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Sgt. Alon Humphrey / 3rd ABCT, 1st AD PA

Spc. Seth LaChance, an infantry Soldier with 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment applies camouflage to his face during Expert Infantryman Badge training at Camp Casey, South Korea, April 10. In 1944 Army Chief of Staff George C. Marshall initiated the development of an award to honor the U.S. Army infantry Soldier. The Office of Heraldic Activity of the Quartermaster General began work on designing a badge that would represent the U.S. Infantry's tough, hard hitting role in combat and symbolize proficiency in the Infantry arts and the origins of the EIB were born. For more on 4-6 Infantry getting ready for their evaluation in South Korea, turn to page 8A.

Proposed budget plan balances current, future readiness

By Sean Kimmons | Army News Service

WASHINGTON -- Budget plans strive to balance current and future readiness by maxing out combat training center rotations and funding new technology, senior leaders told lawmakers April 9.

At \$182.3 billion, the proposed fiscal year 2020 budget shifted funds to support 32 CTC rotations, four of which will go to National Guard units -- twice as many as in recent years.

Efforts to extend One Station Unit Training from 14 to 22 weeks for combat arms Soldiers will also continue. Besides extensive training on weapons, the new OSUT increases medical skills allowing graduates to come out certified as emergency medical technicians.

"It's now, I like to say, the longest and toughest in the world," said Army Secretary Mark T. Esper about infantry OSUT while testifying before the House Appropriations Committee's defense subcommittee on Capitol Hill.

The budget has funds to sustain 58 brigade combat teams and six security force assistance brigades.

Prepositioned stocks, which include equipment like fighting vehicles and tanks in Europe, South Korea and other locations around the world, would see a boost as well as other readiness initiatives.

"We're looking at some adjustments based on what the National Defense Strategy tells us to do to make sure we are in locations that allow us the highest degree of readiness should a conflict happen," Esper said.

By 2022, the Army expects to reach its highest levels of readiness in at least 66 percent of its regular Army and 33 percent of Guard and Reserve units.

"With continued, consistent, predictable Congressional support, we can reach those levels of readiness," said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley.

Much of the budget is geared toward the Army's six modernization priorities after senior leaders freed up \$30 billion over five years from nearly 200 legacy programs.

"In short, this budget will increase the Army's lethality in the near term and set conditions for increased lethality of the Army in the future," Milley said.

The top modernization priority -- Long-Range Precision Fires -- is heavily focused on to reclaim overmatch against near-peer competitors.

"We are a fires-based Army," Milley said. "In order to gain freedom of maneuver, you have to have fires and movement."

Plans are to develop a long-range hypersonic weapon, extended range cannon artillery, long-range cannon and precision strike missile, also known as Prism.

"All of those programs in combination, both the acquisition piece of it and the fires piece of it, will reestablish U.S. dominance in fires" Milley said.

The Army plans to invest \$1.2 billion over the next five years toward a hypersonic weapon, which is being developed in collaboration with the Air Force and Navy.

A flight test of a land-based hyper-

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Rams ready to JAB

FORSCOM selects 40th BEB to train on Joint Assault Bridge ahead of operational test

By Lt. Col. Jeron Washington | U.S. Army Operational Test Command

Soldiers from the 40th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat team, 1st Armored Division have started the testing process for the new Joint Assault Bridge.

The JAB will allow vehicle commanders and crews to keep pace with current Army vehicles and have the ability to launch and retrieve the bridge portion when needed.

"Battering Ram" Soldiers were selected by U.S. Army Forces Command to perform the operational test so the U.S. Army Operational Test Command, based at Fort Hood, could collect data on the integration of the bridge-launching vehicle to inform senior Army leaders on how effective, suitable and reliable the JAB will be during combat.

"During operational testing, one of the



U.S. Army photo

Engineer Soldiers from Alpha and Bravo companies, 40th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, conduct Field Level Maintenance New Equipment Training recently.

most important elements of the test is Soldier feedback, which primarily comes from Soldier surveys," said Ricky Hicks, the JAB operations officer.

Before testing began, the unit received several weeks of training on operations equip-

ment training, field level maintenance new equipment training, and even the opportunity for to install the Tank Urban Survival Kit to the bridge's M1A1 Abrams Tank chassis. OPNET is intended to train Soldiers and

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Number one priority Part II of an interview with Gen. Mark Milley

By Arpi Dilanian and Matthew Howard | Army G-4

As the 39th Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Mark A. Milley has spearheaded the Army's transformation to build readiness. Earning his commission from Princeton University in 1980, Milley has gained a reputation for being a Soldier's Soldier and battle-tested commander throughout his 39-year career. An infantry and special operations forces officer by trade, the Army Ranger's previous assignments include commanding general of Forces Command (FORSCOM), III Corps, and the 10th Mountain Division. We sat down with him to discuss total Army readiness and the importance of sustainment for mission success.

Q: How are we balancing competing requirements to ensure units remain ready?

It's all a function of priorities. At the Army level, priorities must be established and followed up on to ensure they're being resourced. We've established readiness as the number one priority, followed by modernization and reform; taking care of our Soldiers and families is embedded within each.

So first is elevating readiness to its proper place and ensuring all of our leaders fully understand the job of the Army: providing trained and ready functions to the combatant commanders for employment. Within that idea of readiness, you then have to look at the different components of the Army: the regular Army, National Guard, and Army Reserve. You have different units, divisions, and brigades within each, and again you have to prioritize.



Spc. Caleb Franklin / U.S. Army

A Soldier dons his gas mask during the Gunslinger Challenge at Fort Hood March 7. "I would argue we are in the midst of a fundamental change in the character of war. The nature of war never changes; it's immutable," said Gen. Mark Milley, 39th Chief of Staff of the Army in a recent interview. "War is a human function, a behavior that involves emotions, fears, friction, and chance. It's the imposition of political will on your opponent by the use of violence."

Not everybody in any one of the components is going to be equally resourced at any moment in time; with a force that has the size and scale of the U.S. Army, you can't do everything at once. One unit is going to get this upgrade in equipment first, this other unit will be second, and another will be third. One unit is going to be manned at 100 percent strength, another at 95 percent, and another at 90 percent.

The same goes for functional areas; I would argue shoot, move, communicate, protect, and sustain are the critical functions that must be prioritized. You want to make sure your major

systems are at acceptable levels of operational readiness, their equipment is on hand and operational, and they're at full mission capability. That requires a prioritization of parts and so on and so forth. So it's all a system of priorities within an organization. You have to make sure priorities are clear and then put your money where your mouth is.

Q: Looking to the future, is the Army at an inflection point for the way it does business?

I would argue we are in the midst of a fundamental change in the character of war. The nature of war never changes; it's immutable.

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transform them into JAB crewmembers.

The focus is on safety, operator level preventive maintenance checks and services (PMCS), basic operations of the chassis and bridge during three weeks, leading to a written and practical exam.

Upon completion, all JAB crewmembers are licensed and qualified to operate the vehicle and launch the bridge.

"It is important to know what you're doing before operating the JAB because you can hurt yourself, others, and or jeopardize the mission if you do something wrong that could have been prevented and knew how to fix it," said Spc. June Jaramillo of Co. B, 40th BEB.

"Knowing the capability of the JAB is essential," she added.

"OPNET provides many benefits to the unit prior to testing," said Lt. Col. Christopher Ingenloff, the JAB test officer. "One important benefit would include what the Soldiers learned from training and eventually incorporate it their unit's tactics, techniques and procedures."

Sgt. Brian Braun, of Co. B, 40th BEB



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During operational testing, engineer Soldiers from Alpha and Bravo companies, 40th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, take written tests to qualify as Joint Assault Bridge operators and crew members during Operator New Equipment Training recently.

said, "Knowing the capabilities of the JAB could adjust current TTPs for the Armored Vehicle Launch Bridge — making them faster and more effective."

During JAB FLMNET, 40th BEB maintenance Soldiers covered topics of safety and unit-level maintenance of the JAB, compliant with the system's maintenance manuals.

Instruction also consists of two weeks leading up to a written and practical

exam.

Spc. Zachery Gray of Co. A, 40th BEB said, "The importance of FLMNET for us as maintainers gives us the opportunity to see how the vehicle works, how to maintain it, and how to fix problems that occur."

"It also gives us the opportunity to put in our comments on how we can fix any bad or wrong ideas that should be fixed before entering main production."

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sonic missile, which can travel five times the speed of sound, is expected in fiscal 2023, Esper said.

"It's a game-changer," he said. "It is a very difficult system to defend against due to its maneuverability and due to its speed and profile."

To speed up the time it takes to get new technology in Soldiers' hands, the Army is moving from an industrial-based model to one that is more tailored to its needs.

"Not everyone needs everything at the same time," Milley said. "It's contrary to the Army instinct. Army instinct is everyone has got the same uniform, same haircut, everything is the same."

Last summer, the Army Futures Command was stood up as part of the Army's largest reorganization in decades to oversee modernization efforts. The command's cross-functional teams are now streamlining an outdated acquisition process to quickly procure new gear.

An example of how the Army may buy equipment in the future is the next-generation squad weapon. Only about 100,000 of those rifles — enough for roughly 10 percent of the total force — will initially be purchased for Soldiers who engage in close-quarters combat, Milley said.



Staff Sgt. Armando Limon / U.S. Army

Spc. Hayden Harnek, left, mans a M240B machine gun while Spc. Josh Rowe helps with aiming at a defensive position during a rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., Feb. 15, 2018. The proposed fiscal year 2020 budget shifted funds to support 32 CTC rotations, including ones at JRTC and other training centers.

"By the time you field an entire Army, that may be 10, 20, 30 years and that technology is no longer valid for the original need, but yet we keep buying it," the general said. "We're shifting to a different acquisition and procurement model."

With the emergence of near-peer threats,

the secretary said the Army must start moving on these new technologies and continue those efforts with consistent funding.

"This is not a one-year FY 20 and we're done," he said. "It's going to occur for many, many years to shift this big ship called the U.S. Army to where we need to be."

War is a human function, a behavior that involves emotions, fears, friction, and chance. It's the imposition of political will on your opponent by the use of violence.

The character of war though is how you fight—when, where, and with what weapons. It's the doctrine, organization, and materiel. The character of war does change, and it changes often. Every time a new technology is introduced, the character of war is changing. But we undergo fundamental shifts in the character of war only once in a while; it doesn't happen often.

The character of war fundamentally changed when human beings learned to harness the power of a horse. Prior to the technology of controlling a horse with stirrups and a bit, war and violence was done on foot with spears and rocks. But once you have the horse, ground mobility was introduced at a much higher rate of speed and distance. That was a fundamental change. You could argue the introduction of the wheel was again a fundamental change.

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2nd ABCT stays ready during Strike Focus

By David Burge | Special to the Fort Bliss Bugle

For the past four months, Fort Bliss' 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division has been busy training to meet the Army's number one priority – to be ready at a moment's notice.

The brigade has been out in the Fort Bliss training area getting repetition on their Soldier skills off and on since January.

During the past two weeks, about 1,500 Soldiers from the brigade have been conducting Strike Focus, a company-level exercise.

Before that, the brigade went through gunnery and a series of other training events that are meant to build upon each other.

Next up is Iron Focus this summer and then a rotation at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., in late September and into October.

"It is a stair-step approach to get us ready for what we need to do in the future," said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Williams, the brigade's senior enlisted leader. "So once we complete our training rotation at NTC, we are on call and ready and standing by for whatever the nation may need."

Meanwhile, 1st Battalion, 35th Armored Regiment and 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment are returning from a month in Poland. These battalions participated in a rapid deployment exercise and then more training when they arrived in Europe.

The training they did in Europe



Chief Warrant Officer 4 Chad Field, left, and Warrant Officer Sirmorian Burns set up a tent as 2nd Armored Brigade Combat team moves its Tactical Operations Center during Strike Focus recently.

is exactly what the rest of the brigade is doing back at home station at Fort Bliss.

They will rejoin the rest of the brigade for Iron Focus and then at NTC.

Fort Bliss has the largest training area in the Army with 925,000 acres. That enables the brigade and all its subordinate units to "stretch their legs" and get plenty of practice at mission command, sustainment, planning and conducting op-

erations over vast distances, said Williams.

"One of the best things (Fort Bliss) lends us that you can't find at other places, we are able to fight the tyranny of distance," Williams said.

