturday. With the various genres of, Walker explained there is usually at least one song everyone will love and be able to relate to. She described it as a fun and energetic show for the whole Family, no matter what age.

"It is something the whole Family can enjoy," said Walker. "It's almost two hours of entertainment by Soldiers. It's amazing the show they put on."

Specialist Joseph Coine, information technology specialist, will be performing for a home crowd when he takes the stage at Wilson Theater. Fort Campbell is where he served before trying out and being selected for the Soldier Show.

"It's a long tedious process," said Coine. "It's close and similar to a deployment with the work schedule and all the travel. It's been wonderful, though, meeting new people and seeing everyone from retirees to little kids come out [to the show]."

Coine was nine months into his deployment in Afghanistan with the 101st Airborne Division Headquarters when he was released to become a part of the cast. His unit supported the opportunity and told him he needed to be sure to come to Fort Campbell so they could see him perform.

While he went straight from deployment to being a member of the cast, he enjoys the experience. He has had some time off to see his Family and he is looking forward to the chance to perform for the Fort Campbell community

and his unit.

"It's a dream come true," said Coine. "My unit will get to see a different professional side of me, part of me that is more than a Soldier. I'm hoping my whole section can come."

The first Army Soldier Show appeared on Broadway in 1918 and was titled "Yip Yip Yaphank." The show was the idea of Sgt. Israel Beilin, better known as Irving Berlin, according to information in a media release from Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"The U.S. Army Soldier Show was reinvented during World War II on Broadway under the title 'This is the Army,' which was written, directed and produced by Berlin," according to the media release. "The cast and crew were members of the U.S. Army Special Services Company No. 1. The 1943 version featured a military cast starring Ronald Reagan, Gene Kelly and Joe Lewis."

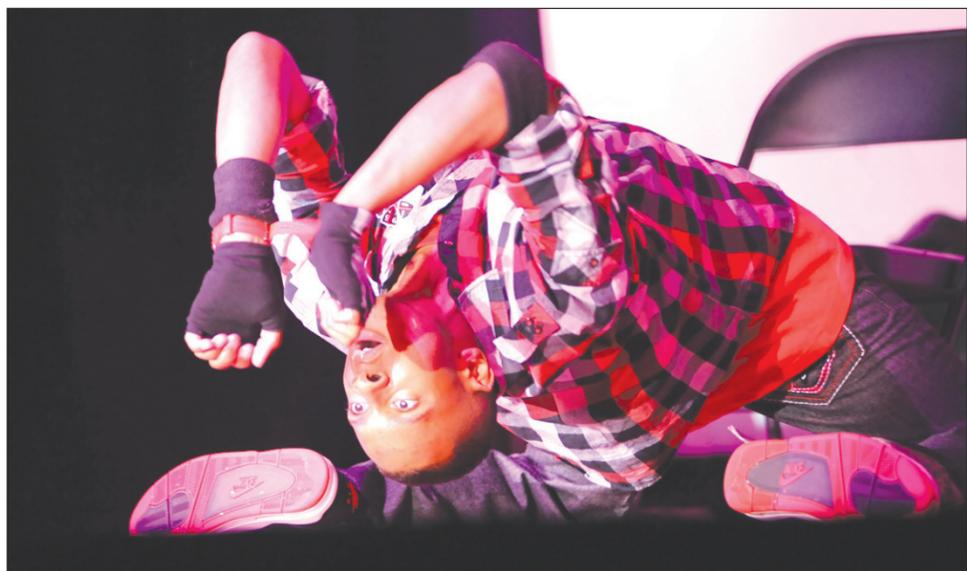
The Soldiers who become a part of the cast and crew now are assigned to Installation Management Command and work for the Army Entertainment Division. They have to follow military standards while they are with the show and are assigned duties based on their ranks and talents.

Soldiers like Coine submit an application to join the show and have to take part in tryouts in order to be selected for the cast or crew. The application process is currently underway for next year's Soldier Show. More information about the Soldier show and the application process can be found at www.armymwr.com/recreation/entertainment/soldiershow/audition_info.aspx.

