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News UPDATE

Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccines for beneficiaries will be given Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center Family Medicine Clinic (via main parking lot/enter hospital doors next to Starbucks). No appointment is necessary.

Health fair

Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center will hold a Retirees & Newcomers Fall Health Fair Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon in the main hospital lobby (entrance by Starbucks). Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and from 9 a.m. until noon there will be health screenings (oral wellness, healthy hearts/EKGs, glaucoma & hearing, blood pressure and blood sugar screens), flu immunizations, education seminars and information tables. Bring your military ID cards and any unwanted hearing aids / eye glasses for the donation bin.

Poker Run

The 2014 Poker Run 5K will be Saturday at 9 a.m. at Freedom Trail. Each kilometer athletes will receive a playing card. The athlete with the best hand of cards at the finish line will win special prizes. The event is open to the general public. Register at www.fortgordonrunseries.com.

Legendary orchestra

Augusta Amusement presents the legendary Count Basie Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. today in the Jabez Sanford Hardin Performing Arts Center in Evans, Georgia.

Lady A concert

Lady Antebellum and Friends concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Lady Antebellum Pavilion at the Evans Towne Center. Go to www.thekelleybrothers.com for tickets and more information.

Golf tourney

Fort Gordon's 3rd Annual Combined Federal Campaign Golf Tournament will be today at 11 a.m. at Gordon Lakes Golf Course.

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Gordon gets trial on-post bus service

By Bonnie Heater
Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office

The Augusta Georgia Planning Commission voted Tuesday to approve the start of city bus service between Fort Gordon and the Augusta Mall area.

"The 180-day bus service was approved by an overwhelming vote," said Ron Price, the installation Logistics Readiness Center's

chief of transportation. "The bus service is expected to start at 5:30 a.m. Nov. 3, with the #10 Bus leaving the Wal-Mart store on Wrightsboro Road."

"We're grateful for the continuing efforts of the city and Augusta Public Transit in establishing this bus route to serve the service members and families of Fort Gordon," said Col. Samuel G. Anderson, the installation Fort Gordon Garrison commander.

"This is another example of the Central Savannah River Area's tremendous support for our military. We hope this enables more of our service members to get out and enjoy more of what the CSRA has to offer while providing Fort Gordon personnel with options for their daily commute."

A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned at 9 a.m. Nov. 3 at the Augusta Mall, according to Price.

The #10 Bus will cost riders \$1.25 for one way fare and 50 cents for a transfer. In the Oct. 17 issue of *The Signal* newspaper it was reported in error that Fort Gordon riders will be able to purchase discounted monthly bus passes for \$15 and weekly passes for \$7.50; the passes will actually cost \$50 monthly and \$15 weekly.

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Brigade Soldiers to aid Ebola mission

By Staff Sgt. Ashley M. Armstrong
35th Signal Brigade Public Affairs

About 175 Soldiers from the 35th Signal Brigade are heading to West Africa in late October to provide their communications equipment and expertise to the fight against the Ebola virus disease outbreak.

The 35th TTSB headquarters at Fort Gordon, Georgia, will provide 25 of the supporting Soldiers and 150 Soldiers from the 35th TTSB's 50th Signal Battalion at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

They will go to locations in the African countries of Liberia and Senegal to establish communication nodes in support of Operation United Assistance and fall under the operational control of the Joint Force Command. The JFC will be headquartered in Monrovia, Liberia, and be led by the 101st Airborne Division.

The Soldiers from 35th TTSB headquarters team will provide network operations support and teams from the 50th ESB will install, operate, and maintain satellite communications in support of OUA.

Other 35th TTSB Soldiers, including food service and human resource specialists, will also be sent to support the signal teams.

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Photo by Capt. Lindsay D. Roman, 35th Signal Brigade Public Affairs

U.S. Army Maj. Jason A. Foreman, network operations director, 35th Signal Brigade, tries on Personal Protective Equipment to determine his size during PPE training given by a mobile training team comprised of a biological officer and environmental safety specialist from the United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases Safety Office, at Fort Gordon on Oct. 16. The training is mandatory for all 175 Soldiers of the 35th TTSB scheduled to head to Liberia, Africa, in late October.

Troops adopt school, make impact

By Laura Levering
Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office

Service members at Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center have expanded their mission by helping more than hospital patients.

Members of Troop Command, DDEAMC, met with students and faculty at Glenn Hills Elementary School and formally adopted the school Oct. 15.

School principal, Dr. Bernard Chatman, and Troop Command commander, Lt. Col. Samuel Ellis, signed a memorandum of understanding signifying the unit's commitment to the school as partners in the Adopt-A-School program. The purpose of the program is to foster good relations with local communities while increasing awareness of the Army's mission.

"It really helps to get units engaged with the community so that they're still serving doing the Army's mission, but also they're helping and getting their faces out there showing they're also there for the community," said Melissa Kennedy, school liaison officer with the Fort Gordon School Liaison Office.

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Campbell assumes responsibility as Garrison CSM



Photo by Bill Bengtson / Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office
Command Sgt. Maj. Marcus Campbell addresses the audience after taking responsibility as the Fort Gordon Garrison command sergeant major during a ceremony Monday at Darling Hall.

By Bonnie Heater
Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office

Under the sunny Georgia sky, Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Stockton relinquished his responsibilities Monday to the incoming Fort Gordon Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Marcus Campbell.

The change-of-responsibility ceremony displayed a 239-year-old tradition as the noncommissioned officer sword was passed from one leader to another. The passing of the sword signifies the relinquishment of responsibility from the outgoing command sergeant major to the incoming command sergeant major.

The NCO sword was passed from Sgt. Maj. Christopher

Reeves, the installation Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security sergeant major, to Stockton. He then pulled the sword from the scabbard and visually inspected the blade, front and back, then returned the sword to the scabbard, signifying his last official act as the garrison command sergeant major, thereby, cutting his ties with the unit.

Stockton then passed the sword to Col. Samuel G. Anderson, the garrison commander and reviewing officer for the ceremony, signifying the relinquishing of his duties and gratitude for the opportunity to care for the Fort Gordon Garrison Command. Upon expressing a few words of gratitude,

Anderson passed the sword to Campbell.

"Let it be known from this day forward, I charge you to commit yourself to the provisions of sound advice to the commander, and the care and compassion for all Soldiers, civilians, and their families officially delegating his authority and entrusting him the responsibility and care of the unit," Anderson said.

"Today, we say farewell to a consummate professional, who has made a difference in the lives of Soldiers and families every day that he's worn the patch of the U.S. Army Garrison at Fort Gordon," Anderson said.

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Guidon unveiled during CID activation ceremony



Photo by Bill Bengtson / Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Rascoe, 32nd Military Police detachment sergeant, and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Angel Miles, detachment commander, unfurl the unit guidon during an activation ceremony held Oct. 16 at their headquarters building located near Brainard Avenue and Rice Road.

By Bonnie Heater
Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office

The 32nd Military Police Detachment (Criminal Investigation Division) unfurled their new guidon during the detachment activation ceremony held Oct. 16 at Fort Gordon.

Prior to the detachment receiving its guidon, the Fort Gordon CID office was a resident agency with the 37th MP Det., located at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

The detachment is responsible for felony criminal investigation support to local commanders, service members, civilians, and family members with a U.S. Army connection within its assigned area of operation. On order, the office deploys individual agents to locations worldwide to provide personal protective security and felony investigative support to U.S. Army and Joint Force commanders.

Warrant Officer 3 Angel L. Miles, the 32nd MP Det. (CID) commander, and Sgt. 1st Class Michael Rascoe, detachment sergeant, unfurled the newly designated guidon during the

activation ceremony.

“Today, we are conducting a somewhat rare and in this case, unusual event. For this ceremony is not as common as a change-of-command or -responsibility, or a deployment ceremony, but a rare occasion of the unit colors being redesignated from one Army installation, to another. Although this ceremony may seem insignificant to the outsider, it does signify an important structural realignment aimed at improving the efficiency of this battalion and the criminal investigation command as a whole,” said Maj. David C. Castillo, the 10th MP Battalion CID commander.

