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The All American Marathon is scheduled for March 22, 2015 and needs a lot of volunteers. Between now and March 22, marathon organizers need to recruit 1,000 individuals in order to make race day a success for the runners, their Families, Fort Bragg and the City of Fayetteville. Volunteers are essential to the race and there are many ways to help. For more information, visit the volunteer registration page at www.fortbraggmwr.com/allamericanmarathon/volunteers. Volunteers will receive a free T-shirt, volunteer hours, as well as a unique and rewarding experience. Volunteering is open to individuals, groups and organization.

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CORPS RETURNS HOME

XVIII Airborne Corps Commanding General Lt. Gen. Joseph Anderson and Command Sgt. Maj. Isaia Vimoto, the corps' command sergeant major, lead the final contingent of XVIII Airborne Corps Soldiers home from Afghanistan to Fort Bragg, early Tuesday morning. The corps was tasked with transitioning security responsibility from Soldiers of the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command to Afghan forces. The XVIII Airborne Corps was the first and the final corps headquarters to serve in Afghanistan. Its departure marked the end of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Senior enlisted discusses living Army values, Army ethos during town hall

BY STAFF SGT. TODD POULIOT
22ND MPAD

With less than two months before completing his tenure as the U.S. Army's top enlisted Soldier, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III made a stop at Fort Bragg, Dec. 3, and hosted a town hall meeting with Soldiers and Family members at the post's All-American Chapel.

Over the past four years, Chandler has visited Soldiers stationed around the world to discuss issues that affect them. He

advises Army Secretary John McHugh and Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond Odierno on all enlisted matters, mainly areas dealing with training and quality of life for Soldiers.

Throughout the interactive session, Chandler called upon several Soldiers to contribute to the discussion and assist him in driving home the message that Soldiers are professionals who must look out for one another.

After thanking the Soldiers and Family members on behalf of the secretary and chief of staff, Chandler asked a young Soldier

to come up and discuss the Army ethos and Army values. When she hesitated, he gave her cues to help her out. It was one of many teaching moments for the young enlisted leaders in attendance.

"I'm being your battle buddy right now," Chandler said. "You had forgotten and I'm there to help. And when I am in trouble, you're going to help me. That is a big part of who we say we are as Soldiers. We look out for one another."

The discussion on Army Values segued into sexual assault prevention as Chandler pointed out that

Soldiers need to do a better job living those values.

"We don't know our professional obligation as well as we should when it comes to two things — sexual assault and suicide," he said. "Because those are challenges we can solve amongst ourselves. It's an Army problem."

The discussion seemed to have impacted several Soldiers in attendance. Many spoke of the positive changes in the Army and the commitment of leaders to hold perpetrators accountable.

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Fort Bragg hosts first All Armed Forces Combatives Tournament

BY SGT. FLOR GONZALEZ
22ND MPAD

Fort Bragg will host its first All-Armed Forces Combatives Tournament Dec. 10 through 13. Fort Bragg extended its invitation to all military branches to send their very best to compete against Fort Bragg's finest competitors.

The tournament is an opportunity for participants to showcase what they have learned in

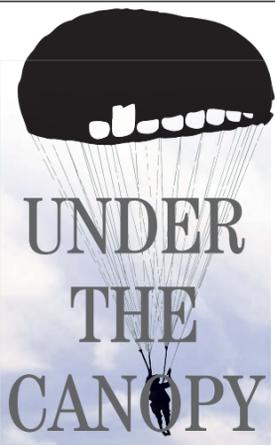
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XVIII Airborne Corps Retreat Ceremony

Maj. Gen. Jeffrey N. Colt, XVIII Airborne Corps deputy commander, second left, and his wife Nancy, share a moment during a retreat ceremony Wednesday, at Fort Bragg Main Post Parade Field. Command Sgt. Maj. Isaia Vimoto, corps' sergeant major, far left, and Lt. Gen. Joseph Anderson, XVIII Abn. Corps' commanding general, look on. Colt served as the corps deputy commander for two and a half years and recently redeployed from Afghanistan. Colt moves on to command 1st Army Division West, Fort Hood, Texas.

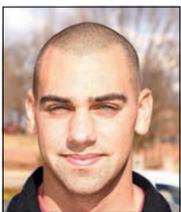


“What’s the hardest aspect of deployments?”



“Being away from Family.”

— Sgt. Aaron Sotzen
11th Quartermaster Co.



“Being away from friends and whatnot.”

— Spc. Jacob Johnson
1st Sqdn., 38th CAV Regt.



“Boredom.”

— Spc. Kevin Kukkonen
Co. C, 1st Bn., 508th PIR



“Being away from the Family.”

— Sgt. 1st Class Mario Caballero
738th ESC



“Leaving your Family and kids.”

— Staff Sgt. Quincy Jones
50th ESB



My letter to the deployed military spouse

Photo courtesy of Metro Creative Connection

BY HOPE MYERS
PARAGLIDE

Dear deployed military spouse,
I saw you the other day, taking a morning jog in the frosty air. You reminded me of those lonely runs I used to take, to clear my head and jump start another long day.

You probably vacillate between hating and loving this time of year. It’s the Christmas season. There’s no way to avoid the Christmas cheer. On the other hand, while your loved one eats MREs and sleeps on a cot, the guilt you feel celebrating without them is constant.

Growing up, Christmas is ingrained in our minds as a time of joy. The wonder of waking up in the wee dark hours and finding a stashed Christmas tree always brought shivers of anticipation. Like many children on Christmas Eve, I would stay up as late as I could and sneak cups of coffee and eggnog while the grown-ups talked around the fire. The night felt shorter that way.

The season was filled with parties and games, white elephant gifts and cookie exchanges.

Every year, I made gingerbread houses and prayed they wouldn’t collapse before Christmas Day. During the Christmas Eve service I stare in wonder at my flickering candle while singing Silent Night.

Then, in a moment, I grew up. I learned there is never peace on earth, good will to men. Some spend holidays with little more than an artificial table top tree and a single strand of lights. Others look forward to a box from home that carries a two-week old cookie concoction. It never tastes stale to them. Sometimes, the heartlifting strains of Joy to the World are mingled with the soulful notes of Taps.

For those at home, Christmas morning is about waking up to the bed half empty. It’s about enduring all the well-wishers, and the drudgery of carrying the shopping bags yourself.

You watch How the Grinch Stole Christmas and feel your Christmas was stolen by a grinch called War.

Your husband might be toting a chest full of armor plates, while you carry a fussing toddler through a crowded department store. Your wife might be staunching wounds while you staunch the tears of a lonely child who just wants their

mom home for Christmas.