This year's show provides a carnival theme with one of the Soldiers acting as the ringmaster throughout the show. Influences for the show include places like Africa, Samoa, Latin America, Nepal, India, Thailand and China.

"It's an opportunity to actually take the audience on a journey with us," said Victor Hurtado, Soldier Show director, in an article by Tim Hipps, Installation Management Command. "And not just to the continental United States - we have a great international scene."

The Family-friendly event is free and is first-come, first seated. Shows will be at 2 and 7:30 p.m. on Friday and at 2 p.m. on Saturday. While it is Family-friendly, there will not be room for strollers. For more information call (270) 798-7535.



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Top, Cpl. Jeremy Gaynor, the Ring Master for the 2011 U.S. Army Soldier Show, interacts with the audience during the April 30 performance at Fort Belvoir, Va. Center, cast members take part in a choreographed fan routine during a performance Oct. 1 at Warner Theatre in Washington, D.C. Bottom, hip-hop dancer Spc. Joseph Coine of Fort Campbell exhibits great flexibility while dancing to Mishon's "Distant Love" during live auditions at Wallace Theater at Fort Belvoir, Va.

SHOWinfo

Wilson Theater
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COST
Free and seating is first-come, first-seated.

HOURS
Friday at 2 and 7:30 p.m.
Saturday at 2 p.m.

MORE INFORMATION
The event is Family-friendly, but there will not be room for strollers. For more information about the performances at Fort Campbell, call (270) 798-7535. For links on information about the 2011 U.S. Army Soldier Show, audition information and more, visit www.armymwr.com/recreation/entertainment/soldiershow/default.aspx.

ESCAPE

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Friday

◆ **Kids Costume Wall Crawl** -- Join Outdoor Recreation for a 'spooktacular' evening of fun Friday from 5 until 7 p.m. Climb the 50-foot climbing wall, collecting candy as you climb. Kids 5 to 14 years are encouraged to come in their costumes. Following the candy climb, all the ghouls and goblins are encouraged to gather around the campfire for ghost stories, hot chocolate and apple cider from 6 until 8 p.m. Pre-registration is required by 4 p.m. today and cost is \$10 per person (\$7 with costume). For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at (270) 412-7855.

◆ **2011 Soldier Show** -- The 2011 U.S. Army Soldier Show will be coming to Fort Campbell's Wilson Theater. Show times are Friday, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. The Soldier Show is a high-energy 90-minute live musical production that showcases the talents of active duty Soldiers who were selected by audition from throughout the Army. The theme for this year's show, "Carnival - A Traveling Thank You," draws its inspiration and song selections from many areas of the world. The show is free and filled with fun and prize giveaways. For additional information on the Soldier Show, please contact the MWR Public Relations Office at (270) 798-7535.

Saturday

◆ **Zombie Apocalypse** -- Not for the faint of heart! CYSS teens partnered with EDGE! to design this haunted house-type event. If you dare to go, you'll be escorted through a maze of scenes that tell the story of how Fort Campbell was invaded by zombies. This event will be held at Taylor Youth Center Saturday from 7 until 10 p.m. and is open to the entire community. The cost is \$3 for members or \$5 for guests. Suggested for ages 13 and up. For more information, call (270) 412-3994.

◆ **Swimtastic Halloween Party** -- Gardner Pool will be brewing up some fun Saturday from 6 until 9 p.m. Aquatic themed costumes are encouraged but not required. There will be swimming, a craft project, costume contest and more. Admission will be \$2; \$3 for admission, drink and popcorn; \$4 for admission, drink, popcorn and candy; and \$5 for the addition of pizza. For more information, call Gardner Indoor Swimming Pool at (270) 798-6310.

◆ **Abandoned Vehicle Auction** -- Air Assault Auto is having an Abandoned Vehicle Auction Saturday at the lot on 5300 Airborne St. and Tennessee Avenue. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the auction starts at 9. For additional information, contact Air Assault Auto at (270) 956-1611 or (270) 956-3408.