“We are recognizing the official redesignation of the 32nd Military Police Detachment (CID) from part of the larger CID Command Plan,” he added. “In doing so, we also recognize Chief Warrant Officer Miles, officially taking command of this organization, and has a guidon all her own, and as anyone who has commanded knows the significance of the unit colors ...”

The 32nd MP Bn. (CID) was constituted July 31, 1944 in the Army of United States as the 32nd Military Police Criminal Investigation section; and activated on Aug. 9, 1944, in England, and then reorganized and redesignated on Dec. 29, 1944, as the 32nd Military Police Criminal Investigation Division.

On Aug. 1, 1951, the unit was allotted to the 32nd MP Det. The unit was later inactivated on May 15, 1969, in Germany.

On Oct. 16, 2006, the 32nd MP Det. (CID) was activated at Fort Bragg, N.C. Since its reactivation, the unit deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2007 until 2008, covering Multi-National Division-North area of responsibility in theater and conducting investigative operations from Balad, Tikrit, Kirkuk and Mosul. On Oct. 15, the 32nd MP Det. was ordered inactivate and stationed at Fort Gordon.

“It should not go without saying that during the 32nd’s time at Fort Bragg, it conducted its core mission of providing the highest quality

criminal investigative support to one of the largest U.S. Army military installations, with great distinction,” he said. “It now enters into the next chapter of this fine legacy at Fort Gordon. While not as large as Fort Bragg, Fort Gordon’s area of responsibility can be just as complex, as many in this office can attest.”

“I hope that the one thing we take away from this moment—is that of legacy,” he said. “Let this ceremony serve as a reminder that you are a part of an organization that has a rich and dignified legacy within the CID Command.”

The 32nd MP Det. (CID) commander thanked those who entrusted her with the new role; her husband, who supported her; and the Soldiers and civilian employees of the detachment.

“I am very humbled and honored to serve as the first detachment commander for the 32nd Military Police Detachment (CID) on Fort Gordon,” Miles said. “This is a very historic day in our branch history as we activate this detachment.”

CSM

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“Also, today, we welcome a man who inherits that tremendous responsibility, and whose long record of outstanding service to the nation gives us every confidence that the passing of this torch will be transparent to the thousands who depend on us to run this city well on their behalf.”

Anderson explained beginning in May of 2012, Stockton has shown all of us that the Army picked the right kind of Soldier for the garrison command sergeant major job.

“Command Sergeant Major Stockton has done so many things behind the scenes; one of the things I have always appreciated and respected about Command Sergeant Major Stockton is that he is the definition of quiet professional,” Anderson said. “He is not looking for recognition. He knows his responsibilities and he executes them with precision.”

Stockton expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve as the garrison command sergeant major and for the attendance of his three brothers. The three brothers represent a combined 108 years of military service.

“I am often reminded of the Soldier’s Creed,” Stockton said. “The words of the creed speak of standards, of service, sacrifice, preparation, and professionalism. The creed speaks of teamwork. Yes – it is titled the Soldier’s Creed, but I believe if you are a part of this garrison – Soldier, civilian or contractor – this standard should be your standard. We – the garrison, each and every directorate – share

a common goal: that goal is to promote excellence by providing unparalleled customer service and facilities to our Fort Gordon community.”

“We are very fortunate to have a great non-commissioned officer standing in the wing, ready for a new challenge,” Anderson said referring to Campbell. “The great thing about the Army is its ability to pick the right people for the right position.”

Campbell is a veteran with 28 years of service to the nation who has undertaken numerous responsibilities and leadership opportunities within his military career in the Army.

“His biography shows a unique mix of tactical, strategic and institutional assignments, as well as multiple combat deployments which make him ideally suited for the challenges of garrison command,” Anderson said. “And he comes to us now from the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, located at Fort Bliss, Texas, where he was the deputy director of the Sergeants Major course. Our new garrison command sergeant major is a guy who was responsible for training sergeants major. I would say we are very fortunate to have him joining our team.”

Campbell gave all honor and glory to God for making this occasion possible and he recognized the contributions made by Stockton.

“Colonel Anderson, the IMCOM family, and Team Gordon, I look forward to working with you and thank you for entrusting in me the responsibility of helping to guide this installation to continue to strive for excellence,” Campbell said. “I will do my absolute best. Sustain,

ADOPT

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Located less than five miles from McKenna Gate in Richmond County, Glenn Hills Elementary is home to approximately 500 students in prekindergarten through fifth-grade. The school currently has zero military children enrolled, making it an especially good opportunity for Soldiers to connect with those who know little about the military. More importantly, the partnership will bring support to a school that could use some assistance.

“We are a struggling school academically, but we’re bringing things up,” Chatman said.

In addition to the entire student body receiving free lunches, many students lack positive role models in their home lives. That’s where Chatman expects Troop Command will help most.

“I hope these students are inspired to be what they want to be ... to know they can do it,” Chatman said. “These kids, if you talk to them a lot, you’ll see that (positive thinking) is not what they’re programmed for.”

“When Soldiers come in here, it lets the children know that there is a future out there doing other



Photo by Bill Bengtson / Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office

Lt. Col. Samuel Ellis, Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, and Bernard Chatman, Glenn Hills Elementary School principal, discuss the new relationship between Fort Gordon to fifth-graders Ernest Crum, Brian Sutton, and Josiah Jones.

stuff,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Addington, command sergeant major of Troop Command. “The military may not be their option, but we can help

with pushing them to go to college or whatever it is they want to do.”

Tutoring, reading to a class, coaching, being lunch buddies, and shar-

ing their expertise are a handful of ways the unit may assist through interaction with students. Things they can’t do include serving as guards, disciplinarians, janitorial duties, or providing equipment. Part of the MOU and Kennedy’s role as school liaison officer is to ensure the service members’ time is spent wisely.

“We ask that they will be doing something meaningful in the school,” Kennedy said.

Ellis and his leadership will meet with school officials to discuss the school’s needs and desires over the next couple of weeks then come back with a plan to send troops to the school.

“We are looking forward and are excited about this opportunity to work with the Glenn Hills staff in enhancing their students’ learning experience,” Ellis said.

There are other schools in the Central Savannah River Area that would love to be adopted, Kennedy said. If a unit is interested in adopting a school, they should contact the SLO at (706) 791-7270. The SLO may connect the unit with a school that has already expressed interest, or the unit may request a specific school. Typically, sponsorship lasts for the duration of a school year.

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Asbestos can only pose danger when airborne

By Laura Levering
Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office

The United States banned use of asbestos in new construction projects more than three decades ago, but its presence lingers and still draws concern.

Many of the buildings on Fort Gordon contain asbestos, but they don't cause harm if left undisturbed, according to David Pickerell, garrison safety manager. Asbestos is potentially harmful only when crushed and inhaled.

A fibrous mineral that was heavily used up until the 1980s, its heat insulation and fire resistance properties made it an ideal component of flooring, walls, ceilings and pipes. Asbestos was

widely used until health issues related to it surfaced, leading to its ban. Rather than disturb the asbestos and spend copious amounts of time and money rebuilding, many structures were left intact.

"It wasn't feasible to take it out of buildings," Pickerell said.

Asbestos, when encapsulated, poses no threat. All asbestos in buildings on Fort Gordon is contained in materials, isolated and labeled, or encapsulated.

"It could be in the column you're sitting next to, in the ceiling tiles, in the floor tiles underneath the carpet," Pickerell said. "But it's perfectly OK as long as you're not drilling holes into the column, removing the ceiling tile,

or uprooting the carpet."

Lung cancer and mesothelioma, a cancer of the lining of the chest and abdominal cavity, are two serious health effects directly linked to prolonged exposure to asbestos. Since symptoms don't usually appear until about 20 to 30 years after the first exposure, it can be difficult to know for certain if a person is at risk.

There are policies in place to protect the community from such exposure. Any time an employee wants to modify a space, they must first submit a work order request to the Department of Public Works. DPW will check the building for asbestos then determine if the requested action is user-level work or one that

a trained professional needs to perform. If a person is caught altering their space without going through the proper channels, they could end up being forced to reimburse the government.