The ultimate goal from all this training is to make the brigade a more lethal fighting force, Williams said.

While Strike Focus is designed to train companies within the bri-

gade, it also provides battalion and brigade headquarters with repetition on planning, conducting logistics over distance and mission command, said Maj. Casey Baker, the brigade's executive officer.

"Really, it is to be ready when nation calls – (that) we can be ready to go anywhere in the world," said Baker.

It is all about being part of the Army's renewed emphasis on being expeditionary, Baker said.

"It is being able to deliver immediate firepower anywhere in the world and with that, comes the responsibility of figuring out the logistics, figuring out mission command, figuring out coordination with adjacent units," he said.

Capt. Chris Scott, commander of Demon Company with 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, said his tank company has received valuable training during Strike Focus and all the training that led up to it.

"This is the first time we have gotten to train as a company above the platoon level," said Scott. "I'm extremely happy with the training so far – the live fire, our full maintenance program, the tactical lanes we have done so far."

"We have gotten a good look at everyone and everyone is firing on all cylinders," Scott said.

First Lt. Michael Kinney is the platoon leader for Ruckus Platoon, Demon Company, 1-1 Cav.

Kinney said Strike Focus has provided the opportunity for his platoon and the rest of Demon Company to join forces with other Soldiers who have unique skills.

"We have been doing a lot of breaching operations, using engineers and indirect fires and our tanks on top of it," Kinney said. "We have all these assets and we are moving as a company."

"It helps us incorporate everything the Army has to offer," Kinney said.

WBAMC Soldier, Las Cruces native commends LCHS softball for success from Iraq

Marcy Sanchez | William Beaumont Army Medical Center Public Affairs

On May 12, 2018, as students from Las Cruces High School in New Mexico took the field to participate in, up to that point, the most important game of their lives, one Army Soldier showed his support as he watched the game in the middle of the night.

No, the game wasn't a night game, but for Capt. Jason Kidd, a clinical social work officer deployed in support of operations in the Middle East, catching his hometown team play for a state championship through a live-stream was an opportunity he wasn't going to pass up.

Kidd, who graduated from Las Cruces High School in 1995 and later attended New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, heard about the team's successful season through a childhood friend who now coaches the team.

"I was actually up from three to five in the

morning watching them win the tournament," said Kidd. "I was super excited for them, and they boosted my morale while I was down-range."

While deployed, Kidd provided behavioral health services for service members throughout the area of operations in Kuwait and northern Iraq, initiating several programs to increase morale and minimize stress for hundreds.

The recent mission marks Kidd's fourth deployment, with two deployments to Africa, and one to Ukraine during his 11-year career in the Army.

Most of the student athletes, New Mexico's 2018 Softball Class 6A State champions, were surprised during a spring sports pep rally at Las Cruces High School, April 5, as Kidd, assigned to William Beaumont Army Medical Center at Fort Bliss, presented the team with a U.S. flag flown in Iraq. The token was in appreciation for their accomplishments last season.

"It's just another way to give back to the community to the school," said Kidd, clinical director for the Fort Bliss Substance Use Disorder Clinical Care (SUDCC) program and chief of 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division's Embedded Behavioral Health team.

Kidd also presented two additional flags to the "Bulldawgs" principal and LCHS senior Dezi Martinez, one of the state championship team's players, whom Kidd had first coached



Marcy Sanchez / WBAMC PA

Capt. Jason Kidd, clinical director for the Fort Bliss Substance Use Disorder Clinical Care program, presents a U.S. flag flown over Iraq to senior Dezi Martinez and the 2018 school softball team at Las Cruces High School in Las Cruces, N.M., April 5. During a recent deployment, Kidd flew flags in appreciation for the school's efforts in attaining the softball Class 6A state championship title during the 2018 season.

in a tee ball league. "As a high school student you may not realize how these teachers are trying to steer you

in the right direction, to success," said Kidd. "This is just a little token of appreciation to let them know I appreciate what they've done."



Photos by Capt. Aaron Smith / 174th ADA Bde.

A combined U.S. and Israeli color guard presents the colors during a closing ceremony for the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system deployment to Israel, March 25. The ceremony concluded a first-ever deployment of a THAAD battery, along with other supporting troops and equipment, to Israel under the Department of Defense's Dynamic Force Employment concept.



Col. David Shank, commander, 10th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, inspects a formation during a closing ceremony.



A combined U.S. and Israeli color guard presents the colors during a closing ceremony for the THAAD system deployment.

USEUCOM concludes 11th ADA, THAAD task force deployment to Israel

By Capt. Aaron Smith | 174th Air Defense Artillery Brigade

The first ever deployment of a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system to Israel culminated with a closing ceremony involving U.S. and Israeli leadership at the site Mar. 25.

At the direction of the Secretary of Defense, U.S. European Command deployed a THAAD system to Israel in early March as a demonstration of the United States' continued commitment to Israel's regional security under the Department of Defense's Dynamic Force Employment concept. The THAAD system deployed from the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command stationed at Fort Bliss.

"Outstanding performance by the great Soldiers from the Army's Air and Missile Defense community," said Maj. Gen. Andrew Rohling, U.S. Army Europe deputy commanding general. "The Department of Defense called on them on

short notice to rapidly deploy a THAAD system thousands of miles across the globe, and then integrate into one of the most complex missile defense architectures in the world; and they delivered in spades. The ability to rapidly surge combat-ready forces into and across the theater is critical to projecting forces at a moment's notice to support our allies and partners across the theater."

Close coordination between U.S. and Israeli military planners enabled the rapid movement and emplacement of over 70 pieces of equipment and 230 personnel.

During the deployment, service members augmented Israel's existing air and missile defense architecture, conducted joint ballistic missile defense drills, and exercised security cooperation activities to improve interoperability and build readiness between the two nations.

"The cooperation between the Air Defense Array and its

American counterpart emphasizes the professionalism and operational strength that brings better protection of the skies of Israel," said Brig. Gen. Ran Kochav, Israeli Defense Forces Air Defense Array commander. "Thanks to the professional relationships and the joint training, we will be better prepared for real-life challenges."

The THAAD Task Force fell under the command of the 10th AAMDC, stationed at Kaiserslautern, Germany. The 174th ADA Bde. from the Ohio Army National Guard provided mission command of the THAAD task force.

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Spc. Thomas Glasco, a cavalry scout with 1st Sqdn., 1st Cav. Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st AD, prepares to engage the enemy while acting as a member of the opposing forces during exercise Strike Focus at Orogrande Range Camp, N.M., April 5.

>> WE FIGHT TONIGHT

Photos by Spc. Matthew Marcellus / 24th TPASE

1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment brings the hustle during exercise Strike Focus April 5. Strike Focus is a multi-week exercise training the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division's capability to be a lethal fighting force and rapidly deploy at a moment's notice.



(Left) Sgt. Alfredo Chavez, left, and Sgt. Ryan Heaton, cavalry scouts assigned to 1st Sqdn., 1st Cav. Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st AD, secure a rooftop while acting as the opposing force.

(Right) Pfc. James Loper, right, a cavalry scout assigned to 1st Sqdn., 1st Cav. Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st AD, observes as Dominic Littlewood, a journalist and television presenter with the British Broadcasting Corporation, engages roleplaying enemies during exercise Strike Focus.

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Col. Heidi Otis, left, commander, 7220th Medical Support Unit, uncases the unit's colors, symbolic of the beginning of the unit's mission, during a transfer of authority ceremony at the Fort Bliss and Old Ironsides Museum April 8.

725 st MSU transfers authority to 7220th MSU at Fort Bliss

By Marcy Sanchez | William Beaumont Army Medical Center Public Affairs

The 7251st Medical Support Unit relinquished authority of medical operations at the Soldier Readiness Processing Center at Fort Bliss to the 7220th MSU during a transfer of authority ceremony at the Fort Bliss and Old Ironsides Museum April 8.

The 7251st MSU, based out of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was tasked with providing medical, dental and support services to active, reserve, National Guard and civilian personnel who were deploying, redeploying, mobilizing or demobilizing in support of the Army mission since May 2018.

"It's a huge mission," said Col. Erik Rude, commander, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, who oversees medical operation of the Soldier Readiness and Processing Center. "As an active-duty Soldier, I know if we didn't have (Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers) doing all the work they've been doing since 9/11, (active-duty) would

stay deployed every month."

Over the course of the 11-month deployment, the MSU processed nearly 60,000 Soldiers for deployment/redeployment.

As the 7251st MSU prepared for their mission at Fort Bliss, they implemented several measures to meet the needs of the job ahead.

"When we showed up down here we nailed it immediately, we became a team. Everybody has worked very hard and I'm very proud of this unit," said Lt. Col. Steven Ross, commander, 7251st MSU. "I've done 43 years in the military and I only have one mindset, 'one team on fight.' We worked long weekends, long hours and made it happen, we didn't have any mission failures."

In addition to meeting their mission, Soldiers with the 7251st were also committed to professional improvement through various Professional Military Education courses, Air Assault Courses, and attaining the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge in addition to several other accomplishments.

"If the president, secretary of defense, or [secretary] of the Army, tell us to make something happen, we make it happen," said Ross. "Because that's what we do in the Army."

The 7220th MSU, based out of Tucson, Arizona, will continue providing medical assets to Soldiers processing through Fort Bliss for the next few months.

"This mission will continue to evolve, and we plan to evolve with it," said Col. Heidi L. Otis, commander, 7220th MSU. "We are trained and ready to assume responsibility and carry on the Soldier Processing mission."

"We've gained a level of readiness in Reserve and National Guard Soldiers that we don't want to lose and which we keep up by rotating the units through mobilizations and to do that we need to mobilize and demobilize," said Rude. "It's a very important mission, not just for Fort Bliss, or our Army, but for our nation."



Lt. Col. Steven Ross, commander, 7251st Medical Support Unit, stands at parade rest during a transfer of authority ceremony at Fort Bliss, Texas to the 7220th MSU April 8.



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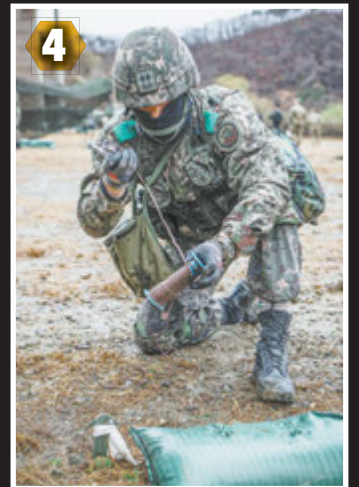
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- 1** Pfc. Jordan Day, a 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment "Regulars" Soldier, tests the Javelin and performs a functions check during the Expert Infantryman Badge training lanes at Camp Casey, South Korea, April 10.
- 2** Soldiers from 4th Bn., 6th Inf. Regt. "Regulars" and other U.S. and ROK Army tenant units circulate through training lanes to increase proficiency to earn the Expert Infantryman Badge.
- 3** Maj. Gen. Patrick Matlock looks on as Soldiers from 4th Bn., 6th Inf. Regt. "Regulars," 3rd ABCT, 1st AD, and other U.S. and ROK Army tenant units, circulate through training lanes to increase proficiency to earn the Expert Infantryman Badge. Matlock, the 1st AD commanding general, and his senior enlisted adviser, Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Cobb, traveled to South Korea last week to check in with 3rd ABCT "Bulldogs" troops on deployment as replacements for the 1st ABCT, 3rd Inf. Div., as part of a regular rotation of forces.
- 4** ROK Army Master Sgt. Hyo-min Choi, with Capital Corps, 700 Rangers, constructs and removes a training-Claymore mine during Expert Infantryman Badge training led by 4th Bn., 6th Inf. Regt. "Regulars," 3rd ABCT, 1st AD at Camp Casey, South Korea, April 10.



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USACE team takes on water security mission in Africa

By Stephen Rochette | U.S. Army

PHILADELPHIA – Two USACE hydraulic engineers traveled to Africa in mid-March to share their expertise on a variety of groundwater-related issues.

Steve England and Jake Helminiak of the USACE Philadelphia District traveled to the Kingdom of Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) to participate in workshops, field visits, and to share their expertise with government officials.

The mission, requested by the United States Africa Command, is designed to improve water security for the African nation. During drought conditions, the country has challenges in providing water to 100 percent of the population.