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◆ **'War of the Worlds'** -- The Roxy Regional Theatre offers the perfect Halloween weekend activity with the infamous Mercury Theatre 1938 radio broadcast. One of the earliest depictions of an alien invasion, "The War of the Worlds" caused public outcry as many listeners believed that an actual Martian invasion was in progress. Adapted for the radio by Howard Koch, with input from Orson Welles and the staff of CBS's "Mercury Theatre on the Air," "The War of the Worlds" is based on the novella by H.G. Wells. Performances are at 8 p.m. Saturday, and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$15 (adults) and \$10 (ages 13 and under) and may be reserved online at www.roxyregionaltheatre.org, by phone at (931) 645-7699, or at the theatre during regular box office hours (9 a.m. until 2 p.m., weekdays).

◆ **UFC 137 @ The Zone** -- On Saturday, BJ Penn will challenge Nick Diaz and it will be shown Live on Pay-Per-View at The Zone starting at 8 p.m. Fans of UFC don't want to miss this event! The Zone will open as normally scheduled at 11 a.m., at 6 p.m. all patrons will need to have a ticket in order to stay. If the fight is over prior to normal closing time, The Zone will resume normal operations at the end of the fight. Tickets for general admission are \$10, VIP seating is \$15 and Extreme VIP seating is only \$20. Availability is limited. For more information, please (270) 461-0603.

◆ **TPAC Applause Award** -- The legacy of Ted Welch and the legendary career of Tim McGraw will be celebrated Oct. 29 at Fest de Ville Gala, the annual benefit for the education and cultural programs of the Tennessee Performing Arts Center. The optional black-tie event begins with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. in War Memorial Auditorium, across the street from TPAC, followed by dinner and entertainment. For more information on Fest de Ville Gala, call (615) 687-4300 or visit www.tpac.org/gala.

Halloween

◆ **Trick-or-Treat** -- Trick-or-treaters will be out in force on post Monday night from 6:30 until 9 p.m. Think safety! For Halloween safety tips, go to www.hooah4health.com/4life [hooah4kids/kidshalloweensafety.htm](http://www.hooah4kids/kidshalloweensafety.htm) or www.cdc.gov/family/halloween or www.halloween-safety.com.

Nov. 5

◆ **Women in the Wilderness** -- November is "Climbing to New Heights." All

skill levels are welcome. Those with experience can brush up on their techniques while beginners will learn the fundamentals of rock climbing. Wear comfortable clothes and closed toed shoes. Climbing 101 on the Wall will be offered on Nov. 5 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. and Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. until noon. Cost is \$10 and class will be held at the Challenge Course Complex. Demonstrate your heightened skills, enhance current skills, socialize and have fun while enjoying the beauty of nature on this Kings Bluff Climbing Trip. This trip will be offered Nov. 17, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and Nov. 19, 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. Trip includes climbing gear, instruction, and transportation to the bluff. Participants need to bring snacks, lunch and plenty of water for the day. Cost is \$15 and participants need to meet at the Outdoor Recreation Main Office. Preregistration for all trips is required by 4 p.m. the day prior to departure. For more information about the Women in the Wilderness Adventure Series, please call Outdoor Recreation at (270) 412-7854 or (270) 798-2175.

Nov. 6

◆ **Cane Connector Family Hike** -- Join Outdoor Rec for a Cane Connector Family Hike from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Nov. 6. It's an easy 2.5-mile stroll along the hiking trail at Percy Warner State Park in Nashville. Children of all ages will enjoy meandering through the trees and crossing over Vaughn's Creek five different times. Ages 2 and up are invited to participate. Cost is \$10 per person, ages 5 and under are free. Bring lunch, snacks, water and don't forget your camera. Pre-registration required by 4 p.m. Nov. 4. Call (270) 798-2175 or (270) 412-7854 for more information.