Due to an increase in remodeling of buildings and relocation of personnel, Pickerell said there are concerns about possible disturbance of asbestos on the installation. He strongly discourages employees from going into their office and removing carpet that could expose broken tile floors containing asbestos, replacing ceiling tiles on their own, or anything that could create dust from the material.

"Anytime you're disturbing anything in the building, you have

to do that work order and ask DPW for permission; even with painting," Pickerell said. "You can't just go in and do whatever you want to your office without asking DPW for permission."

Even drilling holes could pose a health hazard if done without taking proper safety precautions. Pickerell recommends using self adhesive tape in place of nails when possible. They hold better and don't cause damage.

"There are a lot of things we can do to avoid health problems," Pickerell said.

Anyone with questions or concerns about their workplace related to asbestos should contact the safety manager at: (706) 791-7233.



Photo by Capt. Lindsay D. Roman, 35th Signal Brigade Public Affairs
Spc. Kristal Calderon, information technical support specialist, 35th Signal Brigade, practices carefully donning and removing Personal Protective Equipment and mask at the brigade's logistical warehouse in Fort Gordon on Oct. 16.

BUS

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There are discounted fares available for the elderly, age 65 and over; students and disabled patrons. However, individuals must show proper identification to receive a discounted fare.

"The important thing to remember is that this is a six-month or 180-day evaluation period," Price explained. "The bus service must be used or we will lose the service. It's important that service members, families, our workforce and our retirees use the bus service."

Buses will run from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and then again from 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday service will be from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. They will originate and return to the Wal-Mart store on Wrightsboro Road until 9:30 a.m. each day, and then shift to the Augusta Mall at Wrightsboro Road for the start and finish of the route.

The route will run from Wal-Mart and the mall to Wrightsboro Road to the Bobby Jones Expressway, to Gordon Highway, and then to the Fort Gordon McKenna Gate 1 via Jimmy Dyess

Parkway.

On post, it will stop at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, loop around Barton Field, and terminate at the Fort Gordon Bus Station near the Commissary and PXtra.

From the bus stop at the mall, riders can transfer to buses heading elsewhere in the local area.

Each bus will hold between 25 and 35 passengers, but only passengers with a valid Defense Department ID card or other approved Fort Gordon access pass will be allowed to enter the installation.

Each bus will be boarded by the Department of the Army security guards on arrival for a security check.

Passengers who don't have identification authorizing them access to Fort Gordon will exit the bus and wait at McKenna Gate 1 until the bus returns from its on-post route.

Some of the bus stops on Fort Gordon are covered to protect individuals from inclement weather while waiting for the bus. Others will be marked by signs only.

"Once the six-month trial period is over and we have fine-tuned the stops, then we will address the shelter issue," Price explained.

EBOLA

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The 35th TTSB Soldiers will be among the approximate 4,000 members of U.S. military forces the Pentagon intends to send to establish a Joint Task Force Command.

The Army will provide military capability in support of the U.S. Agency for International Development efforts to contain and reduce the threat posed by Ebola. The overall goal is to save lives, and alleviate human suffering; promote internal and regional stability; and in the event of breakdown of civil authorities, protect U.S. personnel and facilities.

The duration of the deployment and follow-on rotations has not been determined.

"The 35th Signal Brigade is an expeditionary unit comprised of trained and ready Signaleers," said

Maj. Leonardo Adams, operations officer, 35th TTSB, who has provided coordination as the operational lead for the brigade's support of OUA. "Our Soldiers will be doing what they do best; using their technical expertise to provide robust and reliable communications."

Before entering West Africa, all Soldiers must receive personal protective equipment and training in proper use and wear depending on the Soldier's expected level of interaction with the local population.

"The most important asset to the brigade is our Soldiers. It is my primary focus to bring them home safely," said Maj. Jason A. Foreman, who will be the network operations director in charge of the 35th TTSB in West Africa.

Leading up to the deployment, Soldiers will receive medical training to expand their understanding of the Ebola virus. The training will include preventive and

protective measures as well as decontamination and disposal procedures.

"It's good for them to get the training because it provides them education on precautionary preventive measures," said Foreman, who added that the Soldiers will most likely stay in environments with low-risk of Ebola virus exposure. "The Soldiers will not be close to, or taking care of, any patient who has Ebola. But, they will be ready and prepared in case something unexpected happens or an emergency."

All troops must receive regionally-specific training on Ebola prevention, malaria prevention and other medical threats. They must also have immunizations ranging from chickenpox, influenza and hepatitis to yellow fever and pneumococcal vaccines, according to a DoD official.

"We have been preparing for this mission since we were given the initial warning order that we might

provide support in early September," said Adams. "I am confident they will accomplish the mission with ease and professionalism as they have so demonstrated in past assignments."

Unit leaders and medical personnel will regularly check Soldiers as Soldiers monitor their own health while deployed. This approach is in alignment with medical monitoring processes used by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Additional screening for EVD, other diseases, and behavioral health issues will be an important part of the post-deployment process. Soldiers will not return home until they've been fully evaluated and cleared. Additional information about the virus can be found at the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the U.S. Public Health Command websites.

Bus Fare Structure

Base Fare	\$1.25
Transfers	\$5.00
Monthly Pass	\$50.00
Weekly Pass	\$15.00

Discounted Fares

Senior Citizens	\$6.00
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Disabled	\$6.00
Monthly Pass	\$25.00
Weekly Pass	\$7.50
Transfers	\$2.50

(Discounted fares are for the elderly, age 65 and old; students; and the disabled. You must show proper identification to receive a discounted fare).

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Viewpoint

INFORMATION, OPINIONS AND COMMENTARY

Signal Spectrum

Make impact, get involved

In 2008 the Secretary of the Army initiated a Community Covenant in an effort to find out what support existed in America's communities and to raise awareness of the sacrifices our men and women in uniform and their families make every day.

Since that year, we have revisited the Community Covenant annually to reaffirm our commitment to our community and its commitment to Fort Gordon. But a community covenant is a document and actions speak louder than words.

Here at Fort Gordon we have several community services and programs that only happen with the help of our friends inside and outside our gates. Just this summer we held one of the biggest events on the installation, the Community Expo.

The expo is an opportunity

for Augusta-Metro Chamber of Commerce and the CSRA Alliance for Fort Gordon to hold an annual event with community vendors and service agencies providing information to newcomers on the installation. This year as in all the years prior, it was a huge success and will continue to grow.

Other noteworthy community-partnered events include Augusta in Army Boots, Operation Augusta Cares, support of the Christmas House and Trees for Troops, which are both right around the corner, and Adopt-A-School.

Just last week service members from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center met with students and faculty at the Glenn Hills Elementary School and formally adopted them.

The purpose of the

program is to foster good relations with local communities while increasing awareness of the Army's mission. In order for the program to work there needs to be a routine contribution of military resources and services to schools in order to nurture the intellectual, emotional, social, and physical growth of children in the area.

In this unique adoption, the school currently has zero military children enrolled, making it an especially good opportunity for Soldiers to connect with those who know little about the military. More importantly, the partnership will bring support to a school that could use some assistance. This is a great opportunity for Soldiers to guide students in the right direction.

Tutoring, reading to a class, coaching, being lunch buddies, and sharing their

expertise are a handful of ways the unit may assist through interaction with students. This is time well spent by our Soldiers, helping our future generation and possibly future leaders of the world succeed.

There are several other schools in the Central Savannah River Area that would love to be adopted. If a unit is interested in adopting a school, they should contact the school liaison office at (706) 791-7270. The SLO may connect the unit with a school that has already expressed interest, or the unit may request a specific school.

This is just another way for our commitment to the community to shine and partnerships to grow. The sponsorship only lasts a year on paper, but that relationship can last a lifetime and can always be renewed.

Staying street smart on Halloween

By Alice Jackson
DDEAMC Preventive Medicine

Halloween is right around the corner and IT is a time for costumes, fun, and candy. Beware of the dangers that lurk on Halloween evening. Parents and school age children need to be aware of the basic Halloween safety tips to prevent injuries and unnecessary accidents on Halloween.

Are parents aware of the dangers when their children are walking from house to house?