You may weep when your favorite Christmas song comes across the radio. You might bake dozens of batches of Christmas cookies, or spend hours volunteering, serving others for the sake of one who is thousands of miles away. You might spend Christmas alone with the kids, celebrating a Skype call to wish your other half a Merry Christmas.

This year, there might not be enough time to send out Christmas cards. You might be too busy mailing care packages and filling out those pesky customs forms. And that’s okay.

This year, you don’t have to celebrate. You have the right to be real. You have earned it. Christmas isn’t always about the gifts, the sparkling tinsel and the lavish feasts. It’s about sacrifice; it’s about hearing the distorted sound of a Soldier’s voice; it’s about sharing at a distance only love can span.

Your sacrifices, your loved ones sacrifices, are the reason I can celebrate in peace with my own Soldier this Christmas. I pray next Christmas, your Family will be whole again, and that this Christmas, you feel the love of this grateful military wife.

Whose Christmas decorations are better?

MEAT & POTATOES



BY LISA SMITH MOLINARI

SPECIAL TO THE PARAGLIDE

You may want to grab a pencil and paper, because I’m about to impart a priceless little jewel of wisdom — there are two sides to every street.

I imagine you are most likely stunned by my remarkable mastery of the obvious, but try to focus on this helpful illustration, on the east end of Anystreet in Anytown, USA, there stands a brick colonial, four bedrooms, faux shutters, window boxes, and neatly trimmed hedges.

Homeowner husband Niles Rutheford, at the behest of homeowner wife Brooke, retrieves a stepladder from the garage to hang the seasonal decorations on the house. It is the weekend after Thanksgiving because, of course, it would be gauche to decorate for the holidays any sooner.

While Niles stands on the the ladder in his nubuck driving moccasins, Chinos and a loden half-zip lambswool sweater, Brooke hands him

an assortment of pomegranates, pears, magnolia leaves and pine boughs to decorate the arched pediment over the front door. Taking care not to scratch her riding boots, Brooke removes the fall bittersweet and decorative cabbage displays from the window boxes, and replaces them with an artful and fragrant arrangement of pineapples, holly berries and eucalyptus.

Preferring colonial authenticity to garish 20th century light displays, the Ruthefords opt to place a single flickering LED cordless candlestick in each of the front windows. With their holiday decorating completed in just two hours, the Ruthefords head to the Starbucks drive-through in their Range Rover for chai teas and croissants.

On the west end of Anystreet, there stands a classic, vinyl-sided, split level. Three bedrooms, a family room, and an apartment in the basement for Aunt Trixie and Uncle Wayne. While homeowner wife Dawn Pachinski goes shopping on Black Friday, homeowner husband Buck and son Cletus take the extension ladder out from under the trampoline, and 17, Rubbermaid tubs filled with outdoor holiday decorations from the shed.

While Cletus inflates the giant rotating snow globe and elf carousel for the front lawn, Buck begins the arduous process of staple-gunning 7,000 lights to the roof, windows, doors, shed, fence, trees and shrubs. At some point, Uncle Wayne joins in to line the driveway with lighted candy canes and set up the 12-piece, life-size nativity scene.

After six days of work, four trips to Home Depot, three puncture wounds and one cracked rib, the Pachinski property is a lighted holiday decor masterpiece, complete with computerized musical synchronization to “Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer” via

FM transmitter.

A week later, the Ruthefords receive “Best Holiday Decor” recognition from the Anytown Garden Club, but some residents feel their snooty décor lacks spirit. Conversely, the Pachinskis receive a citation from the Anytown authorities for violating various local ordinances, but every kid in town says the Pachinskis have “the best Christmas lights ever.”

When we were stationed in Florida, our military friends told us about a local neighborhood with “the best Christmas lights ever.” That night, we packed the kids in the minivan and followed the directions our friends gave us, but were surprised to find a shabby collection of small older homes in a swampy wooded area just off the expressway. We were skeptical, but the long line of cars outside the neighborhood had us intrigued, so we waited.

A few minutes later, we entered the subdivision and were amazed. Somehow, these ambitious swamp dwellers had hung hundreds of strings of lights vertically from the highest tree branches, so that the lights dangled straight down to the ground like electrified stalactites in every color imaginable. The effect was truly magical, and I had to admit, that neighborhood really did have “the best Christmas lights ever.”

Okay, now brace yourself for another tidbit of priceless wisdom — whatever your holiday décor preference, don’t judge, because the beauty of Christmas is in the eye of the beholder.

(Editor’s note: Currently stationed in Newport, Rhode Island, Molinari is a 20-year Navy spouse and mother of three teenagers, whose award-winning columns appear in military and civilian newspapers nationwide, and on her blog, theme-atandpotatoesoflife.com)

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Keeping the community



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Fort Bragg Families needed to foster military children

By SGT. TARYN HAGERMAN
40TH PAD

Civilians look at Soldiers differently. It could be the uniform, or the way they carry themselves, or maybe it's the knowledge that each one is a skilled warrior sworn to defend the United States from all enemies. Perhaps it's because they speak in slews of acronyms, lovingly nicknamed "alphabet soup."

Without a doubt, the military and its Families are a subculture all their own. Despite its diverse ethnic and racial composition, the Army unifies Soldiers in a brotherhood. Military children are accustomed to this community and the dramatic changes it can bring such as, frequent relocations and being separated from parents during deployments. However, even the most resilient child is not prepared to enter the foster care system.

Becoming a foster child is terrifying. You have to move from your home, potentially leaving everything you know behind, including your school and friends, and live with strangers for an unknown period of time.

The goal of foster Families is to make this transition as smooth as possible, which is why there is a demand for foster parents in the military community.

Amy May, Fort Bragg foster care liaison, Family Advocacy Program, Army Community Service, said she understands the need for stability during traumatic transitions like moving to live with a foster Family.

May provides information to interested foster care system to keep as much continuity and community within a child's life as possible, especially with our military kids," May said. "The main reason for us trying to get military foster parents is to help give kids that community. Having someone who is within that military community, then children don't have to explain themselves."

According to Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, North Carolina had 9,036 children in foster care Sept. 30, 2013. Because the population of surrounding communities includes Soldiers and their Families, we must realize our part in this statistic and attempt to take care of our own.

Foster care is managed by each individual county, so military Families who are interested will apply and receive training from the county in which they live.

May provides information to interested

military members regarding how to become foster Families. For those who meet the minimum requirements she urges them to seek even more information.

"Fostering children can be very involved, like balancing appointments and birth parent visits," May said. "I encourage people to attend the training because then they'll get a clearer picture of everything they're getting into."

Certainly, military Families are not strangers to difficult situations and hectic schedules. However, each foster child has a unique past that will affect their behaviors.

"We have to remember that a lot of these children have been traumatized and now they're going through something that's very traumatic," said May. "You have to be someone who has an open heart, and you have to be willing to accept children as they are and work with them because they are the children who need love

the most."