Nov. 7

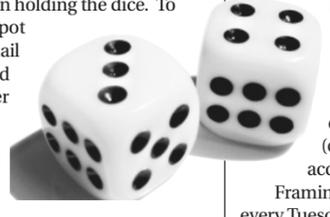
◆ **Army Family Action Plan Annual Conference** -- All of the services, programs and the excellent quality of life available on Fort Campbell would not be what they are without the hard work and dedication of the Army Family Action Plan delegates. If you are looking for a great way to get involved with your Army community, and work towards positive change, become a delegate at the next AFAP forum. The AFAP conference will take place Nov. 7 - 9, from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., at the Family Resource Center located at 1501 William C. Lee Road. Delegates are needed to represent a broad spectrum of the community which includes Soldiers (National Guard, Reserves and active duty), Family members, retirees and DoD civilian employees. Child care will be provided by ACS. Child must be registered with CYSS. If you would like to be a delegate for the upcoming Army Family Action Plan Conference, call (270) 798-4800.

Nov. 9

◆ **Family Moonlight Canoe Trip** -- Experience the sights and sounds of Fort Campbell's wilderness at night from 6 until 9 p.m. Nov. 9. With an expected full moon and clear skies, you will take a leisurely canoe paddle around the moonlit Lake Kyle. The Family Moonlight Canoe trip will also include a campfire and snacks. All gear is provided. Ages 2 and

up are invited to participate. Cost is \$7 each or you can buy 2 and get 1 free. Preregistration is required by 4 p.m. Nov. 8. Call (270) 798-2175 or (270) 412-7854 for more information.

◆ **Social Dice Game** -- The social dice game involving 100 percent luck will be held at Joe Swing Recreation Facility on Nov. 9 and 30. Doors open at 6 p.m. with game play beginning at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are strongly suggested, but no experience is necessary to play. Participants must be 18 or older and there is a \$10 fee. Fee includes entrance to the event, finger foods, and iced tea. Adult beverages will be available for purchase for those who are 21 and older. Prizes will be awarded for most Buncos, most wins, most losses, Even Stevens, most mini Buncos, most Snake Eyes, and last person holding the dice. To reserve your spot for Nov. 6, email your name and phone number to events@fortcampbellmwr.com. For additional information, call (270) 798-7535.



Nov. 12

◆ **Climbing 202** -- The Challenge Course Complex is now offering an intermediate climbing clinic Nov. 12 from 8 a.m. until noon. You will learn a new style of climbing called Sport Climbing. This style requires a new set of skills, gear, commands, and belay techniques. You must be age 16 or over to participate. Cost is \$20. Preregistration is required by 4 p.m. Nov. 11. Call (270) 798-2175 or (270) 412-7854 for more information.

Nov. 13

◆ **Zoo Military Appreciation Day** -- The Nashville Zoo is holding a Military Appreciation Day Nov. 13. We'll be providing transportation to and from the zoo for \$5. All ages are invited to attend. Active duty and retirees along with their immediate Families will receive free zoo admission when they show their military ID. Preregistration is required by 4 p.m. Nov. 11. Call (270) 798-2175 or (270) 412-7854 for more information.

Nov. 19

◆ **Discount Day** -- On Nov. 19, Outdoor Recreation will be holding a Military Family Appreciation Discount Day. We'd like to invite you to a fun filled day full of a variety of recreational activities for the whole Family. Activities will begin around 9 a.m. and last throughout the evening. Look for the Military Appreciation Day flyer for more information. Call (270) 798-2175 or (270) 412-7854 for more information.

Ongoing

◆ **Baby and Me Lapsit** -- Bring your infant or toddler up to the age of 24 months to the R.F. Sink Memorial Library every Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. This program is designed to expose your child to the rhythms of language and music by lending a hand in your child's development through introduction of books and reading at an early

age. For more information, call (270) 956-3344.

◆ **PJ Story Time** -- Join us at R.F. Sink Library on the first Wednesday of every month for the Family PJ Story Time at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 2 and Dec. 7. Children are invited dress in their pajamas, grab their favorite stuffed friend and listen to bedtime stories. Kids and parents can enjoy a story or two, followed by a themed craft and/or game. There is no registration required for this event. For more information, call (270) 956-3344.