According to the National Safety Council in 2013, "roughly four times as many children aged 5-14 years old are killed while walking on Halloween evening compared with other evenings of the year. Young pedestrians are particularly at high-risk for injury in the evening. The pedestrian skills of children are limited by several factors related to their physical size and developmental stage."

There are many reasons young children are at risk for pedestrian accidents.

Children street-crossing skills are sometimes overlooked and underestimated by adults. Children engaged in "trick or treat" activities frequently cross streets at mid-block rather than at corners or crosswalks.

Children are more likely

BE HALLOWEEN Safe

Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.

Halloween Fire Safety Tips

- When choosing a costume, stay away from billowing or long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see out.
- Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- Dried flowers, cornstaks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, and heaters.
- It is safest to use a flashlight or battery-operated candle in a jack-o-lantern. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- Tell children to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.

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to choose the shortest route rather than the safest route across streets and will often dart out between parked cars.

Pedestrian injuries are the most common injuries to children on Halloween. Parents and escorts should remind "trick or treaters" to stay in a group and communicate where they will be going, carry a mobile phone for quick communication, remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.

If no sidewalk is avail-

able, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic. Children should never cut across yards or use alleys.

Remind young "trick or treaters" to only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks and to never cross or dart out between parked cars.

Motorists may have trouble seeing "trick or treaters," therefore, do not assume the right of way. One car stops doesn't mean other cars will stop.

CYBER 360

Collected thoughts from around the web



U.S. Army shared on Facebook

#ArmyHistory Today in 1781, British Gen. Charles Cornwallis surrendered almost 8,000 men and their equipment to American General Benjamin Lincoln at Yorktown, Va., leading to the end of the American Revolution. Photo courtesy of Architect of the Capitol.



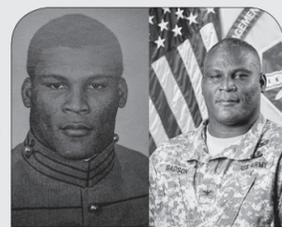
-Tyler Arnold: This battlefield is right behind my daughters high school. This is the battle where the first Purple Heart was earned too. My daughters and I have walked this battlefield several times. It is amazing and humbling all at the same time. We truly live in the greatest Country in the world!

-Christian Alexander: Walker Merrica!!!



West Point - The U.S. Military Academy shared on Facebook

Col. Gregory D. Gadson, #USMA Class of '89, relinquished command of USAG Fort Belvoir (June 25) and is retired after 25 years of distinguished service. After losing both legs in combat, he went on to become the first double-amputee to command a U.S. Army installation.



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"Stone" came to us with "Yes, I can" etched into his brain and written into his facial expression. He didn't make friends with opponents, but you couldn't ask for a better friend. His friends couldn't ask for too much, he was always ready to help. Known for his practical jokes, no one was safe when Stone wasn't busy. Losing Greg is like losing a brother.
Football 4.3.2.1

-James M. Nakamoto: If anyone is wondering he was in the movie Battleship, MORE IMPORTANTLY he proved to all WOUNDED WORRIERS that SERVING YOUR COUNTRY CAN STILL CONTINUE afterwards. Thank you for the inspiration and service sir.

-James Sellers: Every step taken in saving the lives of our hero's is as important as acknowledging them as hero's as well, we thank you for your service to our great nation, and providing us with the freedom and liberties every day. I hope that people helping save lives are recognized on every level.

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Say hello to 19-year-old Pvt. Tre'von Green of Greensboro, North Carolina, assigned to D Co., 551ST Signal Battalion, 15th Regimental Signal Brigade.

He is currently training to be a radio information technology specialist, military occupation specialty 25B. He joined the Army in 2013 out of Charlotte, North Carolina.

His father, his grandmother also served in the Army, and his grandfather is a retired Marine.

Green joined the Army because he felt a divine calling from God led him here.

He raised three younger sisters one with autism and the other with behavior issues they later moved in with their grandmother. Green later discovered over the next 7 years that he was a talented singer and began singing in his community. He earned himself various awards, accolades and kudos.

Green was the first male in his high school to move up from entry-level high school choir to the elite choir.

Green's short-term goal is to graduate college. His long-term goal is to become an international recording artist and actor.



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Visitor center open 24/7, deadline looms

By Bonnie Heater
Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office

An important deadline draws near for non-Department of Defense employees, who work at Fort Gordon.

Oct. 31 is the last day non-DoD employees can submit a consent form to the installation Physical Security to get a National Crime Information Center III background, which will allow access to the post.

According to Thomas A. Scott, security specialist with the installation Provost Marshal office, in order for a Fort Gordon non-DoD employee to gain

access after the Oct. 31 deadline, the government contracting office representative or government representative must submit consent forms to the Physical Security Office. The employee will then receive a weekly pass until a favorable background check is completed.

"All Fort Gordon non-DoD employees are required to have an NCIC check annually," Scott explained. "After a favorable review of the NCIC check, the employee will be eligible for a short- or long-term pass."

The Secretary of the Army has direct-

ed increased security measures at all Army installations regarding uncleared contractors, who are not eligible for a common access card. To assist with these new security requirements, as of Oct. 20, the Visitor Control Center at McKenna Gate 1 has been open 24/7.

On Nov. 1, all non-DoD workers must present an Automated Installation Entry pass to gain access to Fort Gordon, regardless, if you are the driver or passenger of a vehicle entering the post. Non-DoD employees, who are prohibited from driving on post, must obtain a

non-driving AIE pass for access, according to Scott.

"As a result of the increased VCC hours, the wait time for patrons obtaining short- and long-term passes is expected to decrease," Scott said. "As a result, it will reduce the amount of vehicles accessing McKenna Gate 1 for a pass, as they will be able to enter any gate upon receiving a valid pass."

Patrons are reminded that in order to obtain a pass, they must have valid justification for entering the installation, a valid driver's license, vehicle registration, rental agreement and insurance.

"Patrons will present their driver's license and our VCC staff will scan the driver's license with AIE, which will check the individual against our bar and restricted list," Scott explained. "In 2015, AIE will give the Directorate Emergency Services the ability to screen all DoD and non-DoD personnel against the FBI Wanted and Warrants database, and the Terrorist database."

To better assist patrons and non-DoD employees, Scott recommends that all Fort Gordon directorates, units, and organizations educate their visitors on these policies and

procedures for access to the installation, as it will reduce the overall wait time for all patrons.

As a reminder, McKenna Gate 1 is open 24/7; Gate 2 is open from 4:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday through Friday; Gate 3 is open from 6 a.m. until 2 p.m. and (from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. outbound traffic only) Monday through Friday; and Gate 5 is open 4:30 a.m. until 1 a.m. Monday through Sunday.

For questions about obtaining an AIE or a non-driving AIE pass, contact Scott at (706) 791-2521 or email thomas.a.scott.civ@mail.mil.

Gordon will begin annual fall cleanup next month

By Laura Levering
Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office

Post beautification is a year-round responsibility, but next month service members will be concentrating their efforts on it more than usual.

November is Fort Gordon Environmental Fall Cleanup Month. The cleanup is a "time designated for all area and facility supervisors to ensure a concerted effort is made to clean up, fix up, and beautify their areas of responsibility that are not normally done on a daily basis," as written by Garrison Commander Col. Samuel G. Anderson in the memorandum of instruction for the cleanup.

Every unit assigned to Fort Gordon will participate. The cleanup will

include days designated for units cleaning their areas of responsibility that are not normally done on a daily basis. Each unit will also be assigned a training area and/or range.

The year's cleanup is slightly different from past ones due to an excess of debris left over from February's ice storm. Roads and trails were cleared within Garrison's capability, but there is still some work to be done.

"A lot of cleanup is still going on from the winter ice storm; so much that certain areas aren't conducive to training," said Chuck Solomon III, Range Control range operations lead. "This will be a good time for units to identify areas where trees have fallen, and then we

can submit a work order through (Directorate of Public Works) to get this stuff cut down and moved out of the way."