“Ultimately, they are trying to become proactive in how they manage water,” said Helminiak. “I think the Eswatini officials appreciated working with people with similar areas of expertise. And from a personal standpoint, this was a great opportunity.”

John Heaton, liaison to USAFRICOM for the USACE North Atlantic Division, participated in the visit and helped organize the mission. USACE plans to provide support in three phases. The first phase, completed in mid-March, involved meeting with officials, participating in site visits, collecting information, and identifying data gaps.

The second phase will involve building a conceptual model to document the country’s ‘water budget’ and the third phase will entail developing numerical models that will be used to help decision-makers and inform an



Michael Boyle / U.S. Army

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overall water security strategy.

“During the visit, we got a better understanding of their challenges and needs and developed a path forward,” said England. “We plan to have periodic follow up discussions to identify key issues moving forward.”

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On a macro level, England and Helminiak are looking at how much water flows into the country through South African rivers; how much water flows out into Mozambique and South Africa; and are considering rainfall patterns and existing groundwater reserves.

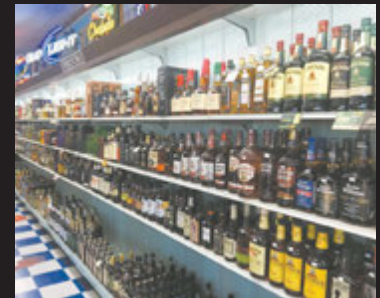
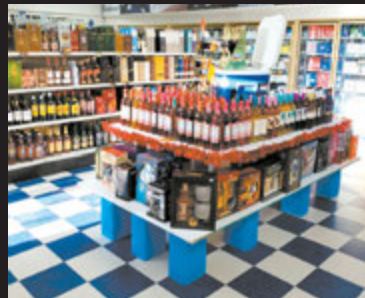
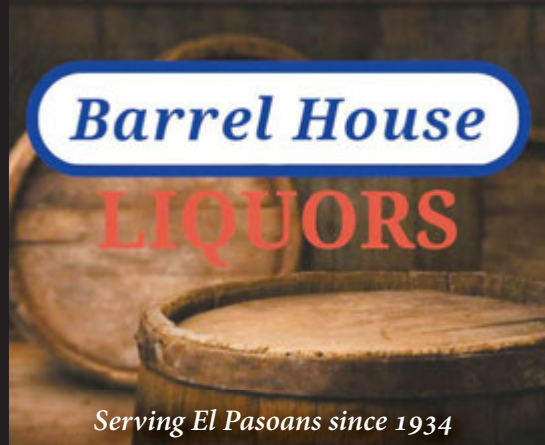
As the mission moves forward, they will be working with their Eswatini counterparts to improve data collection, evaluate surface and groundwater resources, and work toward the development of a conceptual model of the Eswatini water resources. They will conduct training on various numerical models and make recommendations for a master planning strategy for sustainable water resource development.

England and Helminiak said the brief visit was interesting from a cultural standpoint. They flew to Johannesburg in South Africa and drove five hours to Eswatini. Helminiak said they saw densely populated urban environments as well as rural areas.

England has previously supported similar missions to share groundwater knowledge and expertise in Cambodia, Mongolia, Afghanistan and Vietnam.



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ROKA Col. Kim, Seong-jong, ROKA 13th Aviation Group commander, U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jhnta Daniels, right, and Warrant Officer 1 Bradley Fuller, both UH-60 Blackhawk pilots with 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division, discuss the scheme of maneuver to effectively contain and extinguish the wildfire in Gangwon province, northeast of Seoul, April 5.

USFK commander awards Soldiers for efforts against wildfire

By Staff Sgt. Diandra Harrell | U.S. Army

GANGWON, South Korea – Gen. Robert “Abe” Abrams, commanding general, U.S. Forces Korea, United Nations Command, and Combined Forces Command awarded select warriors for their dedication to duty and the safety and well-being of Korean allies and neighbors during the Gangwon wildfire.

Abrams presented Soldiers with certificates of commendation and commanders coins on behalf of the Republic of Korea Army Joint Chief of Staff Gen. Park, Hanki, who was unable to be present for the ceremony.

“Our ability, your ability to quickly react to a request from the ROK JCS, to get aircraft in the air to help put out fires was incredible,” said Abrams. “We’re able to do that because we’re focused on readiness.”

Although readiness is essential, USFK personnel also have a responsibility as members of the alliance to lend support to the Korean people when requested or necessary.

“Our small contribution (to the wildfire) reaffirms the message that we are not just here as part of the warfighting alliance,” he explained. “We are truly one team and we are committed to the defense of the Republic of Korea and taking care of its people. All of you should take immense pride in the support we provided to the fire fight.”

Soldiers with 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division/ROK-U.S. Combined Division, mobilized to support efforts to contain and extinguish wildfires in Gangwon province, northeast of Seoul, April 5-6. The aviation brigade sent four helicopters and 21 Soldiers to partner with the Republic of Korea Army III Corps Command.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jhnta Daniels, a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter pilot and his crew were the first to jump into action.

“We were on our final day of training at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex when we were notified of the mission,” said Daniels. “We operate with Koreans on a regular basis. It has always been training, which prepared us for real-world missions like this.”

Aircraft crews used Bambi buckets to collect water from a nearby river to douse the blaze.

“It was a joint effort between our ROKA counterparts and ourselves (U.S. Army), safely coordinating a constant flow of water with minimum delays,” said Daniels. “Once we established a pattern, we saw results.”

First-term Soldier, Pfc. Nicholas Day, a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter maintainer, assisted as a crew chief, securing systems on the aircraft.

“I see the importance of the training we do,” said Day. “People’s homes and lives were being destroyed, so it was crucial that we do our jobs and do them well because of what was at stake.”

ROKA III Corps Commander Lt. Gen. Kim, Seung-gyum shared words of encouragement to all those involved in efforts to extinguish the blaze.

“You are the heart of the ROK-U.S. Alliance,” said Kim. “Thank you all for your help and showing how strong we can be when we come together.”

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Brigade combat team Soldiers will help decide Army's Future Tactical UAS

By U.S. Army

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. – The Army's new Multi-Domain Operations concept is driving modernization efforts, and includes the Future Tactical Unmanned Aerial Systems. Recently, the Army announced a contract award up to \$99.5 million to Martin UAV, LLC and Textron AAI Corp. for procurement of non-developmental tactical systems.

In-service since the early 2000's, the RQ-7 Shadow has been the workhorse for brigade combat teams and aviation units. Advancements in technology and mission requirements pave the way for bringing next generation UAS to brigade combat teams.

To align with the MDO concept, the FTUAS platform will enable multi-domain capabilities for brigade air-ground operations via significant improvements in operational capability, survivability, reliability, availability, maintainability and mobility.

The director of the Future Vertical Lift, Cross-Functional Team, Brig. Gen. Walter Rugen, has made it clear what he expects out of the effort. "By understanding the operational needs statements, we need better acoustics, runway independence, and better transportability," said Rugen.

The Army is taking a "buy, try, decide" approach to inform FTUAS requirements by leveraging advancements in commercial UAS technology available today.

"This is a great example of innovative and effective teamwork between the Future Vertical Lift CFT, PEO-Aviation, and Army Contracting Command to streamline the process to get superior capability to operational units faster while saving time and funding," said Gen. John Murray, commanding general, Army Futures Command.

"The Unmanned Aircraft Systems team within the Program Executive Office Aviation has been working closely with the CFT for the past 16 months to provide this new expedition-

ary intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capability to the Army in support of its modernization priorities," said Lt. Col. David Griffin, tactical unmanned aircraft systems product manager.

In December to January this year, 11 potential candidates participated in a fly-off at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. An extensive analysis of the data collected during the fly-off resulted in the contract award to Martin UAV LLC and Textron AAI Corp. The award serves as the "buy" phase.

Army Futures Command is now moving into the "try" phase and will rely on the force for its feedback. "What's exciting," said Rugen, "Soldiers will actually get their hands on this equipment, try it out, and provide feedback."

The Army will buy up to six air vehicle systems and issue to six different units within U.S. Army Forces Command. The units will rotate through a Combat Training Center during FY20, evaluating their assigned system in a realistic, tough training environment.

Soldier feedback will help determine the "decide" element by informing requirements for a potential Shadow replacement at a much more accelerated pace.

"We've really shrunk our process and ability to get a better solution into a Soldier's hands, we've shrunk that timeline by years. We have the experts on our team that are really helping us drive the schedule and drive capability into the force, which is our whole mission," Rugen said.

The U.S. Army Futures Command Future Vertical Lift Cross-Functional Team is committed to the development of critical combat systems ensuring Army Aviation maintains vertical lift dominance over our adversaries in future multi-domain operations with increased lethality, survivability, and reach to rapidly find, fix, and finish the enemy through enhanced Attack/Reconnaissance, Air Assault, and MEDEVAC capabilities.



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>> 1ST AD CAB UAS UNIT ACTIVATES AT BLISS

1st AD

The Fort Bliss community welcomed Echo Company, 1st Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, 1st Armored Division Combat Aviation Brigade, during an activation ceremony April 4 at Fort Bliss. Lt. Col. Nate Patton, the 1st AD CAB rear detachment commander, described the unit as the "latest breaking company" that the Army has established. "They will take the fight to the end," said Patton "Over the next few months, this team will work to enhance their skills and hone their craft. We have great expectations and confidence for this unit's success and they will definitely have the support from the team around them." When fully operational, the unit will be the only unmanned aviation unit in the division.

Capt. James Strunck, left, prepares to assume command of Echo Co., 1st Bn., 501st AR, 1st AD CAB during an activation ceremony April 4 at Fort Bliss.

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Innovation is main focus at Boston's first 'Army Week'

By David Wedemeyer | U.S. Army

BOSTON – For 275 years, Faneuil Hall has been the site of meetings, protests, and debates. To this day, people continue to gather at the historic site—where Revolutionary-era meetings and protests were frequent and generations to come would meet to discuss the meaning and legacy of American liberty.

It was only fitting that Boston's first-ever Army Week kicked off Apr. 8 in the building's Great Hall; Soldiers and distinguished guests gathered for an opening ceremony, below George P. A. Healy's massive 1851 painting depicting the great debate where Massachusetts Senator Daniel Webster famously said, "Liberty and union, now and forever, one and inseparable!"

Boston's Meet Your Army Week was a Total Army community outreach effort to connect the city's community and its citizens with the Army they haven't met yet, which includes active duty Soldiers, the National Guard, and the Army Reserve.

The ceremony included the reading of proclamations from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Boston declaring Apr. 8 to 15 as Army Week and ended with the presentation of U.S. Army flags to the city and state by Maj. Gen. Gary W. Keefe, adjutant general of the Massachusetts National Guard, and Maj. Gen. Mark W. Palzer, commanding general of the 99th Readiness Division.

Army Week Boston events included a cybersecurity symposium hosted by the Army Cyber Institute at West Point and Northeastern University, military research and development exhibits at Lincoln Labs at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an Army Futures symposium, a parachute jump demonstration by the Army special ops jump team, the Black Daggers, virtual reality experiences and fitness challenges, and performances by the Army Drill Team, Six String Soldiers, and 78th Army Band.

"It's been amazing to me, as the state's chief executive, to get to know just what exactly today's Army is all about," said



David Wedemeyer / U.S. Army

(From left) Brian Concannon, civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army; Maj. Gen. Gary Keefe, adjutant general of the Massachusetts National Guard; Gov. Charlie Baker, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, Maj. Gen. Mark Palzer, commanding general of the 99th Readiness Division, and Brig. Gen. Vincent Malone April 8.

Charlie Baker, 72nd governor of Massachusetts. "It's about cybersecurity. It's about autonomous vehicles. It's about leveraging the technology genius that exists here in the United States of America, and especially here in Massachusetts, so that the future of the Army can be one that will continuously make us proud and keep us free."

Baker mentioned the challenges that today's Army faces including cybersecurity issues, combat, activities involving engagements with friends and enemies, and, in many cases, the equipment and technological expertise that is required for Soldiers to perform their duties.

"I know that I speak for the people of Massachusetts when I talk about our great relationships, both corporate and military, from

the Natick Soldier Systems Center, Northeastern University's facility in Waltham that works with the Army, and many other examples of partnership and collaboration, including Lincoln Labs which in many respects is the crown jewel of the technological infrastructure that provides for the men and women in the armed services," continued Baker.