◆ **Guenette Arts and Crafts Center** -- Guenette Arts and Crafts Center Kid's workshops are \$7 - \$10. Clay Works and Paint Your Own Pottery are available on a walk-in basis Wednesday through Sunday. Wheel throwing is available by appointment only and pouring classes are offered every Wednesday from 12:30 until 2 p.m., or by appointment. The kids' classes are open to any age (children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult). Framing classes are also available every Tuesday, 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., and every Saturday, 12:30 until 4 p.m. Registration for each class is required and can be completed at Guenette Arts and Crafts Center. Call (270) 798-6693 for more information.

◆ **Swimming Lessons** -- Gardner Indoor Swimming Pool is happy to announce their fall line-up for swimming classes. Preschool and Level 1 classes will be given on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from Nov. 2 through Nov. 21. Class will not be offered Nov. 11. The month of December will be focused on Lifeguard Training. A Pre-Lifeguard class will be given on Monday and Wednesday, running Dec. 5 through Dec. 21 with the Lifeguard Training Class meeting from Dec. 27 through Dec. 30. For more information, call (270) 798-6310.

◆ **Woman on the Run** -- The work of California-based artist Tracey Snelling, whose sculptures of highly detailed vernacular buildings, streets and rundown neighborhoods show a keen sensitivity to the psychological tensions and hidden narratives of modern life in small-town America, will be presented in the Upper-Level Galleries in an exhibition entitled Tracey Snelling's Woman on the Run, on view through Feb. 5, 2012. Woman on the Run - a large tableau of architecture, sculpture, film, video, neon signs, audio and materials drawn from everyday life - provides a film-noir-like setting for a crime story in which a mysterious woman in Arizona is sought for questioning in the murder of her husband. The exhibition, which is being organized in collaboration with the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art in Winston-Salem, NC, is accompanied by a gallery guide that will include essays by Frist Center Associate Curator Trinita Kennedy and SECCA Curator Steven Matijcic. For more information, call (615) 244-3340 or visit www.fristcenter.org.

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The Army Soldier Show
Friday, 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m.

Wilson Theater will host the 2011 Soldier Show Friday and Saturday. The Soldier Show is a 90-minute live musical production performed entirely by active-duty soldiers. The theme of this year's performance is a carnival. Admission is free and is on a first-come, first-seated basis. The show is Family-friendly, but there will not be room for strollers. For more information, call (270) 798-7535.

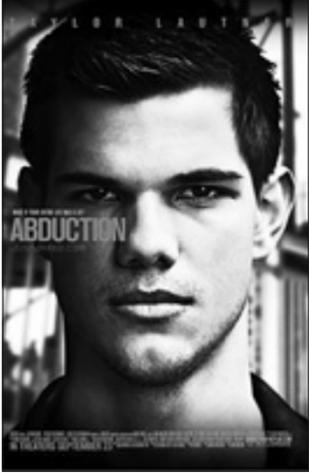


Contagion
Sunday, 2 p.m.

(Matt Damon, Laurence Fishburne, Gwyneth Paltrow)
Doctors at the United States Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization rush to contain the outbreak of a new virus that kills within days. As they search for a cure, they track the virus' source to Hong Kong. Unfortunately, as they try to keep the death count from climbing, it's not just the disease they have to worry about. False rumors and civil unrest travel the globe faster than the killer bug. Rated PG-13 for disturbing content and some language.

Abduction
Nov. 4, 7 p.m.

(Taylor Lautner, Alfred Molina)
A teen finds himself in mortal danger after realizing that his entire childhood has been built on lies. Realizing that the people who raised him aren't his real parents after stumbling across a childhood photo of himself on a website devoted to missing children, the teen flees for his life as FBI agents race to protect him and uncover the truth about his mysterious past. Rated PG-13 for sequences of intense violence and action, brief language, some sexual content and teen partying.