Foster Families need to be flexible and adaptive. However, May said helping a child and his or her Family reunite is a fantastic reward.

Interested servicemembers should know that because each county operates separately, registering to be a foster parent will result in options to potentially foster non-military children as well. The goal is to match military children with military foster Families. However, with only two military foster Families on Fort Bragg, the chances of this happening become extremely limited.

Military Families who are interested should contact May at 908-1242 to find out more information and how to get started helping other Families in need.

Foster parent requirements

- Be at least 21 years old (married or single)
- Be willing to submit to background and fingerprint checks
- Foster Families must rent or own their own home or live in on-post housing and have enough space for a foster child (there are rules for room sharing)
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WELCOME HOME

Photos by Ben Abel/Fort Bragg Garrison PAO

Soldiers from the XVIII Airborne Corps' headquarters returned to their waiting Families and friends at Fort Bragg's Green Ramp Dec. 5, as the unit redeployed from Afghanistan marking the conclusion of the U.S. military's combat operations there. The XVIII Airborne Corps had deployed twice prior to Afghanistan to lead military operations and similarly wrapped-up the U.S. military's operations in Iraq at the conclusion of the conflict there.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Perry Aston

Army Lt. Gen. Joseph Anderson, commander of International Security Assistance Force Joint Command, and Royal Army Maj. Gen. Richard Nugee, ISAF chief of staff, lower the ISAF Joint Command colors at Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, during a casing ceremony marking the end of the ISAF Joint Command mission, Monday.

ISAF Joint Command formally ceases operations

By ISAF

KABUL, Afghanistan — International Security Assistance Force Joint Command, which has handled day-to-day operations in Afghanistan for five years, formally cased its colors during a ceremony Monday at the command's headquarters at Kabul International Airport.

"Today, IJC will be subsumed into a coalition that is soon downsizing to about 13,000 personnel," said Army Gen. John F. Campbell, ISAF commander. "This is a historic transformation and reflects the progress that our coalition has made with our Afghan partners."

"As the Afghan National Security Forces have become increasingly capable, we shift our focus from combat

operations to building (Afghan) systems and processes to ensure long-term sustainability," he said.

Working in full partnership with Afghan national security forces and NATO partner nations, ISAF Joint Command's mission was to conduct population-centric, comprehensive operations to neutralize the insurgency and support improved governance and development to protect the Afghan people and provide a secure environment for sustainable peace.

The International Security Assistance Force is supporting the NATO-led Resolute Support mission, which begins Jan. 1, 2015. Resolute Support will focus on training, advising and assisting Afghan security institutions and Afghan national security forces at the ministerial, institutional and operational levels.

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Overnight closure of Bragg Boulevard at I-295 construction site to limit impact on area traffic

FORT BRAGG GARRISON PAO

The N.C. Department of Transportation's planned closure of Bragg Boulevard, at the site of the I-295 overpass will have limited impact on area motorists with closures limited to overnight hours during half-day schedules for units on Fort Bragg. "As the I-295 construction progresses, there will continue to be delays and detours – there is just no way around it," said Tom McCollum, Fort Bragg spokesman. "The traffic congestion over the past few months has been trying for us all, but we ask for the community's continuing patience." The roadway will be closed Dec. 17 and 18, from 10 p.m., each evening until, 5 a.m., the following day. Motorists traveling from Spring Lake to Fayetteville using Bragg



Photo by Lewis Perkins/Paraglide

I-295 construction continues on All American Freeway.

Boulevard during those hours should plan to use the southbound Bragg Boulevard detour onto Murchison Road at Butner Road onto U.S. 401 Bypass (Pamalee Drive) and back to Bragg Boulevard. Motorists traveling from Fayetteville to Spring Lake using Bragg Boulevard during those hours should plan to use the northbound Bragg Boulevard detour onto U.S. 401 Bypass (Pamalee Drive) to Murchison Road and back to Bragg Boulevard at Butner Road.

"Bragg Boulevard will remain open up to the Santa Fe-Shaw Mill intersection, but due to the expected impact of detoured traffic, NCDOT is asking through traffic to use Pamalee instead of Shaw Mill Road," McCollum said. The traffic closures come after the planned reopening of southbound lanes of the All American Freeway Monday, after six weeks of closure for repairs to a bridge on the roadway.



Photo by Lewis Perkins/Paraglide

Staff Sgt. Fredrick Hill, 82nd Sustainment Brigade combatives school instructor, works out on the speed bag at the USACS Combatives School, Wednesday.

Town Hall

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Spc. Jessica Solano, a network operator from 50th Signal Brigade, said she was pleased with Chandler's aggressive stance on sexual assault prevention and hopes leaders and Soldiers will be more effective in dealing with sexual assault cases. "I think he definitely touched base on things that are close to me," Solano said. "I think things are going in the right direction. It doesn't matter where you're from, your sex, your age, your rank. Anybody can do it and anybody can be a victim of it." Solano said she was also pleased with the steps the Army is taking to prevent

suicides since she has a friend, a fellow Soldier, who is struggling with severe depression. "Our profession demands that we look out for one another," Chandler said. "We can make a difference. We just have to decide we're going to be what we say that we are — professional United States Army Soldiers." Following the discussion, Chandler took several questions from the audience focused on sexual assault and suicide prevention, Family advocacy and promotions. Soldiers and Family members had the opportunity to have their photo taken with Chandler, before he left for his flight back to the Pentagon with their concerns.



Photo by Master Sgt. John S. Laughter/ XVIII Abn. Corps PAO

Fourteenth Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III hosted a long anticipated enlisted town hall with Fort Bragg Soldiers. Top on the agenda of discussion was the future of the Army and the future of the force in an increasingly uncertain fiscal and geopolitical landscape. Chandler stressed that the fundamentals of NCO 2020 and basic engaged leadership at all levels is the key to a successful, healthy force ready for any challenge.

Combatives

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combatives school as well as being able to earn boasting privileges. Master Sgt. Maltise Jones is the Fort Bragg Combatives School non-commissioned officer-in-charge and one of the coordinators of the tournament. "These Soldiers put a lot of their time and effort into their training," Jones said. "There is nothing more rewarding than finishing something as strenuous and arduous as a combatives class." Participants will compete using the Army's set

of rules and guidelines to ensure that the fighters use appropriate combatives techniques. There will be individual championship belts as well as team cups for the winners. Tournament matches are slated to be held at the Ritz-Epps Fitness Center today and Friday, with the finals set for Saturday at Sports USA. All the events are free and open to the public. Details and schedules of the event can be found on the Fort Bragg FMWR webpage at www.fort-braggmwr.com.



Happy Holidays!