The cleanup is also a time to remove and relocate hazardous waste and trash. Solomon said he ensures units clean up after themselves after training events, but it doesn't keep others from littering or dumping trash. He has seen and heard of many instances of service members dumping large appliances, tires, and other items instead of taking them to the recycling center or other proper facility. Other occurrences involve people camping, hunting, or fishing who leave behind garbage. If left untouched, they could cause harm to Fort Gordon's wildlife.

"It messes up the environment," Solomon said. "We have a responsibility of being good stewards of our land."

Civilian employees and residents on the installation can help by simply choosing not to litter and by picking up trash if they see it. Anyone with questions about proper disposal is encouraged to call Range Control at (706) 791-5005.

"We just encourage everybody to lean forward and help out as much as they can during this time," Solomon said.

Debris of natural sources such as untreated wood, small tree limbs, and brush will be taken to Barton Field and placed in a single pile for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Bonfire Dec. 4.

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Matters of Faith

Maintain positive attitude in life

By Chaplain (Capt.) Jonathan Lee
WTB chaplain

Over my last 27 months with the Warrior Transition Battalion, I have talked to a lot of Soldiers, cadre, and civilians and have heard amazing stories about their resiliency and inner positive attitude that sustained them during challenging times.

I have been amazed by the uniqueness of each story. One of my main ministry roles is to provide encouragement to our Warriors as they have endured much.

I find that many times I am the one being encouraged and ministered to by their courage and positive attitude, which does not give up easily.

As I listen to their stories, I am stirred with empathy and find a deeper

inner strength. I feel so encouraged and challenged through their stories, and I find time and again that a positive attitude is very important in our lives in all the circumstances we encounter. A winner never gives up!

I would like to share one story from Ancient China about positive attitude.

Long, long ago, in China there was an old man who had a horse on the border. One day the horse ran away, it was a terrible loss for the old man.

However disappointed he was, he didn't let it show and kept his spirits up. Shortly after that, his horse returned with a mare.

That meant his property was doubled. His neighbors tried to congratulate him on it, but he maintained the same attitude and went about his business. Later his son fell from the

horse and was permanently injured from the accident.

It was disastrous for the old man. If his horse hadn't returned his son would never have been injured.

Again, he maintained his positive attitude about life and worked hard to keep his spirits up. Later a war broke out, and all the young men were drafted.

Due to his son's injuries he was unsuitable for military service. Most of the young men who were drafted had perished in the war. The old man was grateful that his son was still able to be with the village and felt he was shown good fortune.

This story tells us about life, which consists of many unexpected challenges, and situations we will all encounter. I think most of us have experienced situations that can overwhelm us already.

We can be perplexed

whenever something bad or serious happens in our lives. It can really stress us. During this month of Pastoral Care Awareness month, may we be encouraged to look at our life carefully and more prayerfully.

We all experience pleasure, anger, sadness and happiness at various times even during the same day.

As we embrace the theme of 'Spiritual Well Being' for this month, may we maintain a positive attitude in all we experience, in both our highs and lows, as we do not know what will occur around the next bend.

Giving up is never the best answer when we are in serious situations because we are not able to know the end. The best may be yet to come. Let us stay positive in our outlook and look heavenward to our source of blessing.

May God bless you all.

Fort Gordon Religious Services Schedule:

Protestant Services: (Sundays)

Contemporary Service, Friendship Chapel 9 a.m.
Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel 10:30 a.m.
Faith Gospel Service, Good Shepherd Chapel noon
Collective Protestant, Bicentennial Chapel 11 a.m.
Collective Protestant, Friendship Chapel 11 a.m.

Catholic Services:

Daily Mass: Mon-Fri, DDEAMC Chapel 11:45 a.m.
Weekday Mass: Mon, Wed, Good Shepherd Chapel 11:30 a.m.
Tue, Fri, Good Shepherd Chapel 9:30 a.m.
Confessions: Sat-3 p.m., Good Shepherd Chapel & Sun 7:30 a.m.
Vigil Mass: Sat, Good Shepherd Chapel 4 p.m.
Spanish Mass: Sat, Good Shepherd Chapel 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass: Good Shepherd Chapel 8:30 & 10 a.m.
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Lutheran Service:

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Jewish Activities:

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For Information, (706) 772-4303
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For Information, Mr. Fischer, (443) 889-5098
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Post-wide Bible Study Luncheon, Wed, Bicentennial Chapel 11:30 a.m.
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EFMP has an abundance of resources to help families

By Laura Levering
Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office

The Fort Gordon Exceptional Family Member Program presented its seventh annual Information and Awareness Forum Oct. 16 at the Family Outreach Center.

Support services' professionals provided information on their respective organization for military families with exceptional family members.

The U.S. Army defines an exceptional family member as "any family member, regardless of age, who has a disability which limits that individual's ability to function on a daily basis and requires ongoing counseling, training, education, therapy or treatment." Easter Seals, Babies Can't Wait, Reaching Milestones, and Champions for Adversity were among more than a dozen agencies present in attendance.

"A lot of military families don't know much about EFMP at first," said Pamela Rachal, Fort Gordon EFMP manager. "We have a lot

of resources, we do a lot of referrals, and we know how to navigate through the system."

In the past, the main purpose of EFMP was to ensure service members were assigned to duty stations adequately equipped to serve the exceptional family member. With the vast majority of installations now equipped, the focus is making sure families are aware of and taking advantage of the services being offered.

Families enrolled in EFMP could be eligible for an array of services including respite care and ABA therapy.

Respite care gives caretakers a break of up to 40 hours per month at no cost to the family. Those with a family member diagnosed on the autism spectrum may receive up to \$36,000 worth of applied behavior analysis therapy – a benefit that can have a tremendous impact on a child's success in and out of the classroom.

Another benefit of enrollment is having the assurance of an advocate. Jessica Summers, EFMP

assistant, has witnessed and experienced firsthand the importance of having the extra support. Rachal recently accompanied Summers on her daughter's individualized education program, at Summers' request, to help ensure the meeting went well.

"I appreciated that," Summers said. "I think it's important for our community to know that with their frustrations there are resources they can turn to and someone who is willing to be at your side."

Summers has witnessed families walk into the EFMP office noticeably frustrated. But by the time they leave, after meeting with Rachal, she notices a sense of relief.

"I think that's what's so important about EFMP," Summers said. "It's having that advocate who knows

how to navigate the maze and who knows these resources on a personal level."

The program also hosts events exclusive to EFMP families such as swimming, bowling, horseback riding, Parents Night Out, and information seminars. The events are intended to educate and provide relief while allowing them to network with other families going through similar experiences.

The biggest challenge Rachal faces in offering eligible families the services is getting them through her doors. Families whose physician recommends they enroll often times don't follow through either because they are in denial or they aren't aware of its benefits.

Others are afraid enrollment could have a negative

effect on their military career; a misconception Rachal hopes to dispel.

Rachal works one-on-one with families when possible. She is in constant communication with outside agencies and can refer families to a preferred provider list, which drastically cuts down the wait for services that otherwise could take months to receive.

She believes postponing can be one's biggest downfall and is aware that some families take information only to set it aside. It's another reason Rachal encourages families to stop by her office, where she is known to make phone calls on the spot.

"It's just a matter of doing it right then and there and not procrastinating about it," Rachal said. "We listen to what

they're telling us, and we connect them to the right resources."

Service members who think they have an exceptional family member should contact the EFMP case coordinator in the Family Medicine Clinic, Room 100, at Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center by calling (706) 787-9300. Those with questions about the program should call Rachal at (706) 791-4872/0795.

EFMP serves exceptional family members of all ages from all branches of active duty. Retired military are eligible for all services with the exception of respite care.

The EFMP office is located in Room 155 at Darling Hall.

"We can't help them if they don't come in," Rachal said.

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Army Cyber commander discusses new branch initiatives

By Jacqueline M. Hames
Army News Service

As the Army stands up its Cyber Branch, the service is stepping up recruiting for its cyber force.

Lt. Gen. Edward C. Cardon, the commander of U.S. Army Cyber Command, sat down with reporters here, Oct. 13, at the Association of the United States Army's Annual Meeting and Exposition to discuss the development of the command and cyber security initiatives.