New Releases

Opening this week: The Rum Diary (Johnny Depp, Aaron Eckhart)

Based on the debut novel by Hunter S. Thompson. Tiring of the noise and madness of New York, Paul Kemp travels to Puerto Rico to write for a local newspaper. Adopting the rum-soaked life of the island, Paul soon becomes obsessed with Chenault, the wildly attractive fiancée of Sanderson. Sanderson is one of a growing number of American entrepreneurs who are determined to convert Puerto Rico into a capitalist paradise. When Kemp is recruited to write favorably about Sanderson's latest unsavory scheme, he is presented with a choice: to use his words for the corrupt businessmen's financial benefit, or use them to take the businessmen down. Rated R for language, brief drug use and sexuality.



Puss in Boots 3D (Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek)

Long before he even met Shrek, the notorious fighter, lover and outlaw Puss in Boots becomes a hero when he sets off on an adventure with the tough and street smart Kitty Softpaws and the mastermind Humpty Dumpty to save his town. Rated PG for some adventure action and mild rude humor.

In Time (Justin Timberlake, Amanda Seyfried)

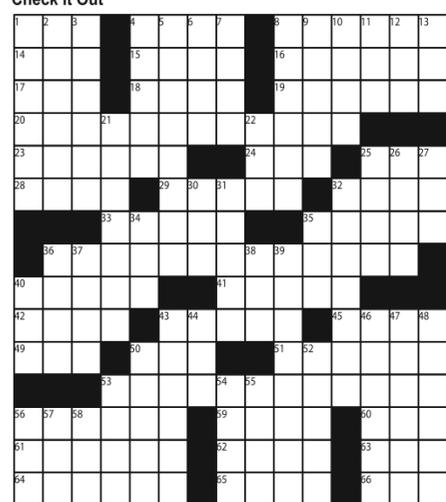


When Will Salas is falsely accused of murder, he must figure out a way to bring down a system where time is money – literally – enabling the wealthy to live forever while the poor, like Will, have to beg, borrow and steal enough minutes to make it through another day. Rated PG-13 for violence, some sexuality, partial nudity and brief strong language.

WORDS - NUMBERS

Crossword

Check It Out



ACROSS

- Donaldson or Spade
- "The ___ knees" (great)
- Half the "Who's on First?" team
- Indian, Brave or Chief
- Green feeling?
- Signals from a downed flier, perhaps
- Conquistador's treasure
- Former Fed head Greenspan
- Building, after demolition
- They're checked
- Turns inside out
- Relative of -esque
- Slacker's bane
- Fiddler of legend
- Offer lessons
- Pouting expression
- Chat room patrons
- First Lady after Hillary
- They're checked
- ___washed
- Makes tolerable
- To boot
- Belarus's capital
- Ump's call
- Day ___ colors
- Give the boot to
- Like most runs, in baseball
- They're checked
- Play merrily
- Not even fair
- Actor Billy ___ Williams
- Bird on a baseball cap
- Partner of tried
- Cyberspace initials
- Sweet drink

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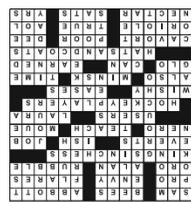
65. Srs. exams
66. Sr., et al.

DOWN

- Word with well- or soft-
- Make it big
- Sentimental sort
- Beauty's beloved
- Any military recruit, these days
- Indiana's Bayh
- In ___ (harmonious)
- From square one
- Show embarrassment
- Streisand, in fanzines
- Heavenly body
- ___ Aviv
- "The Waste Land" initials

- Mustachioed Marx
- Tosspot's utterance
- Soup du ___
- Sharer's word
- Arthur or Benaderet
- Suffix with mock or crock
- Colorado ski spot
- Baton wielder
- Shade of blue
- Strong alkali
- Bunker or Nob
- ___ buco
- ___ Palmas, Canary Islands
- Invited to dinner, perhaps
- Tongue or tail action
- Space occupier

Crossword Answer



Sudoku Puzzle

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

Sudoku Answer

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



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