L-3 would like to thank the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces for your service and the sacrifices you make for our freedom.

We wish you and your families all the best this holiday season.

Fort Bragg kicks off American Education Week with annual fair

FORT BRAGG ED. CENTER

In honor of American Education Week, the Fort Bragg Education Center hosted its Annual Education Fair, last month at the Fort Bragg Club. More than 50 representatives from colleges, universities, Army commissioning programs, Veterans Affairs programs, vocational programs, and apprenticeship programs attended the fair to share information with the community.

The fair was an opportunity for nearly 500 Soldiers, veterans, retirees, and Family members to make connections in support of diverse goals and life-long learning.

"We hold the Education Fair at the beginning of American Education Week because it is the first step on the way to getting a degree," said Byron Johnston, education services specialist and chief of counseling at the Fort Bragg Education Center. "We end our celebration of American Education Week with a college graduation ceremony to show Soldiers and community members what they can ultimately achieve."

Sgt. Justin Valentine, who is assigned to the 108th Military Police Company, 503rd Military



Soldiers listen as College Representative Brian Miller shares information on how to get college credit for military training.

Police Battalion, attended the Education Fair fair to learn about getting started on a degree using Army tuition assistance and to learn more about taking exams in subject areas for college credit. He said his goal is to earn an Associate of Science to help with his career progression and then earn a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Valentine said, the fair was a convenient way to explore schools and programs.

"It's nice to get everyone in one spot," he said.

Spc. Tyler Hart, with the XVIII Airborne Corps, Signal Company, agreed that the fair was a

convenient way for Soldiers who have unpredictable schedules to shop around for schools that fit their goals.

"I sought to have face-to-face interaction with the schools I have interest in. I also wanted to talk to a Green to Gold recruiter," said Hart, whose long term goal is to finish a bachelors degree in business.

"Attendees circulated through booths at the fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., collecting give-aways and information along the way. Participating colleges also donated door prizes, including electronics and a scholarship for \$5,000, that were raffled off to

Soldiers.

Although the Education Fair and American Education Week are annual events, educational services are available year-around at the Bragg Training and Education Center. Soldiers of all ranks, Family members, retirees, and other members of the Fort Bragg community can stop by for counseling and information on the resources and opportunities for educational advancement and life-long learning.

BTEC is located at 4520 Knox St., Wing J (on the corner of Knox and Randolph streets), or for more information, please call 396-6721.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Josephine Ampley/1st TSC PAO

Spc. Nicholas Nelsen, left, and Soldiers of the 1st Sustainment Command (Theater) work alongside the Fayetteville Urban Ministries at their headquarters packaging holiday food baskets for Families in the Fayetteville community, Dec. 2. Fayetteville Urban Ministries is a non-profit organization that assists individuals and Families struggling through crisis situations in the local community.



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1st TSC Chaplain's office makes a difference in local community

BY STAFF SGT.
JOSEPHINE AMPLEY
1ST TSC PA

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— Janice Voter
Fayetteville Urban Ministry

With the holiday season here, many Families will go through the holidays in need.

In an effort to give back to the Fayetteville community and help local Families, the 1st Sustainment Command (Theater) Chaplain's Office worked alongside the Fayetteville Urban Ministries packaging holiday food baskets for Families in the Fayetteville community Dec. 2.

Fayetteville Urban Ministries is a non-profit organization that assists individuals and Families struggling through crisis situations in the local community.

The community service project puts Soldiers in touch with what is happening in their communities and affords them an opportunity to give back, said Sgt. Brandon Ervin, 1st TSC chaplain assistant.

Thanks to the volunteers, the ministry was able to package and organize the massive amounts of food they receive every year around the holiday season.

This year's food drive yielded 152 holiday food bags and 50 personal hygiene gift bags for those in need, said Master Sgt. Deitra Alam, 1st TSC Chaplain sergeant major.

The Soldiers' hard work and selfless service was most appreciated by the staff of FUM

who felt the project will impact many lives this holiday season.

"I appreciate the commander allowing this," said Janice Voter, emergency assistance coordinator. "It's just a wonderful feeling that they are willing to come here, make a difference, and have an impact on those who are in need."

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In Brief

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Directorate moves: The Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security office of Security and Intelligence Division will relocate the installation security operations of personnel security, information security, industrial security, and operations security from its current location in Building 2-5935 on Butner Road to Building 397, Maverick Street on Pope Field. SID will cease operations at current location on Monday and resume full operations at new location on Dec. 19. Security clearances will be processed on an appointment only basis during and after the transition. For an appointment, call 907-3446/3447 or 396-2682. All SID employee contact information will



remain the same.

Career opportunity: Representatives from the Troops to Teachers program will offer an information briefing about the Troops to Teachers program for servicemembers, veterans, National Guardsmen, Reservists and retirees Jan. 21, 2015, from 1 to 3 p.m. The briefing is intended to inform attendees about the teaching profession, the steps required to earn a teaching license and employment opportunities in public education. The event will be held in the F Wing auditorium of the Bragg Training and Education Center, Building 1-357, on the corner of Randolph and Knox streets.

Road closures: The closure of the outbound lanes of the All American Freeway will extend through Monday. The southbound lanes of the All American have been closed since Nov. 3 to allow for repairs of a bridge between the All American visitor center and the installation boundary.

A large Portion of MATA Mile is closed due to the construction of I 295 between the All-American Expressway and Yadkin Road. The portion of the MATA Mile that ran parallel to the fence between Fort Bragg and Cottenade is closed but runners can still use the paths through the woods between the Hietzer and Son Tay intersection and the engineer motor pool on Sapper Street.

Ardennes Road will be closed between Merderet and Falcon streets until April 18, 2015, to install a chilled water line along this section of Ardennes Street. Traffic will be detoured onto Merderet Street to Gruber Road, onto Falcon Street back to Ardennes Road. Drivers can expect delays on Ardennes Road and are asked to avoid this area. Message boards will be posted before the closure on Ardennes as a reminder. Questions concerning this notification should be directed to Ray Goff,

DPW-traffic engineer, 907-1759.

Notice of estate: This notice serves as an advisory for all those in possession of the property of Sgt. Donald C. Higgins, as well as to persons to whom the deceased is indebted, or those indebted to the deceased. Please contact Lt. Col. Anthony Forte, summary court martial officer, with all inquiries at (254) 289-9738 or email a.k.forte@att.net.

This notice serves as an advisory for all those in possession of the property of Staff Sgt. Dirk Shelton, USAF, Joint Communications Unit, as well as to persons to whom the deceased is indebted, or those indebted to the deceased. Please contact Capt. Benjamin Wingler, summary court martial officer, with all inquires at (910) 243-9163 or email winglerbl@jdi.socom.mil.