"We've made a lot of operational progress," said Cardon. "Many of you know about the Cyber Mission Force for the Army. We're about a little less than half-way built; that's proceeding at a good pace, and then the other thing we've really started to work on is cyberspace capabilities at the corps level and below. But where the real progress has been made this year, as you've all heard, is that the Army's announced the Cyber Branch."

The last branch to be formed in the Army was the Special Operations Branch, which was formed in 1987, Cardon said. The new Cyber Branch will be headquartered at Fort Gordon, Georgia, with construction of the command's headquarters



Photo by Jacqueline M. Hames / Army News Service
Lt. Gen. Edward Cardon, commander, U.S. Army Cyber Command, speaks to an audience about the emerging cyberspace capabilities of the Army at the Association of the United States Army's Annual Meeting and Exposition, Oct. 15.

to be complete within the 2018-2019 time frame.

New construction will include the Cyber Center of Excellence, which will house the Signal and Cyber schools under one roof. The headquarters will be co-located with the National Security Agency at Fort Gordon, but will remain a separate entity, Cardon explained.

Recruiting for the new branch has gone well, with the best luck initially being in-service recruiting, though now cyber is looking to branch out. Cardon explained they are looking for "super coders" – people

with innate understanding of computer code – to help fill the ranks, on the advice of other technological giants like Amazon and Google.

Currently, recruits have to undergo the highest testing standard in the Army, Cardon said, with most passing the assessment test between 60-80 percent the first time. To have the cyber force complete by 2016, all billets must be assigned by next summer, he explained.

Having the nation's best minds working for cyber will help to mitigate the different varieties of threats that the Army is facing in cyberspace. Cardon char-

acterizes potential threats in three ways: sophistication and number, vulnerabilities, and barriers to entry.

The number and sophistication of cyber threats are on the rise, Cardon explained, citing organized hacking groups like Anonymous.

"At the same time vulnerabilities are dropping, the two most recent examples are Heartbleed, and now Shellshock. Those are the most recent – these are existing problems in code that create huge vulnerabilities," he explained.

"And the third characterization is barriers to entry are dropping. In other words, 20 years ago if you wanted to do this, you had to be a hardware expert, a software expert. Now you can go on the web and you can download packages," he said. It's now easier for individuals and groups to hack networks because of the availability of "how-to" information.

The digital landscape is very different from when cyber first formed, and he said the Army must adapt to new and emerging threats.

"If you want to build the strongest network, you better understand how it's being attacked," Cardon said.

Even though cyber is being challenged during

its development, it is still moving forward to encompass the total Army. Cyber has been working with the National Guard and Reserve to stand up their own cyber mission forces.

"We've developed National Guard teams; we have 11 of them in the National Guard," Cardon said. "Ten of them in the Army Reserve, and they'll be trained to the same standard because the Cyber Mission Force is a joint force."

Company commanders today have as much access to command and control as a division commander 10 years ago, Cardon said. He believes it is important to leverage cyber throughout the Army.

"The upside to cyber and the advances in information technology have enabled the Army to do things we've only dreamed of doing," he said. "Our capabilities to use information, use it together in the context of our operations; it's unparalleled."

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Unauthorized commitments violate federal law

By Capt. Chris Mitchum
922nd Contingency Contracting Battalion

A rise in Army personnel entering into agreements on behalf of the government without the authority to do so causes significant administrative burdens and costs to the service, according to contracting officials.

Soldiers and civilians from the 922nd Contingency Contracting Battalion are ratifying eight unauthorized commitments valued at more than \$123,000. Officials said the amount of hours worked and delayed payments to contractors on each unauthorized commitment are significant.

The Federal Acquisition Regulation defines an unauthorized commitment as "an agreement that is not binding solely because the government representative who made it lacked the authority to enter into that agreement on behalf of the government."

Only Government Purchase Card holders and contracting officers have the authority to make purchases or award contracts for the Army.

"If you are not one of them, then you don't have the authority to bind the government to a contract," said Noryem Maldonado, a contracting officer with the 922nd CCBn. "Keep in mind that government employees who make unauthorized commitments may face personal financial liability from the vendor if the government is unable to ratify the unauthorized commitment."

Unauthorized commitments can also lead to wage garnishment and is a violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which is failure to obey order or regulation.

Maldonado explained there are three circumstances that lead to an unauthorized commitment.

The first is when a unit's leadership or delegated representative enters into a contract with a vendor for supplies or services on behalf of the unit without utilizing the proper channels. The proper channels to acquire supplies or services are through the unit's Government Purchase Card Program or by submitting a purchase request through the installation contracting office.

Maldonado said the second situation may involve a unit representative asking for changes in quantity or specifications or extending the period of performance for an existing government contract without approval of a contracting officer. This might include asking a contractor to provide services on a weekend when the contract period extends to week days only.

Another scenario is when a unit representative calls a vendor to obtain product information or pricing but inadvertently leads the vendor to believe that an order is being placed.

"If you are not authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the government, then don't," Maldonado said. "If you have any questions about the contract associ-

ated with your requirement, then you should contact your contracting officer immediately."

If an unauthorized commitment occurs, Maldonado said your chain of command needs to contact the installation contracting office immediately to begin the process of rectifying the situation. To rectify the situation, unauthorized commitments require ratification by a contracting officer so that the vendor or service provider can be paid for the goods or services they have provided.

"This is a lengthy and painful process," Maldonado said. "The ratification approval authority depends on the dollar amount of the

unauthorized commitment." The approval authority of ratifications below \$10,000 is the director of the contracting office. Any unauthorized commitment more than \$10,000 will require review and approval outside of the installation level.

According to officials at the 922nd CCBn, there are four basic steps for ratification. First, the contracting office conducts an investigation that collects statements and summarizes the facts surrounding the unauthorized commitment. Second, the contracting officer assigned to ratify the unauthorized commitment reviews the Federal Acquisition Regulation to

determine if ratification is possible. Next, a legal review is performed for the ratification to determine legal sufficiency. Finally, the first colonel in the chain of command is required to sign and submit a memorandum requesting ratification that provides an explanation of events and corrective measures taken. Ratification actions more than \$10,000 require the document to be signed by the installation or division commander.

Once the unauthorized commitment is ratified, it can be paid.

"Every effort shall be made to finalize the ratification process within 45 days of receipt of the unauthor-

ized commitment package, but remember that not all unauthorized commitments can be ratified," Maldonado said. "If funds were not available or the purchase would not have been authorized when attempted through the proper channels, then the individual may become personally liable to the vendor, and the unauthorized commitment will not be ratified."

Additionally, Maldonado said an unauthorized commitment may lead to a statutory violation with criminal, civil and administrative consequences.

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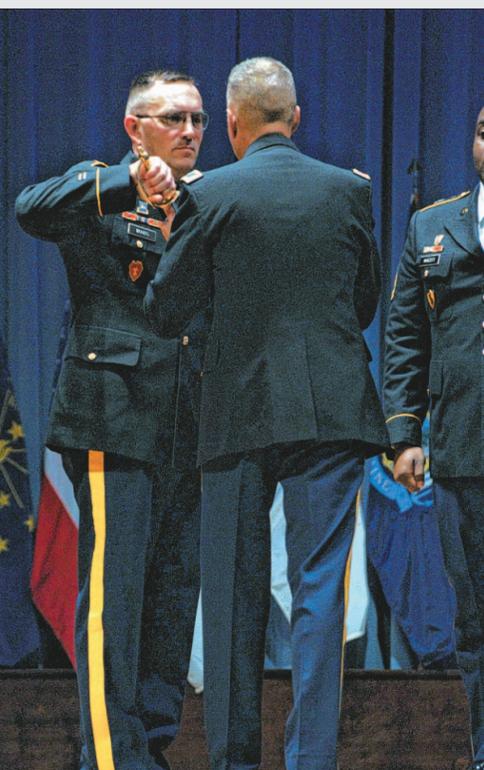


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An aerial intelligence brigade in the process of being stood up and activated soon at Fort Gordon held a change-of-responsibility ceremony Oct. 17 at Alexander Hall. Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen G. Dant relinquished responsibility to incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew M. Woods. Dant has assisted with the development of the provisional unit now located at Fort Gordon enhancing strategic and operational counterintelligence and human intelligence capabilities by providing improved multidiscipline intelligence support. Woods accepts the noncommissioned sword from Col. Adam R. Hinsdale, 116th MI Bde. commander, taking responsibility of his position. The NCO sword is a historic symbol of authority among the NCO Corps since the American Revolutionary War.