"We are so proud to be a big part of the next generation of the Army and the next generation of the defense, preservation, and protection of this great country and this great commonwealth."

Brig. Gen. Vincent Malone, senior commander of the Natick Soldier Systems Center and deputy commanding general of the Army Combat Capabilities Development

Command, spoke on behalf of the active duty Army and punctuated Baker's remarks on Army technology and innovation.

"Many people don't realize that the research and technologies developed behind Kevlar fibers, advanced body armor, and high nutrition and long-shelf-life foods, just to name a few, that research and development is conducted just west of here at the Natick Soldier Systems Center, also known as the Natick Labs."

Malone continued, "This week is an opportunity for our Army to get out and tell its story. In the Army, our people, our Soldiers are our greatest asset. But without the trust, confidence, and the support of the American people we cannot maintain our all-volunteer Army."



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Brig. Gen. Yesenia R. Roque, National Guard Assistant Director for Army National Guard Personnel and Talent Management, joins Virginia National Guard Soldiers assigned to the Staunton-based 116th Infantry Brigade Combat Team for a group photo April 6 in Staunton, Virginia.

NGB leader visits Virginia Guard unit training on Army's new personnel and pay system

By Mr. Cotton Puryear | National Guard Bureau

STAUNTON, Va. – Brig. Gen. Yesenia R. Roque, National Guard Assistant Director for Army National Guard Personnel and Talent Management, visited Virginia National Guard Soldiers assigned to the Staunton-based 116th Infantry Brigade Combat Team April 6 to see firsthand how they are training on the Army's new personnel and pay system.

The Integrated Personnel and Pay System Army, or IPPS-A, went live in Virginia April 5, and Virginia is the second state conducting initial fielding. IPPS-A is an online human resources system that will provide integrated personnel, pay and talent management capabilities in a single system to all Army components for the first time ever.

"It is especially important to me as a fellow guardsman because the Army National Guard is spearheading the deliberate rollout of IPPS-A for the Total Army," Roque said. "This is a great opportunity for us because we aren't receiving it after initial fielding, but are an integral part of the rollout itself."

She asked the Soldiers of the 116th to carry that message forward and share the importance and how it will impact the way the Guard takes care of Soldiers. She also encouraged the Soldiers to be patient with the new system and highlighted that the familiarization and ease of functionality would improve.

"IPPS-A is going to make things easier," she said. "Easier to process, easier to respond to and easier to track."

She explained that IPPS-A provides a platform that is transparent, so HR professionals and Soldiers will know the status of their actions because there is a digital print to follow.

"The Virginia National Guard is proud to serve as the tip of the spear for the Army's implementation of transparency in pay and personnel records," said Lt. Col. Rusty McGuire, deputy commander of the 116th. "Soldiers are now able to view their records in real time and take ownership in ensuring accuracy and completeness of their records."

McGuire said he appreciated Roque taking the time to visit and see first hand how the Soldiers are using the new system. He indicated she took notes on feedback from the brigade personnel office and Soldiers that she can take back to the programmers to help improve the system.

"Brig. Gen. Roque and her team are more than knowledgeable about the system, willing

to divulge the big picture of IPPS-A and also able to explain the intricacies of its basic capabilities," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Sandra Williams, a human resources technician with the 116th IBCT and acting brigade personnel officer. "They are earnest in finding solutions to the challenges we face as the second state to go live. I feel more confident our human resources professionals will thrive and provide exceptional Soldier care."

"IPPS-A is not only replacing SIDPERS, but it's bringing additional functionality to the Total Force," explained Chief Warrant Officer 2 Lionel Blair, the IPPS-A integration officer in the Virginia Army National Guard state personnel office.

IPPS-A integrates more than 30 current systems and provides integrated human resource capabilities that enable Army personnel data updates to automatically trigger Soldier pay transactions. This capability ensures Soldiers receive timely and accurate pay once a personnel change is made, such as a promotion or change in dependents.

"Soldiers now have a 'Virtual PAC Slip' to submit documents, request personnel actions or simply submit an inquiry to their readiness NCO and S-1," Blair said.

In addition, the self-service IPPS-A web portal improves access to personnel and pay information by providing a self-service option. The portal can be accessed from a cell phone or laptop using their DOD self-service login account. Users can also use the Common Access Card to access the portal and are advised to use their email certificate when doing so.

All of IPPS-A's capabilities create a more accurate and reliable human resource system for Army Soldiers, leaders, commanders, and human resource professionals.

"Readiness NCOs and S-1 offices now have a ticket system embedded within IPPS-A to troubleshoot and correct Soldiers' records," Blair explained. "This reduces the reliance on email management and local suspense files."

Commanders at all levels will have have a one-hour distance learning requirement in order to approve personnel actions.

"Commanders have access to manage their Soldiers, see their readiness indicators and approve transactions from home," Blair said. "First sergeants and sergeants major now have visibility of their formation 24/7."

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Army, OFDA support Mozambique humanitarian response

By Chiara Mattiolo | Camp Darby

CAMP DARBY, Italy – Employees at Camp Darby were on hand to provide humanitarian assistance once again after disaster struck Mozambique.

On March 26, 405th Army Field Support Battalion, Africa Facility Manager and US-AID/OFDA Coordinator Alberto Chidini received a phone call from the USAID's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, requesting immediate support for Beira, Mozambique, as the population was facing major difficulties after Cyclone Idai hit the region March 20.

OFDA is responsible for leading and coordinating the U.S. government's response to disasters overseas. According to the USAID.gov website, OFDA responds to an average of 65 disasters in more than 50 countries every year to ensure aid reaches people effected by rapid-onset disasters—such as earthquakes, volcanoes, and floods and slow-onset crises, including drought and conflict.

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OFDA also maintains stocks of emergency relief supplies in warehouses worldwide and has the logistical and operational capabilities to deliver them quickly. Camp Darby is one of those assets.

Widespread flooding and devastation is the aftermath of the devastating cyclone while, in the meantime, cholera infection represents one of the major risks to the population.

"OFDA request included 180 rolls of plastic sheeting, 1,800 kitchen sets, and 3,600 high thermal blankets," Chidini said.

This first load of supplies was shipped out of Camp Darby's OFDA warehouse March 28 via commercial charter flight.

Just four days after the first request, a second request came to the 405th from OFDA for a water treatment unit. The unit was immediately prepared and sent via cargo



Chiara Mattiolo / Camp Darby Carmensita Carocchia, warehouse worker and forklift operator, 405th Army Field Support Battalion, Africa, moves supplies inside the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance warehouse at Camp Darby, Italy, recently. The emergency supplies were shipped to Mozambique in support of those devastated by Cyclone Idai in late March.

to Liegi Airport in Belgium, where it was shipped via commercial aircraft to its final destination in Mozambique.

"The same day," Chidini recalled, "I also received a third request for 19,020 kitchen sets, 2,000 rolls of plastic sheeting and 60,400 wool blankets. Once completed, this shipment worth almost \$2 million."

From the very first request for support, personnel of OFDA supply at Camp Darby strived to respond quickly, knowing that there were people in Africa fighting to survive.

"We knew that Cyclone Idai devastated the Southern African region," said Maurizio Lambardi, supervisor supply technician with the 405th. "When we received the official call for support, we started working with a sense of urgency, knowing that every hour is precious for the population facing devastation and cholera epidemic."

"We are proud and satisfied to contribute in bringing help to hundreds and hundreds of people who have lost all they had," said Chidini. "This altruistic spirit and strong motivation allow us to work at an unusually fast pace to reach the set objective as soon as possible."

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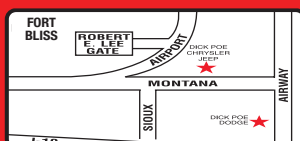


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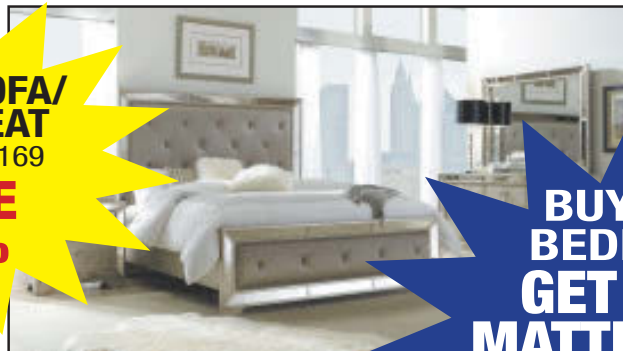
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Red, White and Blues Festival: Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society will host its 6th annual blues festival 3-9 p.m. Saturday, at St. Clair Winery and Bistro, 1720 Avenida de Mesilla, in Mesilla, N.M. with headliner Lucky Losers. Line up includes Rockabilly Strangers, Border Blues All Star Band and Pat "Guitar Slim" Chase. Bring a lawn chair or blankets and sunscreen; no outside food or drink allowed; food and drink available for purchase. Cost: \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. mvjazzblues.net.

Easter Brunch: Celebrate Easter Sunday at 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center. Enjoy breakfast favorites, lunch classics, and luscious desserts in the beautiful ballroom. There will be photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny so bring your camera. Cost: \$22.95 for adults, \$11.95 for kids ages 5-10, and free for kids 4 and younger. Reservations are required by April 18. 744-8427

Downtown Artist and Farmers Market: The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department's market for area artists and regionally grown agricultural products is 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays in the Union Plaza District along Anthony Street. 212-1780 or elpasosartsandculture.org

'Mamma Mia!': UTEP Dinner Theatre, in the UTEP Student Union West building, presents the hit musical inspired by the music of ABBA Friday through May 19. Showtime is 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; non-dinner matinees are Sunday 1:30 p.m. April 28, May 12 and 19; dinner matinee is 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 21. Tickets: \$33.50-\$43.50 Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday discount dinner performances; \$36.50-\$48.50 (Friday and Saturday dinner performances), and \$19.50-\$29.50 no-dinner matinee performances (Ticketmaster). 747-6060 or utep.edu/udt.

Upper Valley Artists/Farmers Market: The artist and farmers market is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays at the Substation on Doniphan at Sunset. Free.

Yappy Hour: Enjoy the evening with your favorite four-legged friends April 18, 6-8 p.m. at the Sam Adams Pub Patio. There'll be toys, treats and eats for your furry friends to enjoy. Dress up in your flowery shirts, hats and more! We will be having a best dressed contest, this is a chance to win a prize. Happy Hour specials throughout the night. Open to the public. 568-6814

Ladies night golf and martinis: Ladies night at Underwood Golf will happen May 15, 5-6 p.m. and enjoy one hour of golf instruction and a free martini! This is a new social event, open to the public 21+. Cost: \$25 568-1059

El Paso Turkish Food and Crafts Festival Sat.: This event will feature exquisite samples of Turkish-Mediterranean Cuisine (Doner Gyro Kebab, Baklava, Turkish Ravioli (Manti), Stuffed Grape Leaves (Sarma), Turkish Tea, Turkish Coffee and many more delicious Turkish food), cultural exhibits, folk dances, music, children's area, arts & crafts activities and more. Free. RSVP before April 18. 1030 N. Zaragoza, Suite V. 400-7450 or ElPaso@TurkishHouse.org.

Easter Egg hunt at Replica Pool: Bring your bathing suit and jump in the pool at the Easter Egg Swim Saturday at Replica Pool. There will be two sessions, the first will be 9:30-10:15 a.m., the second will be 10:30-11:15 a.m. Each session is limited to the first 100 participants. There will be six golden eggs, three per session, available to "find" and redeem for a free week pass at the pool! Redeem eggs at the Bunny store for great prizes, while supplies last. The Easter Bunny will also be taking photos. Swim fees, all pool rules and policies do apply. Open to DOD ID cardholders, children 3-12. 741-5901

Special Olympics: Spend a day of hope and inspiration with Fort Bliss athletes April 27, 8 a.m. at Burges High School for their regional sprint track and field meet. Opening ceremonies will be April 26 at 6:25 p.m. at Burges. Volunteers are welcomed. 569-4227, ext. 5

Mission Trail Art Market: Area artisans and craftspeople display their fine arts and crafts for their 11th season 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month March-November in the historic Veterans Memorial Plaza in San Elizario, with arts and crafts, music, reenactments, food and more. Pets welcome. This season's kickoff event, happening Sunday, will include a car show 3-7 p.m., new Farmer's Market starting at 10 a.m., and live music from Mestizo Band 4-8 p.m. Free. 851-0093 or missiontrailartmarket.com

Hail to the chief

By Wendy Brown | USAG Japan PA

CAMP ZAMA, Japan – Fire Chief Charlie Butler of U.S. Army Garrison Okinawa, Torii Station, didn't aspire to become a firefighter as a child, but once on the job, the former Fort Bliss fire chief found he had an affinity for it.