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This notice serves as an advisory for all those in possession of the property of Staff Sgt. Kevin T Archer, as well as to persons to whom the deceased is indebted, or those indebted to the deceased. Please contact 1st Lt. Jonathan Schellin, summary court martial officer, with all inquires at 432-2066 or email jonathan.c.schellin.mil@mail.mil.



Vets meet: Veterans of Foreign Wars - Ralph A. Pandure Post 10 meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Raeford Airport, Doc Brown Road. For information, call John F. Harry, senior vice commander or email hrry_jhn@yahoo.com. Ladies' Auxiliary to Ralph A. Pandure VFW Post 10 meets at the same time, date, and location as above.

Army Ground Forces Band Holiday Concert: Enjoy a holiday concert by the Army Ground Forces Band. The band will perform its 2014 holiday concert, "A Forces Command Holiday," Friday, at the Crown Center Arena in Fayetteville. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m.

Holiday dining facilities schedule

Dining facility	Weekday hours	This weekend's status
SMOKE BOMB Building H-4842, Essayons Street 396-2592/0103	Brk: 7:30 to 9 a.m. Lun: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. No dinner meals	Closed
525th BFSB Building 2-5112, Ricketts Street 396-8063	Brk: 7:30 to 9 a.m. Lun: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. No dinner meals	Closed
WTB Building A-4-1832, Normandy Drive 396-3436	Brk: 7:15 to 9:15 a.m. Lun: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Din: 4:30 to 6 p.m.	Br: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sup: 4 to 5:30 p.m.
18th FIB/SWCS Building D-3624, Merrill Street 396-7291	Brk: 7:30 to 9 a.m. Lun: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Din: 5 to 6:30 p.m.	Br: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sup: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
3rd BCT Building A-3556, Butner Road 432-8798/2298	Brk: 7:15 to 9:15 a.m. Lun: 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Din: 5 to 6:30 p.m.	Brk: 8 to 10 a.m. Lun: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Din: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
2nd BCT Building C-9453, Gruber Road 643-6929	Brk: 7:30 to 9 a.m. Lun: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Din: 5 to 6:30 p.m.	Br: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sup: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
1st BCT Building B-1732, Bastogne Drive 643-6886	Brk: 7:45 to 9:15 a.m. Lun: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Din: 5 to 6:30 p.m.	Brk: 8 to 10 a.m. Lun: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Din: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
82nd SBDE Building 3-5103, Longstreet Road 432-5538	Brk: 7:30 to 9 a.m. Lun: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Din: 5 to 6:30 p.m.	Br: 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sup: 4 to 5:30 p.m.
USASOC Building E-4325, Sato Cano Street 432-2383	Brk: 7 to 9 a.m. Lun: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. No dinner meals	Closed
108th ADA Building X-3715, Air Defense Loop 396-9319	Brk: 7:30 to 9 a.m. Lun: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Din: 5 to 6:30 p.m.	Closed
82nd CAB Building M-5530, Goldberg Street 396-9993	Brk: 7:30 to 9 a.m. Lun: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Din: 5 to 6:30 p.m.	Brk: 8 to 10 a.m. Lun: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Din: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Note: The following dining facilities are closed for Fiscal Year 2013: Smoke Bomb, 2nd BCT, Kitty Hawk and NCOA/NCNG. For more information, call XVIII Airborne Corps G-4 - Food Services at 643-4262 or 643-4261.

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Maintain healthiness during the holidays

By **SLISON CUCCIA**
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The holiday season can be a time of great celebration, gratitude and joy. While it is important to appreciate and enjoy good fortunes, the holiday season can also have a negative effect on health. High stress levels, lack of time for sleep and physical activity, and the overabundance of unhealthy food and alcohol often overpower us during this time, and can lead to negative health effects down the road. In order to remain ready and resilient, Soldiers, Family members and civilians should aim to enjoy the holiday season while preserving their health and well-being.

Between overcommitted schedules, financial burdens and Family, friends or religious expectations, the holidays can be an incredibly stressful time. Military Families often face added anxiety from worrying about loved ones on deployment this time of year. Even traditions that are meant to bring joy can feel stressful, chaotic and lonely to Soldiers and their Families.

Many people do not realize the physical toll stress can take on the body. People with high levels of stress are more likely to use tobacco and eat unhealthy foods. These choices can lead to diseases such as cancer, obesity and other chronic diseases.

Stress does not only change behavior; it also changes levels of certain hormones in the body. These hormone changes suppress the body's immune system, making it harder to fight off diseases.

Stress has been linked to illness ranging from gastrointestinal distress to headaches to depression. Stress also increases fatigue, which can decrease performance and readiness among Soldiers.

While some stressors during the holiday season may not be avoidable, there are ways to minimize the level of stress and, in turn, improve health. First, it is important to acknowledge when you are feeling stressed. Talk with a support network about your feelings as it may help ease your burden. Recognize activities that re-energize you, and schedule time for those important activities. Whether it is reading, running, yoga, watching TV or spending time with friends, these activities can help you remain balanced and happy in this busy time.

stress levels and to offset holiday weight gain. Holiday weight gain is extremely common in the United States. The National Institutes of Health conducted a study demonstrating that Americans gain significant weight between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, and have a difficult time losing the weight gained over the course of a year. Excess weight from the holiday season can accumulate over time, leading to obesity, diabetes and heart disease.

Holidays are particularly detrimental to waistlines for a variety of reasons. Often holiday celebrations involve large amounts of unhealthy food and alcohol. For example, holiday parties almost would not feel complete without some seasonally favorite, high-calorie snacks, desserts and alcohol. While these events are a way to celebrate, it's important to make smart choices and always remember moderation.

An easy way to avoid overconsumption at a holiday event is to eat before the party. It is easier to avoid consuming large amounts of unhealthy food when your stomach is already full with a balanced meal.

Avoid socializing near the food and drinks. When hovering next to a snack bowl, it is easy to eat mindlessly, which can cause you to eat more calories than needed without even realizing it. It's also useful to use the smallest plates available when getting food. Studies have shown that individuals who use smaller plates eat fewer calories and still feel satisfied. Further, avoid liquid calories, including sugar sweetened beverages and alcohol. These beverages do not keep you full as long as food does, yet they can add many calories to your diet.

Remember, you can always bring a healthy dish to a holiday party. You may be surprised at how many people are grateful for a healthy option.

The holiday season is often the busiest season of the year. This can leave little time to focus on well-balanced meals. Holiday parties filled with tasty and nostalgic treats, busy schedules and stress can take a toll on physical well-being.

Enjoy your holidays, but do not allow the season to derail your health. As always, remember that moderation is the key to a balanced lifestyle. It can help you remain happy and healthy during this holiday season and beyond.