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Guard activates first cyber protection team, new insignia

By Mike Milord
Army Cyber Command

The Army National Guard's first cyber protection team received its new shoulder sleeve insignia Oct. 7 at Fort Meade, Maryland, during a ceremony conducted by U.S. Army Cyber Command/Second Army.

Lt. Gen. Edward C. Cardon, commanding general, U.S. Army Cyber Command, cited the ceremony as a major milestone for Army cyberspace operations, Guard and Reserve forces and for the Army.

"It is another indication of the tremendous momentum that the Army is building to organize, train and equip its cyberspace operations forces," Cardon said. "Army Cyber Command is taking a Total Force approach to building and employing the Army's cyber force."

Army Maj. Gen. Judd H. Lyons, acting director of the Army Guard, joined Cardon and Col. Jayson M. Spade, commander of the 1st Information Operations Command (Land), to present the patches.

For many, the ceremony represented something larger than the presentation of a uniform item.

"It's symbolic of the integration of the Reserve forces into the active forces in the common defense of our networks," said Maj. Hung Diep, team chief of the 1636th Cyber Protec-



Maj. Hung Diep, left, detachment commander, 1636th Cyber Protection Team, fixes an Army Cyber Command shoulder sleeve insignia on a Soldier's sleeve during a ceremony, Oct. 7 at Fort Meade, Maryland. Lt. Gen. Edward C. Cardon, right, commanding general, Army Cyber Command and Second Army congratulates a 1636th Soldier. The 1636th is Army National Guard's first cyber protection team.

Photo by Mike Milord / Army Cyber Command

tion Team, and an Iraq war veteran. "The team represents one of the most diverse forces that we have in the (Army) National Guard. We represent 19 states and two territories."

The ceremony also represented a number of firsts for the Army.

"Today this cyber protection team represents another first – the first Army National Guard/active duty cyber protection team," said Cardon. "The Army plans to build 10 additional Army National Guard

cyber protection teams in the future."

Cardon cited the experience that Army Guard Soldiers bring with them from both the military and civilian sectors as being beneficial to the mission.

"They bring a wide range of experience, not only from serving in the Army National Guard, but also from working in industry, state government or other government agencies," he said. "They are experienced, educated, and motivated."

The team will be an

invaluable part of the cyber force, said Cardon, adding that the teams will be responsible for conducting defensive cyberspace operations, readiness inspections and vulnerability assessments as well as a variety of other cyber roles and missions.

For Lyons, cyber operations tie into the Guard's heritage and are the next step forward in the Guard's history.

"Since 1636, the Army National Guard has been called upon to respond to

floods, wildfires, storms and threats far from our shores," he said. "The cyber threat is no less real, and it is absolutely in keeping with the finest traditions of the National Guard that Guard Soldiers will be fully integrated into the cyberspace force."

The cyber threat, said Lyons, is synonymous with other key moments in history.

"In 1775, the 'shot heard round the world' signaled the start of the American Revolutionary War," he

said. "Today, 239 years later, we face a world in which the first shots of the next war may be fired in cyberspace. And unlike the shots fired in 1775, those shots may indeed be heard around the world, in a very real sense, as systems and components thousands of miles away are instantaneously disabled by a keystroke."

Protecting against that is critical.

"The billions of lines of code, massive server farms and cloud-based assets that govern our power, water, fuel, communications, transportation, and national defense must be protected," Lyons said.

The 1636th Cyber Protection Team is just one part of a larger force.

"Today's ceremony may seem like a small step," Lyons said. "The men and women here are relatively few in number compared to those who man our divisions, brigades and battalions. But they are true pioneers of the Army Guard; the vanguard of a larger force yet to be built."

The team is just as important as those larger brigades and divisions.

"Their role is just as essential as that played by our combat units on the front line," said Lyons. "They defend the nation on a different front - vigilant in ensuring our enemies never get the chance to fire the next 'shot heard round the world,' against our nation."

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Feds Feed Families program closes record-breaking year

By Amaani Lyle
Defense Media Activity

Defense Department and other federal employees nationwide met and exceeded goals to answer the call and assist food-insecure households through this year's "Feds Feed Families" food drive, the Pentagon's team lead for the drive said.

Howard Ferguson said in a DoD news interview Oct. 17 that the voluntary campaign brought donations from federal employees and local farmers' markets in excess of 3,188,075 pounds of food items to needy families from June 1 to Sept. 30.

"The previous total in 2012 yielded more than a million pounds, and 2013 brought in more than 1.9 million pounds of food," Ferguson said. Ferguson explained food banks and pantries across the nation distribute the food to their partnering organizations, and he noted that 1 in 6 employed households struggle to get their next meal.

"A lot of folks associate hunger with poverty," Ferguson said. "Although

"A lot of folks associate hunger with poverty. Although there's a connection, there's a lot of working people that are still hungry and don't know where their next meal is coming from."

~ Howard Ferguson

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Ferguson said he is proud to have coined the mantra "Participate and make a difference" for the food drive. "It's not a number associated with it; it's an effort," he said. "So whether that is a can of food or 200 cans of food, just participate and make a difference - I'm glad we have a workforce across the federal government that cares about those who are food-insecure."

Ferguson noted that understanding the impact of hunger instills the motivation to help.

"Giving is alive and well," Ferguson said, noting that each year, DoD has expanded its engagement across the workforce.

"Bottom line: we care as a department and as a federal workforce," he said. "I think we're willing to answer the call and help our fellow citizens."

Ferguson said the interest in giving overcomes budget or socio-economic status. "It's one of those easy things to sell and promote and get people involved."

DoD has been involved in the campaign since 2009. The Agriculture Department led the effort at the national level for all federal agencies in 2013 and 2014.

"More than 50 federal agencies have participated throughout the civilian and military workforce," Ferguson said. "It's just been amazing, the generosity that has come forth. Every year, it's been getting better and better."

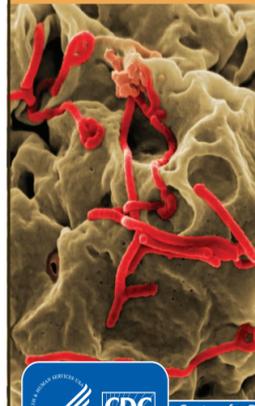
What You Need to Know about Ebola

October 16, 2014

The 2014 Ebola epidemic is the largest in history

This outbreak is affecting multiple countries in West Africa. One imported case and associated locally acquired cases in healthcare workers have been reported in the United States.

CDC and its partners are taking precautions to prevent the further spread of Ebola within the United States.



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A person infected with Ebola can't spread the disease until symptoms appear

The time from exposure to when signs or symptoms of the disease appear (the incubation period) is 2 to 21 days, but the average time is 8 to 10 days. Signs of Ebola include fever and symptoms like severe headache, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain, or unexplained bleeding or bruising.

Ebola is spread through direct contact with blood and body fluids

Ebola is spread through direct contact (through broken skin or through your eyes, nose, or mouth) with

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Army secretary calls for budget resolve

By David Vergun
Army News Service

"We are the greatest land power the world has ever seen. We are the indispensable Army of the indispensable nation," Army Secretary John M. McHugh said Oct. 13, referring to recent remarks by President Barack Obama regarding the United States being the world's go-to nation when trouble arises.

The Army has a capability and capacity that no one else can replicate, McHugh said in his keynote address at the opening ceremony of the Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting and Exposition at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

Soldiers are now in some 150 countries, he continued, including the 10th Mountain and 1st Cavalry divisions in Afghanistan. In the Philippines, Soldiers from the Joint Special Operations Task Force are part of the Army's rebalance to the Asia-Pacific region. In Korea, Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division are ensuring stability in that volatile region. And

in Ukraine, Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade were taking part in Exercise Rapid Trident.