"Nobody likes to have injuries, fire damage, deaths or things like that, but when you experience those calamities, you're glad to have someone there to make things better," Butler said. "And as a firefighter, I enjoyed being that person that would help people and make things better."

After 39 years in the profession, Butler received the 2018 Army Fire and Emergency Services Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Military Firefighter Heritage Foundation, a private organization based in San Angelo, Texas, will induct him into their hall of fame next month.

Butler joined the Air Force in 1979 and did a 25-year career as an active-duty firefighter. He began working for the Army's former Installation Management Agency, now Installation Management Command, when he retired from the Air Force in 2004, and he has been working for the Army since then.

He has served as the fire chief at Okinawa since February 2016, but previously was the fire chief at Bliss for nine years, and he intends to return there next year. Under Department of Defense rules, installations limit



Wendy Brown / USAG Japan PA

Fire Chief Charlie Butler, center, tours the Zama City Fire Station with J.D. Felty, left, deputy regional fire chief, U.S. Army Garrison Japan Fire and Emergency Services, and Shinji Kajita, right, assistant chief for fire prevention, USAG Japan Fire and Emergency Services, March 25, during the 33rd annual U.S. Forces Japan Fire Officers Training Symposium at Camp Zama, Japan.



Jim McGee / U.S. Army Garrison Okinawa

Fire Chief Charlie Butler of U.S. Army Garrison Okinawa, Torii Station, is the recipient of the 2018 Army Fire and Emergency Services Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Military Firefighter Heritage Foundation, a private organization based in San Angelo, Texas, will induct him into their hall of fame next month. Butler was the fire chief at Bliss for nine years and expects to return to duty here in 2020.

overseas civilian jobs to five years and hold employees' stateside jobs while they are away.

In addition, Butler has served as fire chief at Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait; Manta Air Base in Manta, Ecuador; and Manas Air Base in Kyrgyzstan, where he helped build a U.S. air base fire department at a civilian airport in support of cargo and fighter and bomber missions into Afghanistan in 2001 and 2002.

Butler said he tells firefighters, "do things the way they're supposed to be done," and he has followed that advice throughout his career.

"If for some reason you can't do things the way they're supposed to be done, then change the way it's supposed to be done," Butler said. "What I mean by that is: We do things based upon laws, regulations, policies and commander's intent, but if for some reason we can't comply with those laws, rules, regulations and commander's intent, then we have to change those rules."

He also believes in making changes based on an unmet need.

In the days before organizations such as Army Community Service or Airman and Family Readiness, Butler said he didn't like

leaving people in the lurch at fire scenes.

"When we got finished as firefighters, we would just kind of leave and the people would be there like, 'What do I do next? I don't have food; I have no furniture; I have nowhere to live; all my important documents are gone.' So I created a checklist that we would give to people that kind of told them, 'This is what you should do next,'" Butler said.

Deputy Fire Chief Ralph Barone at USAG Okinawa nominated Butler for the Army award, and because Butler was initially reluctant, he had to talk him into giving him information for the nominating document.

Barone said he nominated Butler because he has known him since 1982 and believes he is one of the best in the field of Army firefighting.

"He's a consummate professional and a visionary in the fire and emergency services career field," Barone said. "He is personally responsible for many of the programs that govern Army Fire and Emergency Services today. There is truly no one more deserving of the Army Fire and Emergency Services Lifetime Achievement Award than Chief Butler."

PLACES TO GO

Trinity Site tour

By David Burge | Special to the Fort Bliss Bugle

The world changed forever on July 16, 1945.

At about 5:30 a.m. Mountain time, the first atomic bomb was detonated at the Trinity Site in what is now the northern end of White Sands Missile Range, about 35 miles south-east of Socorro, New Mexico.

The successful blast culminated the top-secret Manhattan Project. The United States had assembled some of its top scientists from 1942 to 1945 in a race to beat Nazi Germany to create the first atomic bomb.

And that scientific experiment came to fruition at Trinity, launching the world into the Atomic Age.

"We are merrily going along and all of a sudden we have unlocked the nuclear genie," said Jim Eckles, a retired public affairs specialist who worked at White Sands Missile Range. "Not only to build bombs, we are



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A visitor takes a photo of the obelisk marking ground zero April 6.

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also be able to build nuclear reactors and make power with nuclear reactions.

"It did change the world overnight," Eckles said.

White Sands held one of its twice-a-year open houses at the Trinity Site April 6.

Eckles, who has written a book on the Trinity Site, comes back to White Sands to talk to visitors during the open house events.

After the successful test explosion at the Trinity Site, the U.S. used two atomic bombs – one each at Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan – to bring an end to World War II in August 1945.

About 3,600 people attended the most recent open house, and attendance has been going up in recent years, White Sands officials said. They only have them twice a year



A demilitarized Fat Man bomb on display at the Trinity Site open house in New Mexico April 6.

because the installation continues to conduct an important test mission.

The Trinity Site was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1975.

During the open house events, visitors can go to ground zero where the first atomic bomb was detonated.

One question visitors often ask: Is it safe? Experts like Eckles say that visiting ground zero has the equivalent radiation of going on a cross-country airplane trip.

"You wouldn't want to spend a lifetime here," said Robb Hermes, a retired scientist who worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory from the 1970s to 2011.

But spending a few hours is certainly OK, Hermes said.

An obelisk marks the exact spot where the first atomic bomb was exploded. A fence that secures ground zero at other times is lined with old photos that give the visitor a sense of what that moment in history was all about.

Experts like Eckles and Hermes are available for visitors to talk to and answer all kinds of questions.

Visitors can also see a demilitarized version of the Fat Man bomb, like the one used at Nagasaki. That bomb – which had a plutonium core – had the power of 20,000 tons of TNT.



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Visitors check out Jumbo, a large tube that was originally planned to contain the blast but wasn't used. The Army later exploded several large bombs inside it, blowing out both ends.

Another highlight is the giant steel tube called Jumbo.

Originally, it was going to be used to contain the blast, but as scientists grew more confident about a successful outcome, that idea was discarded.

In 1946, the year after World

War II ended, the Army exploded several large bombs inside Jumbo, blowing out both of its ends.

You can also take a short bus ride out to the Schmidt/McDonald ranch house, where scientists assembled the plutonium core of the bomb.

"When you come out early to set up, there is nobody out here," Hermes said. "It is like an 'ahhh' experience. This (place) changed the history of the world."

The next open house will be on Oct. 5. It is free. Go to www.wsmr.army.mil for more information.

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Star power: Bliss AVC celebrates volunteers during afternoon gala

By David Poe | USAG Fort Bliss Public Affairs

Fort Bliss recognized volunteers who have collectively donated more than 95,000 hours of their time in 2018 during the 2019 Fort Bliss Army Volunteer Corps Annual Volunteer Ceremony at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center on East Fort Bliss April 11.

The day's Outstanding Soldier Volunteer award winners were: 1st Lts. Madison Mayleben and Amber Rummel; Sgt. Alex Valdivia; and Spcs. Samuel Marbeiter, Alexander Moore and Alexander Torres-Candelario. The unit Partners in Education program award winners, who are recognized for their dedication to volunteer with partnered school in the region, were Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command and the 123rd Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat team, 1st Armored Division.

Bliss AVC staff members and teammates from ACS, with help from the Centennial catering staff, turned the Austin Room into a hangout lounge and volunteers were encouraged to walk the red carpet as they were honored for their selfless deeds. Musicians from the 1st Armored Division Band performed a mix of upbeat performances for the afternoon crowd, and vocalist Pfc. Phillip Morris sang the national anthem to start the recognition ceremony.

Brig. Gen. Scott Naumann, the deputy commanding general for support for the 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss, served as the day's keynote speaker as Maj. Gen. Patrick Matlock, the 1st AD and Bliss commanding general, travelled back to El Paso from visiting 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division troops deployed to South Korea. He was joined by Jacqueline Matlock, the 1st AD command spouse and military community advocate, who engaged with award winners as they crossed the stage, as well as throughout the afternoon.

Today's Army Volunteer Corps had its start 45 years ago when the late President Richard Nixon urged Americans to organize, volunteer and recognize those who do with



The spread centerpiece at the 2019 Fort Bliss Annual Volunteer Ceremony at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center on East Fort Bliss April 11. Treats and beverages were served following the formal recognition of the day's awardees.

distinction. The day's event was in participation with National Volunteer Week nationwide.

In his remarks, Naumann said at 95,000 hours, he was impressed, but not surprised by the massive amount of ground the day's awardees covered in 2018, both in successes and the amount of time they'd invested.

"[The awardees] have had a tangible impact on our installation," Naumann said, commenting that the total accounted for an average of about 1,500 hours per awardee being recognized that afternoon. "We are truly indebted to our volunteers."

Yet, also in his remarks, he said he was appreciative for each hour spent because he said he knows the influence even one volun-

teer hour can have on someone who is lifted by it.

"They have touched my own family in many ways -- volunteers are the lifeblood of a community," he said. "From athletic coaches for my children, for alcohol and drug abuse talks that volunteers have given in our schools, and even academic tutoring, volunteers have had a huge impact on my own family and my own kids and our family is terribly indebted for what they've done for us."

Naumann said he felt the day's awardees carried that same spirit.

"Volunteering for your community is not

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David Poe / USAG Fort Bliss

Elma Smith is greeted by Brig. Gen. Scott Naumann, the 1st Armored Division deputy commanding general - support, and division command spouse Jacqueline Matlock. Smith was recognized by Fort Bliss Volunteers as one of three "Outstanding Ambassador Volunteers" for 2019.



David Poe / USAG Fort Bliss

Volunteers were recognized as they crossed the stage at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center on Fort Bliss April 11. Since last year's awards, Fort Bliss Volunteers have logged more than 95,000 hours in support of communities on and off base.

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'To life!'

By Chaplain (Col.) Allen Staley

I recently watched a YouTube video of one of my favorite scenes from one of my favorite old movies, "Fiddler on the Roof." Though it debuted in 1971, way before the birth of many of our readers, I highly recommend you check it out...again, or for the first time.



Chaplain (Col.) Allen Staley

The very entertaining scene I refer to depict the main character, Tevye, the Dairyman, walking into the local tavern with Lazar Wolf, the Butcher, in the little village of Anatevka, home to a Jewish community and a Gentile Russian (Orthodox Christian) community, living in a fragile co-existence. These two men are celebrating the engagement of Lazar to Tevye's oldest daughter, Tzeitel. This joyous celebration of these two men and their Jewish friends culminates in an unheard of occurrence for that time, as they are joined in a celebratory dance by some of the local Russian men. The cry of Tevye and the men that evening is the Jewish toast, "Lechaim," which means, "to life!" The two vastly different groups were brought together by a single sentiment, the celebration of a significant life event, a pending marriage, or more basically, the joyous gift of life itself.

This week, depending on our religious affiliation, if Jews, we celebrate the Festival or Feast of Passover, if Christians, we celebrate Easter Sunday. These two Holy Days and these two religions are quite different, but, yet, have a lot in common.

By now you may be asking, "What do they have in common?" and perhaps, "What do these two religious holidays have to do with the movie scene mentioned above?"

A third and obvious question that may determine whether you read any further in this article is, "What does any of this have to do with me?" I hope to answer all three questions if you will read on a little further.

First, Passover and Easter are each consid-

ered to be among the holiest observances of these respective religions, and are considered to be historically founded on defining moments or events in the history of each faith movement. Some of the common themes are: a new beginning or birth, victory over or liberation from death or bondage and the joyous celebration of the gift of life.

Those last few words point to the answer of the second question. The theme of the joyous celebration in this scene in the movie is "life." If I had to suggest a one word summation of both religious celebrations this week, it is "life." Passover and Easter are celebrations of glorious new life, bestowed by God.