Exercise has proven to be an extremely effective stress reliever. Make exercise a priority during this time to help improve

November courts-martial listing

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1. A specialist from 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division was found guilty at a general court-martial of one specification of committing a sexual act. The accused was found not guilty of one specification of disobeying a lawful command from a superior commissioned officer; and one specification of assault. The military judge sentenced the accused to reduction to E1, confinement for two years and a dishonorable discharge.



2. A private first class from 18th Fires Brigade (Airborne), 82nd Airborne Division was found guilty of one specification of failing to obey a lawful general regulation. The accused was found not guilty of one specification of attempted sodomy; one specification of engaging in a sexual act without consent; one specification of committing indecent conduct; and of wrongfully engaging in sexual contact. The military judge sentenced the accused to forfeiture of \$600 pay per

month for two months and hard labor without confinement for two months.

3. A first lieutenant from 18th Fires Brigade (Airborne), 82nd Airborne Division was found guilty of one specification of desertion. The military judge sentenced the accused to a reprimand, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, confinement for 32 months and dismissal from the service.

4. A specialist from the Military Information Support Operations

Command, United States Army Special Operations Command, was found guilty at a special court-martial of one specification of a violation of a lawful general order; two specifications of wrongful use of a controlled substance; one specification of wrongful possession of a controlled substance; one specification of wrongful appropriation of government property and nine specifications of selling military property without proper authority. The military judge sentenced the accused to confinement for 11 months, forfeiture of \$820 pay per month for 12 months, reduction to E1, and a bad-conduct discharge.

5. A private from 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, XVIII Airborne Corps, was found guilty at a general court-martial of one specification of desertion. The military judge sentenced the accused to forfeiture of \$800 pay per month for six months, confinement for six months, and a bad-conduct discharge.

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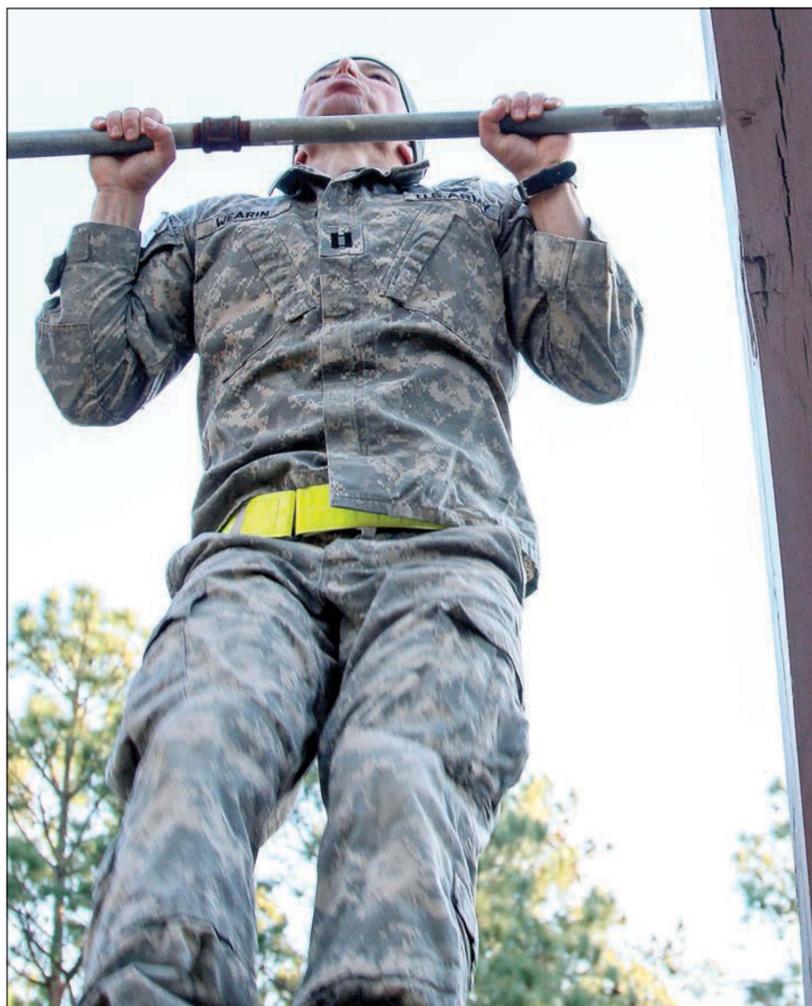
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Fine tuning metacognitive skills



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Capt. Derrick Hunter, the commander of Company C, 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, threads a needle during the brigade's metacognitive physical training event at Fort Bragg, Nov. 20. The brigade hosted the metacognitive physical training event to challenge company commanders' general physical strength and endurance as well as their leadership and problem-solving skills. Metacognition is the awareness and understanding of one's own thought processes.



Capt. Benjamin Wearin, the commander of Company A, 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, performs pullups during the brigade's metacognitive physical training event to test physical endurance and strength at Fort Bragg, Nov. 20.



Company commanders from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, flip a tire during the brigade's metacognitive physical training event at Fort Bragg, Nov. 20. The brigade hosted the metacognitive physical training event to challenge company commanders' general physical strength and endurance as well as their leadership and problem-solving skills. Metacognition is the awareness and understanding of one's own thought processes.



Photo by Sgt. Eliverto V. Larios/82nd Abn. Div. PAO

Capt. Aaron Eide, the commander of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, performs rower exercises during the brigade's metacognitive physical training event at Fort Bragg, Nov. 20. The brigade hosted the metacognitive physical training event to challenge company commanders' general physical strength and endurance as well as their leadership and problem-solving skills. Metacognition is the awareness and understanding of one's own thought processes.



Capt. Benjamin Wearin, the commander of Company A, 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, attempts to open a combination lock during the brigade's metacognitive physical training event at Fort Bragg, Nov. 20. The commanders were given the combinations at an earlier event, requiring them to recall them later. Metacognition is the awareness and understanding of one's own thought processes.

History

Division features momentous history

82ND ABN. DIV. PAO

Originally designated 82nd Headquarters and Headquarters Company, the unit was activated on Aug. 5, 1917, when it was constituted in the National Army as Headquarters, 82nd Division, at Camp Gordon, Georgia. At this time the country was building up for World War I. The unit fought in three major campaigns — St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, and Lorraine 1918. The unit was demobilized in May, 1919.

The 82nd Headquarters and Headquarters Company was reconstituted on June 24, 1921, in the Organized Reserves as Headquarters, 82nd Division. The unit was organized on Sept. 23, 1921, at Columbia, South Carolina. In 1942, the unit would be redesignated as Division Headquarters, 82nd Division. The unit was ordered into active military service on

March 25, 1942, and reorganized at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. Six months later, the unit was again reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters, 82nd Airborne Division. They were credited with participation in six major campaigns during World War II — Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Normandy, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, and Central Europe.