"Our Soldiers went to Ukraine by invitation of the government, unlike the naked aggression displayed by Russian forces," McHugh said.

More recently, he said, Soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division and Army engineering units deployed to Liberia to help fight the Ebola epidemic. And Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division headquarters deployed to Iraq.

"Yes, we are the indispensable nation," McHugh said. "When trouble comes, no matter the challenge, they don't call Beijing. They don't call Moscow. They call us, the United States Army. And, despite predictions of many, the calls keep coming."

Airplanes and ships alone can't win wars, the secretary said.

"As important as they are, no Hellfire-equipped drone ever reclaimed lost territory," he said. "No Tomahawk missile ever conducted a ground counteroffensive. No bomber

"As I've told Congress repeatedly, this is a time for predictability. This is not a time for politics."

~Army Secretary John M. McHugh

ever mentored or trained Soldiers of allied nations building up capacity. Now, more than ever, we, this nation, need our soldiers."

As budget constraints force a drawdown, the Army must maintain a balance between readiness, modernization and manpower, McHugh said. But that could be even more difficult next year, he added.

If sequestration returns in fiscal year 2016, as current law requires, the tough choices and gains made during the reprieve this past year will dissipate, and "another round of indiscriminate cuts will gut our force so we're unable to meet the president's defense strategic guidance," the secretary said.

"As I've told Congress repeatedly, this is a time for predictability. This is not a time for politics," he said, referring to the need

for predictable, long-term funding.

Immediately following the opening ceremony, McHugh and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno held a joint news conference.

Odierno noted the next eight to 12 months will be one of the most important times in the nation's history, as decisions are made about what the nation will do with its military. He was referring primarily to budget decisions and how that will impact the force and future operations.

Even as the uncertain legislative process grinds on, he said, the Army is busy planning for a range of options.

The Army Operating Concept, to be unveiled this week, will show the way ahead for the Army in the next 10, 15 and 20 years, Odierno said. "I'm excited about it, and I think

our Soldiers are excited about it."

In response to a reporter's query, Odierno said that the Army has to continue planning, even as unpredictability and uncertainty increase. "The intellectual has to precede the physical," he noted. Also, he said, the Army Operating Concept itself addresses the Army amid global turmoil and uncertainty.

While the Army Operating Concept will be the intellectual guiding force, the development of leaders who can operate in unpredictable environments will be vital, McHugh added.

When asked how well the U.S. military was doing against the terrorist organization Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, Odierno said, "We're watching the situation very carefully."

"We were surprised by [ISIL's] capability," the general admitted, but, he

added, "...the airstrikes are helping slow down the [enemy] advance. It's buying us time so we can continue to train the Iraqi security forces," the general said.

But it's more than just training the Iraqi forces, he acknowledged, something the Army has been doing for a number of years. The problem over the last few years is that the security forces haven't trusted their leaders, so they "abandoned their posts, which was really disappointing to me," Odierno said.

"While airstrikes are not going to solve the problems by themselves, you'll need forces on the ground," he continued. "[The air operation] buys us time so we can train Iraqi forces on the ground as well as the [Kurdish] Peshmerga forces in the north."

It will be a coalition effort, the general said, and will not be resolved overnight.

"People don't realize how difficult it is to conduct airstrikes, making sure you don't have collateral damage," he said. "So we're going to be very careful."

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HAPPENINGS:

Job fair

The Warrior for Wireless Hiring/Career Opportunity will be Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Soldier For Life Transition Assistance Program Center, Bldg. 33800.

Halloween Parade

The Woodworth Consolidated Library, Rice Road, is hosting their annual "Halloween Parade" at 10 a.m. Wednesday during the Children's Story Hour. The library staff will be dressed in Halloween costumes and children are encouraged to come dressed in their favorite costume. There will be singing, reading of Halloween books and dancing. For more information, call Thomas Moss (706) 791-2449.

Senior leader orientation

The Ready and Resilient Senior Leader Orientation will be Oct. 30 from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Nelson Hall, Studio B.

Halloween night

Halloween Safety Night will be observed in all housing areas except Boardman Lake on Fort Gordon Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The installation Halloween night is not open to the public.

Army/Navy football

On Dec. 13 come on out to Engineers Field to enjoy the Army/Navy Football Game. The game starts at 3 p.m. in Baltimore, but tailgating starts at noon. There will be refreshments, games, and a picnic and a Fort Gordon Army vs. Navy game. For more information, call (706) 791-6433.

Peach Belt Conference

The Peach Belt Conference Cross Country Championships will be Nov. 8 at 9 a.m. at Barton Field. The men will start at 9 a.m. and the women will start at 9:45 a.m. During the champion-

ship the PBC will hold a soccer clinic and following the races DFMWR will hold the annual Turkey Trot. Thirteen colleges and universities are expected to participate.

Holiday Block Leave

Fort Gordon's Holiday Block Leave will run from Dec. 20 to Jan. 4 for the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade. On Dec. 13 and 14 there will be a Soldier lead safety show to increase awareness to help achieve an accident free holiday season.

Machine shoot

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Christmas in the Park

Evans Towne Center will host Christmas in the Park on Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with a tree lighting at 5 p.m. There will be ice skating, a trackless train, and the world's largest inflatable snowman. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in attendance and there will be live music. For more information, call (706) 650-5005.

Towne hounds

Hounds around Towne will be at the Evans Towne Center park Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be a hound blessing at 10 a.m., a pet costume contest at 10:30 a.m. and live music by Doug and the Henrys at 11 a.m. For more information, call (706) 312-7194.

SMA breakfast

The Fort Gordon Sergeants Major Association will host its quarterly breakfast Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Gordon Conference & Catering Center's Victoria Room. The breakfast is open to all ranks, service members and their guests. The cost is \$12 per person. The guest speaker will be the 12th Sergeant Major of the Army Jack Tilley. If you would like to attend, please contact Sgt. Maj. Nelson Maldonado at nelson.maldonado17.mil@mail.mil.

BOSS combatives

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will hold a Combatives

Tournament on Nov. 15 at 8 a.m. in Gym 5. The tournament is a competition for units and services to show skill and proficiency in unarmed combat techniques.

Swing dance

Augusta Swing Dance, Social at Cutno Dance Center, 3497 Wheeler Rd. on Saturday. East Coast Swing lesson 7:30 until 8 p.m. Dancing to swing music will be from 8 to 10 p.m. Cost: \$5. Contact: (706) 231-4175.

Let's make a deal

Get ready to play, "Let's Make A Deal", with the Fort Gordon Spouses' & Civilians' Club at the Gordon Conference and Catering Center on Nov. 19 from 7 until 9 p.m. Cost for the event is \$15 which includes a buffet-style meal. RSVP by Nov. 14 at reservations@fgsec.com.

COMMUNITY:

Red Ribbon Week

Fort Gordon's Army Substance Abuse Program's Red Ribbon Week runs through Oct. 31. This year's theme is "Love Yourself, Be Drug Free." This is an annual event for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against substance abuse.

Soldier for Life

There will be a Department of Labor Employment Workshop Oct. 28 to 30 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Soldier For Life Transition Assistance Program Center, Bldg 33800.

Flu prevention

The flu virus spreads from October to May, most cases occurring in January-February. The best way to prevent this is to get the flu vaccine each season. Covering your cough and washing your hands can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu and Enterovirus D68 (EV-D68) viruses. Avoid close contact with people that are sick, stay home when sick, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick.

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Christmas House

Army Community Service is now accepting applications for the Fort Gordon Christmas House. Applications are online at www.gordon.army.mil/aacs. They must be completed and printed to obtain commander's signature before turning in to ACS, Darling Hall, Room 224. All applications must have proof of income. Deadline for application submission is Nov. 3.

From the desk..

Be sure to watch the latest edition of "From the Desk of ...", the garrison commander's video blog that looks at the upcoming activities and programs that affect the lives of service members and their families on Fort Gordon. You can view the videos online on the Fort Gordon Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fgordonga or on YouTube at www.youtube.com/FGPAO.

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