One scripture verse that unites or addresses both these holidays is Hebrews 11:28, "By faith he [Moses] kept the Passover and the application of the blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the first born of Israel." Jewish Soldiers would know this refers to the sprinkling of the blood of the Passover (Pesach) lamb on the doorposts that night in Egypt that ensured the plague of death would pass by the houses of the believing Israelites, an event that united these people and identified them as a people with a hope and a future. Christian Soldiers would recognize the similarity to the story of Jesus shedding his blood on the cross three days before the first Easter so that death could be overcome by life (Resurrection), an event that also united and identified those who believe in him as a people with a hope and a future.

Now for the promised third answer that may have kept you reading this far. Regardless of our personal religious tradition, Jewish, Christian or otherwise, we all have some of the same basic needs in common: the desire for a new beginning, a fresh start, a sense of identity; the desire for liberation or victory over something that is holding us in bondage; a sense of hope or the longing for joy and real "life."

If you are a person of faith, I encourage you to take advantage of the rich traditions and meanings of this significant week in "faith history." This section of this paper will tell you many ways you can join with a community of faith here on Fort Bliss in doing this. If you are not a person of faith, or if you

are hungry for any of the things I just mentioned above, I encourage you to seek a "connection" with the Divine, with one of these faith communities, or at least someone with

whom you can join together in community, as Tevye, Lazar and even their distinctively different neighbors did so you, too, can truly say, "To life!"

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1st Armored Division

(11272 Biggs St.)
Gospel Service Sunday 8:45 a.m.
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Latter Day Saints Service Sunday 1 p.m.

USASMA Memorial Chapel

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WBAMC Protestant Community

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(Bldg. 11272 1st AD Chapel)
Thursday 9-11:30 a.m.

Protestant Youth Group

(11275 Biggs St. 568-4334)
Sunday 5 p.m.

Sundays Free Dinner (6:30-7 p.m.)

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 Brig. Gen. Scott Naumann, the 1st Armored Division deputy commanding general - support, gives his remarks. Naumann said volunteerism is close to his heart because he recognizes the impact volunteers have had on his own life and that of his family's lives as well.



Sp. Phillip Morris of the 1st AD Band Fort Bliss performs at the installation's annual volunteer recognition ceremony on Fort Bliss April 11.

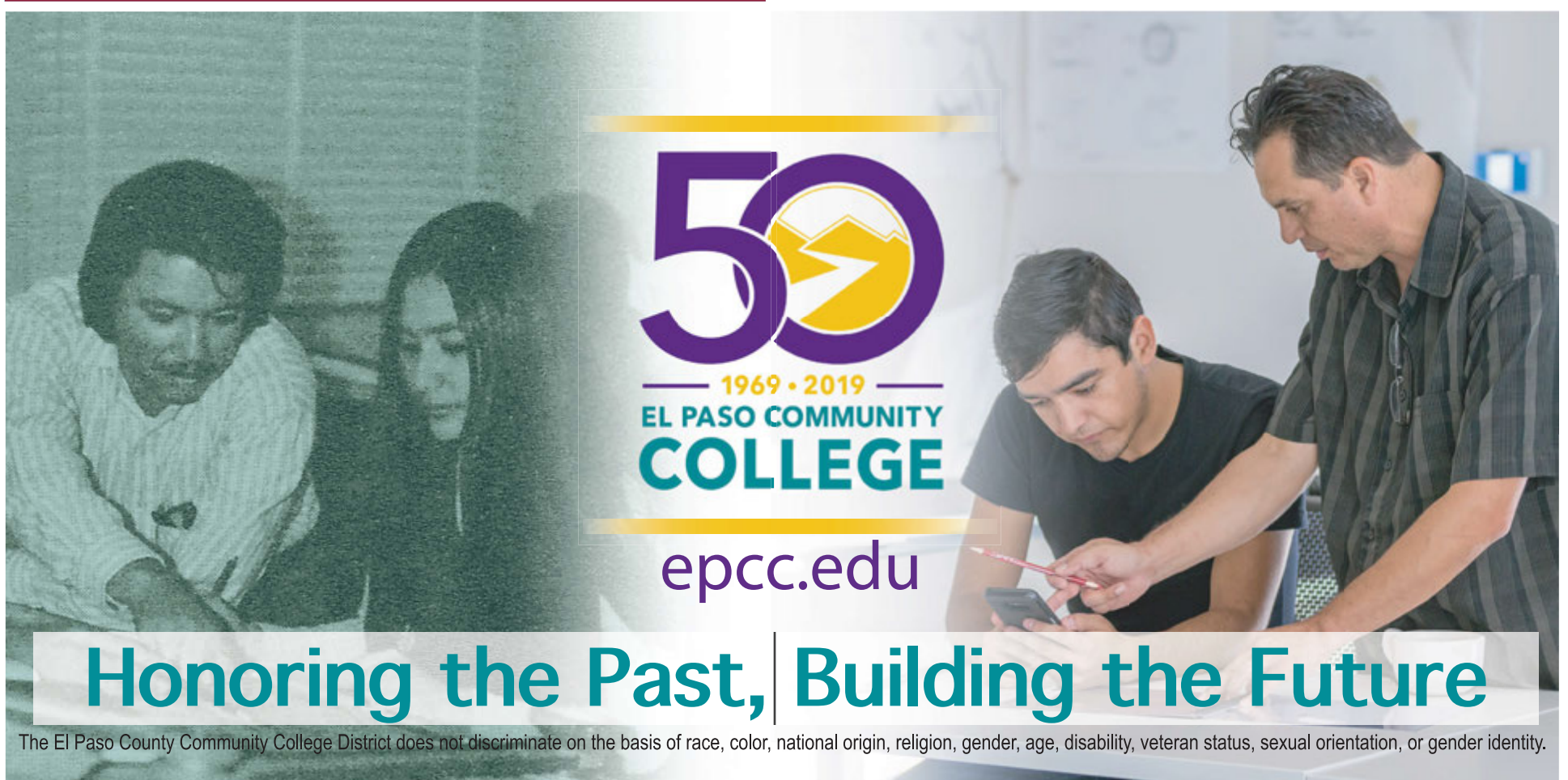
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a new concept," he said. "I think it was Aristotle a couple thousand years ago who said, in fact, 'the essence of life is serving others and doing good.' I think many of you would agree, our most precious resource is our time and the incredible generosity of our time; of

giving of your own time to our community is an incredible gift."

For more information on Army Community Service and the Army Volunteer Corps at Bliss, as well as information on how you can get involved, visit <https://bliss.armymwr.com/programs/army-volunteer-corps>.

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Confessions of a TV junkie

By Lisa Smith Molinari |
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[In the basement of a dingy community center, a fluorescent light buzzes over a dozen or so people seated in a circle of metal folding chairs. Some nibble anxiously at store-bought sandwich cookies, while others sit in nervous silence. There is a screeching of chair legs against linoleum, as one bleary-eyed woman stands with a trembling Styro-foam coffee cup to speak.]

Hello, [clears throat] my name is Lisa ... and I, ... I am a Binge Watcher.

It's been one week since my last television fix, and I'm here to share my story.

Believe it or not, there was a time when I didn't even know what Binge Watching was. In fact, while our Navy family was stationed in Germany, we felt lucky that Armed Forces Network aired day-old episodes of "Survivor" and "American Idol." The rest of the time, we entertained ourselves with middle-of-the-night live football broadcasts, quirky BBC cooking shows, and strange AFN public service announcements.

But when we moved back to the States, my husband and I discovered the joys of Digital Video Recording. Initially, our television use was purely recreational. We were mere "social watchers," catching a recorded program here and there, and streaming a movie over the weekend. Little did we know, we were perched on the slippery slope of instant gratification.

Eventually, we needed more and more episodes to be entertained. Our digitally savvy kids introduced my husband and I to the allure of streaming services such as On Demand, Netflix, Amazon Prime and Hulu. How intoxicating it was to take a double hit of "The Bachelor" and chase it with "Deadliest Catch" all in one evening!

Soon, we were hooked, and there was no going back.

Before we knew it, we were spending perfectly sunny weekends holed up in the family room of our base house watching episode after episode of random television shows. We told everyone that we were "just catching up on 'Modern Family'" or that we were "simply wondering what all the hub-bub was about 'Downton Abbey.'"

Ironically, it was the show "Breaking Bad" that nudged us into the deep dark

abyss. We'd been jonesing to see the AMC series for a while, and when we found out that the first 54 episodes were On Demand for a limited time leading up to the final season, we knew we had just scored.

During that epic three-week "Breaking Bad" bender, we finally hit rock bottom.

Our family room looked like the scene of a rave party, strewn with soda cans, popcorn, Chinese take-out boxes, and melting quarts of half-eaten ice cream. Our pupils were permanently dilated as we stared, transfixed, into the psychedelic LCD screen, our cold, clammy fingers gripping the smudged remotes.

We were so strung out after that binge, we quit cold turkey for a while, satisfying our cravings with short doses of "House Hunters" and "Seinfeld" reruns in hopes that we'd avoid the painful withdrawal symptoms of rapid detox.

But our self-discipline soon crumbled when we found shows like "House of Cards," "Better Call Saul," "Stranger Things," "Ozark," "You," and "Rectify." After every bender, we'd dry out all over again and pledge to stay clean.

However, lately, ads keep popping up for spring premieres of "Our Planet," "Wife Swap," and "The Handmaid's Tale." The eighth and final season of "Game of Thrones" premiered on April 14, and we still haven't finished watching "Poldark" and "Homecoming" ... What's a TV junkie to do? Binge watch, of course!

I must confess that spring premiere season has triggered my recent relapse. Although I'm not sure there's a 12 step recovery program for binge watching, I'm absolutely certain I'll gain 12 pounds if I don't get up off the couch and stop watching so much TV.

So, mark my words: I'm quitting binge watching for good. This time, I'm 100 percent serious. No more lounging in sweatpants on Sunday afternoons pressing "play" hour after hour. Spring has sprung, and I'll be spending all my time in the great outdoors. I swear, I'm going to do it, and I mean it.

And I'll start just as soon as the "Game of Thrones" final season is over.



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Sports Briefs

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Basketball series Tournament: It will be more 3-on-3 hoops tournament action April 27 from 4-10 p.m. at Monti Warrior Zone. The cost for these tournaments are \$15 per person, per tournament. Cost includes a t-shirt and one drink of your choice. Open to the public, 18+. 741-3000

Family Day at the wall: Enjoy a day out during Family Day at the Wall. The SAC is normally open to guests ages 18 and older, but on Family Day, the wall is open to all climbers age 6 and older, noon to 6 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. 20732 Constitution Avenue. 744-1532

Tennis Scramble: The Tennis Scramble is on the last Wednesday of every month. There is a \$5 fee for non-ID card holders and is free for DoD ID card holders. The scramblers are held at the Tennis Club, 262 Club Road. 569-5448

El Paso Senior Games: The City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department's 36th annual games for those age 50+ run through May 22 at various locations around El Paso. All participants have a chance to qualify for the Texas State Senior Games. Cost: \$15 for 2 events and t-shirt, plus \$5 for each additional event; \$45 for all events. Includes t-shirt. 503-6544 or elpasotexas.gov/parks

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Hook a Soldier on Golf Clinic: Underwood Golf Complex will have their Hook a Soldier on Golf Clinic every first Saturday of the month now until September. Soldiers will learn the fundamentals of golf for free by PGA certified instructors. The clinic is from 10-11 a.m. Range balls and clubs provided. 568-1059

Hook a Spouse on Golf Clinic: Underwood Golf Complex will have their Hook a Spouse on Golf Clinic every second Wednesday of the month now until September. All spouses of active-duty Soldiers or retired military are welcome to learn the fundamentals of golf for free by PGA certified instructors. The clinic is from 9-10 a.m. Range balls and clubs provided. 568-1059

Group tennis class for beginners: Group tennis class for beginners will be held from 8:30-10 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday at Building 262 on Club Road. It is a very social and fun class to participate in. If you've never played tennis before it is a great way to be introduced to the sport. Tennis rackets will be provided. 569-5448

Ladies Night Golf & Martinis: It's ladies night at Underwood Golf! Come over May 15 from 5-6 p.m. and enjoy one hour of golf instruction and a free martini! This is a new social event, open to the public, ages 21+. Cost: \$25. 568-1059

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Indoor Cycling: Get back on the bike and push your endurance at Indoor Cycling. Classes are held at Soto and Stout PFCs. Cost: \$3 or \$35 unlimited monthly pass. 744-5800

Iron Divas: This well-rounded class is designed to improve muscular strength and endurance. With no choreography to learn, you can focus on strength and cardio splits effectively. This class will leave you sweating glitter like the Diva that you are! Classes are held at Soto PFC. Cost: \$3 or \$35 unlimited monthly pass. 744-5800



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Chief Warrant Officer 4 Beofra Butler, administrative executive officer to the commanding general, U.S. Army Forces Command, poses with her marathon medals March 22. Butler has ran 99 marathons since starting with the Marine Corps Marathon in 2008. Around her neck are her medals from her five previous Boston Marathons.