At the same time, in June 1922, the Division Special Troops Battalion was constituted into the Organized Reserves as the Special Troops, 82nd Division. The unit remained on active roles until Jan. 30, 1942.

On Feb. 22, 1945, the Headquarters Special Troops was reconstituted in the Organized Reserves as Special Troops, 82nd Airborne Division. The Special Troops were ordered to active military service in France on March 1, 1945. During World War II, the Special Troops received credit for campaigns in Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Rhineland, and Central Europe.

On Sept. 1, 1957, the 82nd Replacement Company was reorganized and re-designated as the 82nd Administration Company. On June 21, 1975, the 82nd Admin. Co. was re-designated the 82nd Adjutant General Company. The company was inactivated Sept. 30, 1987, at Fort Bragg.

The unit received additional campaign credit for armed forces expeditions in the Dominican Republic, April 29, 1965; Grenada, Oct. 25, 1983;



File photo

Spc. Daniel Soria, an indirect fire infantryman, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, places his M224 Mortar System into operation during the brigade's testing of the new One TESS mortar simulation system at Fort Bragg, in January. The One TESS system allows units to simulate the effects of indirect fire using the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System.

and Panama, (with Arrowhead, Dec. 12, 1990); as well as two campaigns in Southwest Asia: supporting the defense of Saudi Arabia (1990 to 1991) and the liberation and defense of Kuwait (1990 to 1991).

On Aug. 25, 2003, the Headquarters 82nd Abn. Div. deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and returned to Fort Bragg on March 27, 2004.

On Jan. 16, 2006, the company was re-designated as the 82nd Division Special Troops Battalion, 82nd Abn. Div., and activated at Fort Bragg. Simultaneously, the 82nd Signal Battalion was deactivated and used as the core organization forming the 82nd Div. Special Troops Bn.

In January, 2007, the paratroopers of the 82nd Div. Special Troops Bn. deployed to Afghanistan as Task Force Gladius and assumed the mission from the 10th Mountain Division Special Troops Battalion. For 15 months, the 1,300 troopers of Task Force Gladius secured Bagram Airfield and the CJTF-82 Headquarters, conducted full-spectrum combat operations in Parwan and Kapisa provinces, mentored provincial and district

government officials, and partnered with the local villages.

In May 2009, the paratroopers of the 82nd Div. Special Troops Bn. deployed again to Afghanistan as Task Force Gladius and assumed the mission from the 101st Airborne Division Special Troops Battalion. For 14 months, the 1,900 troopers of TFG secured Bagram Airfield, the CJTF-82 Headquarters, and the two division TACs.

Most recently, on Oct. 16, 2010, the Div. Special Troops Bn. was again reorganized and redesignated as the Headquarters and Headquarters Bn., 82nd Abn. Div. In September 2011, the battalion deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan as Task Force Gladius. There they would assume responsibility of the Regional Command South Headquarters from the Headquarters and Headquarters Bn., 10th Mountain Division.

For 12 months, the 1,100 troopers of Task Force Gladius secured Kandahar Airfield and the CJTF-82 Headquarters, conducted support combat operations with coalition, sister service, and other governmental agencies, and worked diligently to put "Afghans in the lead."



Photo by Lewis Perkins/Paraglide

Dress rehearsal

Fort Bragg Soldiers participate in a dress rehearsal for the farewell ceremony of Maj. Gen. Jeffrey N. Colt, deputy commander, XVIII Airborne Corps on Tuesday, at the Main Post Parade Field. Colt has served in various command posts including the 82nd Airborne Division. His overseas assignments include Germany, the Persian Gulf, Panama, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Range Schedule

RANGE WARNING ORDER:

During the period Monday through Dec. 21, units on Fort Bragg will be conducting small arms and high explosives firing in the Fort Bragg range areas. All personnel are warned against entering any danger or impact area without specific approval from the Installation Range Officer. The Fort Bragg range area is not considered an "open range." Entry into or use of fixed ranges, observation posts, training facilities, or areas other than designated recreational areas Manchester, Plank or King Roads must be approved by the Installation Range Officer. The below schedule is subject to change without notice to the public. Additions and/or deletions occur frequently.

MANCHESTER IMPACT AREA – 12:01 p.m. to midnight daily; small arms.
MACRIDGE IMPACT AREA – 12:01 p.m. to midnight daily; demolitions, mortars, small arms, 40mm GL (M203), 40mm MG (MK19), and M1CLIC Rocket (Inert).

COLEMAN IMPACT AREA – 12:01 p.m. to midnight daily; mortars, artillery, demolitions, small arms, .50 Cal MG, 40mm GL (M203, MK19), Helicopter with .50 Caliber MG and Helicopter with 7.62mm machine gun.

MCPHERSON IMPACT AREA – 12:01 p.m. to midnight daily; small arms, demolition, artillery, mortars, Jet Aircraft w/MK82, BDU33, MK76, 20 and 30mm gun.

Units are reminded that personnel performing range officer-in-charge or range safety officer duties at Fort Bragg must be certified in accordance with Fort Bragg Regulation 350-6. This certification is good for two years. The Range OIC/RSO certification course is now conducted by instructors at Brigade level major subordinate commands on Fort Bragg. Range Control gives classes quarterly for those personnel being trained as instructors. For quotas and information concerning the Range OIC and RSO course at Fort Bragg, contact unit S-3. XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg Regulation 350-6, Installation Range Regulation, was revised and the current regulation is dated March 14, 2012. Please refer to chapter 3 for the latest information about Red-Cockaded Woodpecker colonies and possible restrictions.

Below is the weekly range schedule that indicates the units that will be using the known distance ranges during the period Monday through Dec. 21. Commanders with a few individuals who need to fire may coordinate with the using unit to add firers to that unit's range. Point of contact is Range Control Branch at 432-2900/6772.



Fort Bragg Special Operations EOD and warrant officer recruiting briefing times

Briefing	Location	Date	Time
Special Forces	4147 Ardennes	Wednesdays	Noon, 2 p.m.
160th SOAR	Bldg. 2-1120	Mondays	Noon
EOD	Bldg. 2-1120	Mondays	2 p.m.
W/O Training	Bldg. 2-1120	Wednesdays	Noon
Civil Affairs	Bldg. 2-1120	Thursdays	1 p.m.
Psych Ops.	Bldg. 2-1120	Tuesdays	Noon

Contact Numbers

- Special Forces, 432-1818
- Civil Affairs, 432-9697
- PsyOp, 907-5913/396-5786
- 160th, 396-3567

- EOD, 396-5533
- Warrant Officer, 432-2175

Note: Bldg. 2-1120 is located at the corner of Macomb and Jackson streets. The SORB is located on the far left side of the building as you face it from the parking lot.