Soldier completes 100th marathon in Boston Monday

By Eve Meinhardt | FORSCOM

FORT BRAGG, N.C. – It all started when she was stationed in Virginia 12 years ago. That's when Chief Warrant Officer 4 Beofra Butler saw everyone training for the Marine Corps Marathon and decided to give the 26.2 mile race a try.

As a Soldier, running was already a part of her daily life and physical fitness routine. She had ran several other shorter races to include the Army Ten-miler and a few half marathons, so the challenge of a full marathon appealed to her. She wasn't even afraid of the dreaded "wall" that everyone told her she would hit around mile 20 when her body would start shutting down as energy stores ran low and fatigue set in.

"I had never experienced the wall and was feeling pretty great," recalled Butler. "I saw the mile markers for mile 19, then mile 20, then 21. I was feeling good and thinking to myself that maybe I avoided the wall. Then at mile 22, everything from my waist down locked up – it felt like I really did hit a wall. My muscles were in knots, my toes were cramping and every time I took a step it just hurt."

A lady tapped her on the shoulder and encouraged her to move off to the side and stretch before resuming the race.

"I wanted to cry," she said. "I knew it was just four more miles. I wobbled to the finish along with a bunch of other people doing the exact same thing."

After the race later that night, with ice bags on her legs and a computer on her lap, Butler signed up for her next marathon.

"I just had to do it again for myself so I could figure out

how to do it without pain," she said.

Butler ran her second marathon during a deployment, followed by another and another. She's prepared to run her 100th marathon in Boston, which was run Monday. The race was her sixth Boston Marathon and she says that it is fitting because it's her favorite event.

"There's something special about running in Boston," she said. "It's the only race you have to qualify for to get in and after working so hard to be a part of it, you really enjoy the moment when you get there. The support of the crowd is amazing and it's just a great place to be."

She got there by figuring out how to avoid that wall of pain.

"For the most part, I don't hit a wall anymore," Butler said. "Now I know what that feels like and I never want to feel it again."

How does she do it? The way anyone in the Army does anything – with an acronym. According to Butler, the key to running a successful marathon comes down to the 3P's: pacing, patience and practice.

She says that you need to control your pace throughout the entire marathon and exercise patience as those around you start out fast or crowd the track. To refine your pacing and patience, you need to practice.

"It comes down to having time on your feet," said Butler. "You have to put in the time and stay positive."

Her time comes from running at least five days a week. She averages ten miles a day with Saturdays being her long run day of anywhere from 13 to 20 miles. She does speed work on Wednesdays, often bringing others along with her to help them train to meet their goals.

As the administrative executive officer to the commanding general of U.S. Army Forces Command,

her work schedule can often be hectic and conflict with her training time. To mitigate this, Butler is a conscientious meal planner, preparing all her meals, to include snacks, on the weekends. She says she often hits the pavement at 3 a.m. just so she can ensure she gets time to run.

"I just love the feeling of running," she said. "It's freedom. I don't listen to music. I listen to my heartbeat. My footsteps. My breathing. It's a meditation and I'm always trying to get better."

Butler says that running is wonderful because you can do it wherever you are and with no special equipment. For those aspiring to run in races of any distance, she said that it's important to find a training plan.

"Training is a part of learning yourself," she said. "It helps you become more comfortable when you're out there. You need to trust your training and just enjoy the moment."

Despite the fact that Butler says that she could probably roll out of bed and run an impromptu marathon, she still finds ways to challenge herself. Five of her marathons were ultra-marathons ranging from a 50K to a 100-mile race.

Butler's most recent race was her third All American Marathon at Fort Bragg. She led the 4:15 pace group. Her pacing was right on point with her crossing the finish line at 4 hours, 14 minutes and 37 seconds and still placing first in her age group.

Her personal record is 3 hours and 34 minutes and she says that she would like to get that down to 3:30.

"After Boston, I'm not racing again until August," she said. "I'm going to be training for my PR and I'm going to get it."



Beofra Butler running in the 2018 Tunnel Vision Marathon in North Bend, Wash., Aug. 19. She set a personal record, finishing the race with a chip time of 3:34:11.



Butler, poses with her five Boston Marathon marathon medals, March 22.



Sgt. Michelle Blesam / U.S. Army

A competitor in the Army Special Operations Command International Sniper Competition engages targets with one hand cuffed to his belt on a live-fire range at Fort Bragg, N.C., March 20. Twenty-one teams competed in the USASOC International Sniper Competition where instructors from the Army JFK Special Warfare Center and School designed a series of events that challenged the two-person teams' ability to work together, firing range, speed and accuracy in varied types of environments.

International snipers vie in Bragg special operations competition

By Sgt. Michelle Blesam | U.S. Army

FORT BRAGG, N.C. – Two-man sniper teams from allied countries, NATO and four branches of the U.S. armed forces participated in the 10th Army Special Operations Command International Sniper Competition at Fort Bragg, North Carolina March 17-22.

Each team faced a myriad of challenges that tested their performance under physical and mental stress while racing against a time limit of as little as four to eight minutes per event. Competitors received no instructions until just moments before competing in scenarios designed to replicate unexpected, but potential battlefield conditions.

"The way we run this is completely different," said a Special Forces Sniper Course instructor. "The competitors show up to each event with only their briefing book. They are completely blind. They don't get the opportunity to talk to anybody, listen to anything or see the stages before shooting."

While 21 teams brought their experience, skills and weapons to the competition, they learned quickly that victory could boil down to simple fundamentals.

"You have the super precision side of your skill set, but basics will come into play at some point in the next five days," said Col. Michael Kornburger, commander of the 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne) that hosted the event, during the competition orientation brief.

The competition kicked off with a night live-fire exercise on the installation's Range 37. This range, a 130-acre, 360-degree course, and the epicenter of the competition, was developed specifically to train special operations forces for urban warfare techniques and to hone marksmanship skills. There, the teams engaged targets with their rifles and pistols with the aid of night vision devices. The limited visibility and reliance on noise discipline made the first event all the more challenging.

Throughout the competition, the pace nev-

er slowed as the administrators forced a very rigorous and precise schedule. Competition designers pushed participants to their mental limits with events that required teams to find an enemy target in a crowd at long range or to abandon their own weapons and take up a fallen sniper team's rifle, scope and data on previous engagements card. Physically demanding events stressed their ability to fire with precision, such as engaging targets while running through a grueling obstacle course, or with one hand cuffed to their backs.

"The core tasks of everything revolves around real-world application," emphasized the Special Forces Sniper Course instructor.

Many events required more than sniper mastery. Competitors used carbines and pistols as well, switching from one weapon system to the other as they navigated through obstacles.

"The reason we added that in there is as a lead component for level one snipers; you should be able to shoot all your weapons effectively," the Special Forces Sniper Course instructor said. "It's easy to get down and practice behind your favorite rifle or gun, but you have got to pick them all up."

On the final day of the competition, the snipers donned ghillie suits and participated in a "stalk" event. This event required teams to sneak up to a target across hundreds of meters of terrain without being detected by administrators actively searching for them, all again under the stress of a ticking clock.

Since its initiation in 2009, the international competition has served to strengthen partnerships amongst allied military participants.

"These guys could very well see each other on a not too distant battlefield somewhere down the road," said Maj. William Cunningham, the commander for Range 37. "That camaraderie of getting together with the guys that do the same stuff for the same cause, albeit they're from different countries, is another great part of this competition."



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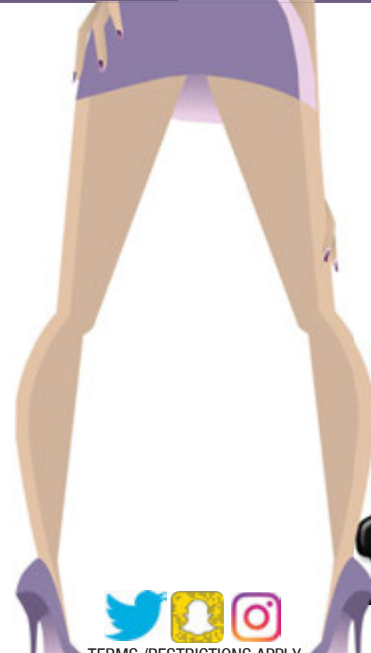
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Bliss Briefs

Armed Forces Day Parade: Join FMWR for their second annual Armed Forces Day Parade May 18. There will be a parade of floats, marching bands, military vehicles, community organizations and horses. Parade begins at 10 a.m. on Pershing Road with activities to follow on Noel Parade Field. We are looking for floats, military units, schools, marching bands, and community organizations to participate. Visit bliss.armymwr.com, search parade. Fill out the registration form and email it to blissmwr@gmail.com. Deadline to sign up is April 22. 588-8247 or 568-2554

Fort Bliss Career Transition Fair: Are you within 18 months of your separation from the military? If so, head to the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center on East Fort Bliss May 15-16. The two-day fair will feature informative and interactive panel events, recruiter training, and facilitated discussions focused on better preparing future veterans for the job hunt, as well as a great networking opportunity for troops and potential future employers. More info and registration at <https://bit.ly/2uz9KqD>

Threat Awareness and Reporting Program training: In an effort to better serve the Fort Bliss population, Threat Awareness and Reporting Program training is being offered at two Fort Bliss locations through September. TARP training is held at the Soldier Activity Center (Bldg. 20732, Constitution Ave., East Fort Bliss) every second Tuesday of the month at 9 and 10 a.m. TARP training at Stayton Theater (Building 2495, Ricker Road, West Fort Bliss) is every third Thursday of the month at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. 568-4604.

Center Chapel 1 closed: Due to necessary construction/repair, the Traditional worship service at Center Chapel 1 (no change in time) is now being held at neighboring Sage Hall until May 1. 568-1519

McGregor/FBTX ammo point closings: The McGregor Range/FBTX Ammunition Supply Point will be closed June 17-21; and Sept. 16-20. Issue documents can be submitted through TAMIS

during the closures. 569-9528

Easter-A-vaganza: Come out to Biggs Park Saturday 12-4 p.m. There will be inflatables, FREE photos with the Easter Bunny and our new 24 Carrot Egg Quest! Free and open to the public. 588-8247

Attention new command spouses: The Spouse Leadership Development Course is a new 40-hour course run by the Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Center of Excellence and United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. It will offer an introduction to a number of extremely important topics for those spouses who are entering into a command team at the battalion level. Lessons cover a wide range of topics from protocol and etiquette, Red Cross, Army Emergency Relief and public speaking. The first class will start in April. Contact Michelle Mebane at 744-1201.

Bible study: Fort Bliss post-wide Bible study takes place every Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at Bldg. 449-451, Pershing Road. Free dinner from 5:30 p.m. Childcare provided. 568-4334

Easter Brunch: Celebrate Easter Sunday at 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center. Enjoy breakfast favorites, lunch classics, and luscious desserts in the beautiful ballroom. There will be photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny so bring your camera. Cost: \$22.95 for adults, \$11.95 for kids ages 5-10, and free for kids 4 and younger. Reservations required by April 18. 744-8427.

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Special Olympics: Spend a day of hope and inspiration with Fort Bliss athletes April 27, 8 a.m. at Burges High School for their regional sprint track and field meet. Opening ceremonies will be April 26 at 6:25 p.m. at Burges. Volunteers are welcomed. 569-4227, ext. 5

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Art and a Movie: The Art and Hobby Shop will have a monthly "Art and a Movie" night through July. There will be different movies and crafts each month to enjoy. Scheduled events are "Mary Poppins" (1964) and button art, May 17; "The Lego Movie" and emoji or unicorn themed ceramics, June 7; and "The Goonies" and pirate themed ceramics, July 12. \$15 Open to DOD ID cardholders. 568-5563

Handbag Bingo: Play Designer Bag Bingo May 4 for your shot at more than 20 Michael Kors purses. Door will open at 10 a.m., game starts at 12 p.m. at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center. Cost: \$25 now through May 3 at the Centennial or at Leisure Travel Services (LTS) location at Freedom Crossing. The event is open to all DoD ID card holders and their guests 18+. 568-2554

Unit Book Kits: Are you part of a unit who is going into the field or deploying soon? If so, stop by the Mickelsen Community Library and pick up book kits for free. Book kits contain a selection of popular fiction and non-fiction paperback items. 568-1902

Right Arm Night: Right Arm Night is a great way to unwind after a long week with free appetizers, drink specials and giveaways. Come join the fun April 26 from 4-9 p.m. at the Pershing Pub. 781-6809

Auto Crafts Safety Orientation: Auto Craft Centers offers safety orientation classes Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. This is a mandatory safety orientation for use of the facility for automotive do-it-yourself projects. Open to DoD ID cardholders only. 568-7280

Kick it at the Monti Warrior Zone: The Monti Warrior Zone is open Mondays through Sundays. There's lots to do with a fully stocked bar and snack bar, six pool tables, two mini-bowling lanes, Alienware, Playstation/Xbox gaming center, outdoor basketball, sand volleyball and more! Open to the public, 18+. 741-3000

Easter Egg hunt at Replica Pool: Bring your

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bathing suit and jump in the pool at the Easter Egg Swim Saturday at Replica Pool. There will be two sessions, the first will be 9:30-10:15 a.m., the second will be 10:30-11:15 a.m. There will be six golden eggs, three per session, available to "find" and redeem for a free week pass at the pool! Redeem eggs at the Bunny store for great prizes, while supplies last. The Easter Bunny will also be taking photos. Swim fees, all pool rules and policies do apply. Open to DOD ID cardholders, children 3-12. 741-5901

Yappy Hour: Enjoy the evening with your favorite four-legged friends April 18 6-8 p.m. at the Sam Adams Pub Patio. There'll be toys, treats and eats for your furry friends to enjoy. Dress up in your flowery shirts, hats and more! We will be having a best dressed contest, this is a chance to win a prize. Happy Hour specials throughout the night. Open to the public. 568-6814

Dragon Ball FighterZ gaming tournament: The Monti Warrior Zone will host a Dragon Ball FighterZ tournament April 27 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Includes a t-shirt and one drink of your choice. Prizes for first, second and third place winners. The tournament is open to the public, 18+. \$15. 741-3000.

Go Youth

Egg Swim: Bring your bathing suit and jump in the pool at the Easter Egg Swim Saturday at Replica Pool. There will be two sessions available to attend. The first session will be from 9:30-10:15 a.m., the second will be from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Each session is limited to the first 100 participants. There will be six golden eggs, three per session, available to "find" and redeem for a free week pass at the pool! Redeem eggs at the Bunny store for great prizes, while supplies last. The Easter Bunny will be available for photos. Swim fees, all pool rules and policies do apply. Open to DOD ID cardholders, children ages 3-12. 741-5901

In-home Saturday childcare from CYS: Family Child Care offers in-home providers for CYS-registered kids. For care information, or to receive an updated list of FCC providers, call

568-4198 or visit the office at 3503 Story Rd. Cost: \$5/hr. with \$10 deposit. Reservations required. 744-7879

School Age Book Club: The School Age Book Club is designated for children ages 7-12. A staff member will read for part of the time and the children will read aloud as well from 4-5 p.m. every Wednesday at Mickelsen Library. Activities and projects are completed at home, returned and shared at subsequent meetings. Occasional refreshments are provided. 568-6156

Story Time: It's Story Time! Stop by the Mickelsen Library every Tuesday from 10:15-11 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m. as children ages 2 to 5 listen to stories read aloud. There will also be crafts, activities and refreshments available. Start children on the road to literacy. 568-6156

Parents Day Out: Parents get ready to enjoy a relaxing day out because CYS will provide once a month Saturday child care! Saturday child care will be held at Milam CDC May 4 from 1-11 p.m. Children must be registered with CYS. Reservations required. For more information about Saturday child care, or reservations, please call Milam CDC at 744-7879.

Child Range Orientation class: This is a one-hour child firearm safety course required for children ages 6-17 to accompany parents or guardians at Rod and Gun Club live fire ranges. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Open to the public. 568-5426

Teen Basic Auto Maintenance Class: SKIE-SUNlimited will be hosting this event every second Saturday of the month. Students with their driver's licenses or permits will learn basics such as changing the oil to replacing a tire and more. Cost: \$25, registration required. 568-5544

Babysitting Course: Do you have a teen who wants to earn some extra money? Then, make sure they take advantage of the SKIE-SUNlimited Babysitting Course. This babysitting curriculum is designed to help middle school and teenage youth learn what it takes to be a responsible, caring, trustworthy and competent babysitter. The course is open to children ages 12+ Cost: \$10.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Debt collection notices:

This is a debt collection notice for **Spc. Jacob R. Young**. All services under Young's name should be put on hold. All those with debts to be collected under the name of Young or for information regarding collections, call 1st Lt. Jack Kewley at (248) 943-7222.

This is a debt collection notice for **Staff Sgt. Amy Contreras**. All services under Contreras's name should be put on hold. All those with debts to be collected under the name of Contreras or for information regarding collections, call 2nd Lt. Rachel Mills at (440) 539-9564.

Federal District and Magistrate Court Trial Results

U.S. v. Spc. Anthony Velasco: Anthony Velasco pled guilty March 11 to driving while intoxicated on Fort Bliss. Velasco was sentenced to nine months of probation and a \$10 special assessment.

U.S. v. Sylvia Mack: Sylvia Mack pled guilty March 15 to driving while intoxicated on Fort Bliss. Mack was sentenced to 36 months of probation and a \$100 special assessment.

Registration required. 568-5544

SKIESUnlimited Folklorico Dance: Does your child like to dance and would like to learn more about the Mexican culture? Join SKIESUnlimited for their Folklorico Dance Class open for children ages 6-18 years old. Cost: \$40 per month and held every Saturday from 12:15-2 p.m. 568-5544

Purple Up Block Party: Join us in celebration of Month of the Military Child at Purple Up event from 2-5 p.m. April 27 at Milam Youth Center. This is a free event for DOD ID cardholders. There will be lots of fun activities to do! 744-2449

Operation Megaphone: Replica Youth Center will be hosting Operation Megaphone April 26-27 from 10 a.m.-6 a.m. Open to DOD ID cardholders (6th-12th graders) and their guests. Cost: \$20 or \$10 with four canned goods. Registration required. 568-3523

Community

Junior Woman's Club meeting: Attention women 21+, head over to the Woman's Club clubhouse located at 1400 North Mesa (parking is located across the street) Saturday at 11:30am for the Junior Woman's Club of El Paso meeting. Founded in 1934, club members devote their time and energy to local charitable organizations and social service agencies through community service projects and fundraising events including Spook-tacular held each October and the Spring Swing golf tournament. Feel free to drop in and see what they are about. 245-9119 or 892-4507, or pbgajuniors@gmail.com

OCS Alumni Assoc. Reunion: Calling all branches, all classes 1941-present. There will be an OCS Alumni Association Reunion April 28. This is going to be a great time with the opening of Phase I of the OCS Heritage Center; the dedication of more bricks, pavers, and class memorials; the induction of the 2019 U.S. Army OCS Alumni Association Hall of Fame class; and the presentations of the Nett Award and the Patterson Award. www.ocsalumni.org/ or ocsalumniunion@gmail.com

El Paso SM Association scholarship: The El Paso Sergeants Major Association is accepting applications for scholarship grants for the current academic year through April 30. Persons interested in applying should send a #10 self-addressed

stamped envelope to: The El Paso Sergeants Major Association, P. O. Box 6103, Ft. Bliss, TX 79906-0050, ATTN: Scholarship Committee. An application form and letter detailing requirements will be sent to the applicant. wdoctor@elp.rr.com or 276-4087

Purple Heart recipients sought: The Military Order of the Purple Heart El Paso Chapter 393 meets the first Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. at the 82nd Airborne Memorabilia Museum, 2608 Fort Blvd. Transitioning from the battlefield to the home front has never been more difficult, and volunteers make a difference in the lives of our men and women in uniform, yesterday, today and tomorrow. Stand with the MOPH Chapter 393 and honor the sacrifice of American veterans by continued commitment. Facebook @MOPHChapter393

Downtown Artist and Farmers Market: The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department's market for area artists and regionally grown agricultural products is 9 a.m.-1 p.m. each Saturday in the Union Plaza District along Anthony Street. 212-1780 or elpasoaartsandculture.org

PFLAG support group: PFLAG Support groups for families and friends of an LGBTQ loved one are every 3rd Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 2155 Wedgwood Drive, and on the Westside every fourth Tuesday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. at University Presbyterian Church 244 N. Resler.

Be a mentor in the Sea Cadets: Calling adult volunteers to lead in the newly forming Navy Sea Cadets program, El Paso Unit. Must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident, free of felony convictions, possess good moral character, a sound mind, and be capable of communicating USNSCC values to our cadets. No military background is required and you will be allowed to wear the Navy Sea Cadet uniform. For more information look up "El Paso Navy Sea Cadets" on Facebook, or e-mail epnayseacadets@outlook.com

Upper Valley Artists/Farmers Market: The artist and farmers market is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, at the Substation on Doniphan at Sunset. Free. Information on Facebook at Upper Valley Artist and Farmers Market.

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House for rent: Northeast, 3 bdrm/2ba., one car garage, stove, refrigerator, laundry rm, w/d hookups, mini blinds, fenced backyard. 15 min to Ft. Bliss, \$900/mo., \$900 dep., \$35 app fee, \$250/pet fee, per pet. Available now. 9869 Titan, 525-6303

House for rent: Available June 1st. 1650 sq. ft. 2 bdrm/1 ba. Adobe home in country setting, hardwood floors, refrigerated air, large fenced yard. 30 minutes from post. 819 Fenter Rd., Clint \$750/min. \$500 deposit, 252-2052

Room for rent: Friendly female cat. Northeast bus line close to Bliss. Avail. May or June 1st. \$450/mo. 256-4794

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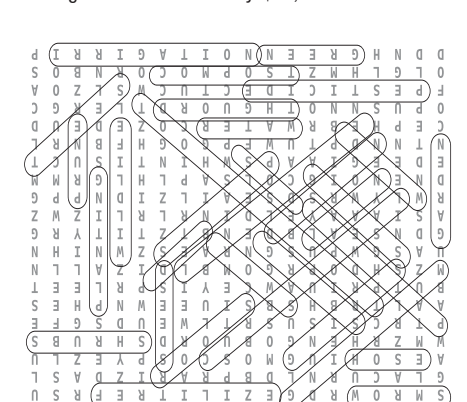
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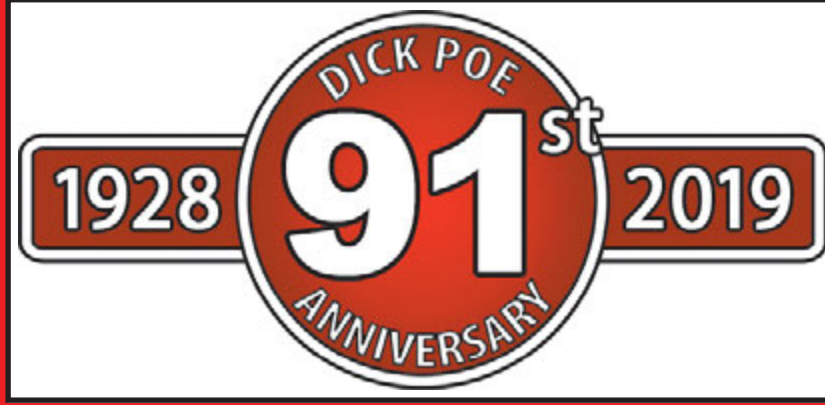
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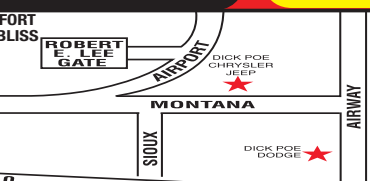
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