Jump Schedule

For the week of Friday through Dec. 17.

Date	Unit	Aircraft	Drop Zone	Time on Target
Dec. 17	16thMP	C-130	Holland	1 to 5 p.m.
Dec. 18	HHBn	C-130	Holland	10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Monday

Range 29: 82/SUST

M16 ZERO/ALT QUAL

Tuesday

Range 28: 82/BSB

Range 31: 1/325AIR

Range 31A: 5/MISB

Range 31B: 264/CSB

Range 50: 2/3SFG

Wednesday

Range 28: 82/BSB

Range 31: 1/325AIR

Range 31A: 5/MISB

Range 50: 2/3SFG

Thursday

Range 28: 82/BSB

Range 31: 1/325AIR

M16 QUAL

Monday

Range 34: SOTF

Tuesday

Range 33: 1/325AIR

Range 34: 264/CSB

Wednesday

Range 33: 1/325AIR

Range 34: 1/73CAV

Thursday

Range 33: 1/325AIR

Range 34: 1/73CAV

Friday

Range 34: SOTF

Range 43: 4BSTB

M60/SAW ZERO

Thursday

Range 53: 1/325AIR

Friday

Range 53: 1/325AIR

M60/SAW

TRANSITION

Thursday

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Friday

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Soldiers from the 20th Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives Command participate in an exercise that brought together U.S. Army combat units from around the nation this month.

Fort Bragg Soldiers participate in warfighter exercise

By **WALTER T. HAM IV**
20TH CBRNE COMMAND PA

FORT HOOD, Texas -- Soldiers from the 20th Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives Command are participating in an exercise that has brought together U.S. Army combat units from around the nation this month.

The 52nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group is serving as the Combined Joint Forces Land Component

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The 20th CBRNE units are supporting the Fort Bragg-based 82nd Airborne Division and the Fort Hood-based III Corps.

A simulation-supported, multi-echelon, tactical command post exercise, Warfighter pits the Soldiers against a live, thinking adversary.

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CHRISTMAS TREE

Lighting

By LEWIS PERKINS
PARAGLIDE

The Fort Bragg Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 4, opened the Christmas season with a snow field and downhill snow sled ride for the kids. Miss North Carolina, Beth Stovall, entertained with a selection of seasonal songs. The Bowley Elementary School Bobcat singers rocked a rendition of Bruce Springsteen's Santa Claus is Coming to Town. The Fort Bragg Family of the Year, Maj. Rick Johnson, 1st Battalion, 319th Field Artillery, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, his wife Lea and their children Ana Lucia, Estelle and James counted down and flipped the switch on the Fort Bragg tree, except for James who decided to nap instead. Right after the tree lighting, Santa made his arrival in a fire engine.

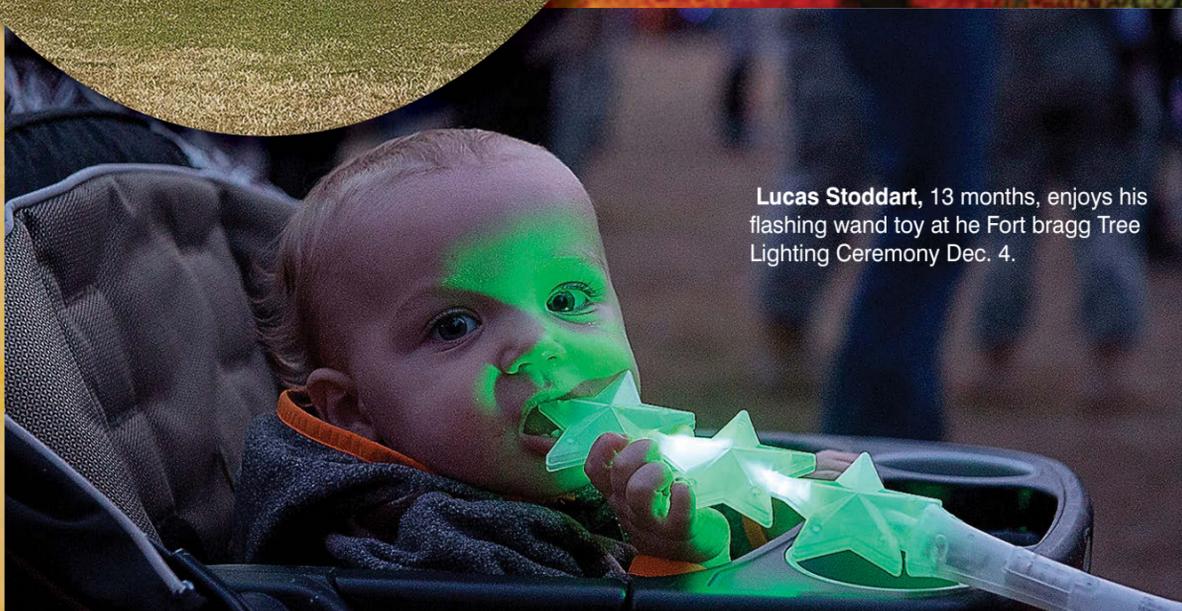


Conner Johnson, 11 months, enjoys a cookie provided by the First Command Financial Planning booth.

Photos by Lewis Perkins/Paraglide



Makayla Crozier, 10, races down the sled hill.



Lucas Stoddart, 13 months, enjoys his flashing wand toy at he Fort bragg Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 4.



Miss North Carolina, Beth Stovall, entertained with a selection of seasonal songs.



Lilly Underwood, 11 months, has her first visit to Santa with her father Sgt. Blake Underwood, assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS



ANTHONY HAMILTON

Anthony Hamilton in Concert: Doors open Dec. 16 at 6 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. at Sports USA.

ONGOING EVENTS

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WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAYS: "Java Expressions open poetry night." Held at the Coffee Scene, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.thecoffeesceneinc.com/>, <https://www.facebook.com/coffeescene>.

MONDAYS: "Roaming Readers." An informal walking, book-talking club. Held at the Hope Mills Branch Library, 8 a.m. For more information, visit <http://www.cumberland.lib.nc.us/ccplsite>.

WEDNESDAYS: "Fayetteville Art Attack." Unites local artists of all mediums. Stage performers include acoustic artists, rock bands, comedians, hip hop artists, poets, and more. Artists will be painting, creating and selling during the stage performances. Performances will be at the Rock Shop Music Hall, 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. For more information, visit <http://www.facebook.com/fayettevilleARTattack>, or <http://www.facebook.com/therockshoplive>.

FRIDAYS: "Fall Out Fridays." Held at Nubian's Restaurant and Classic Catering, 8:30 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.eatatnubians.com>, or <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Nubians-Restaurant-Classic-Catering/214378325302377>.



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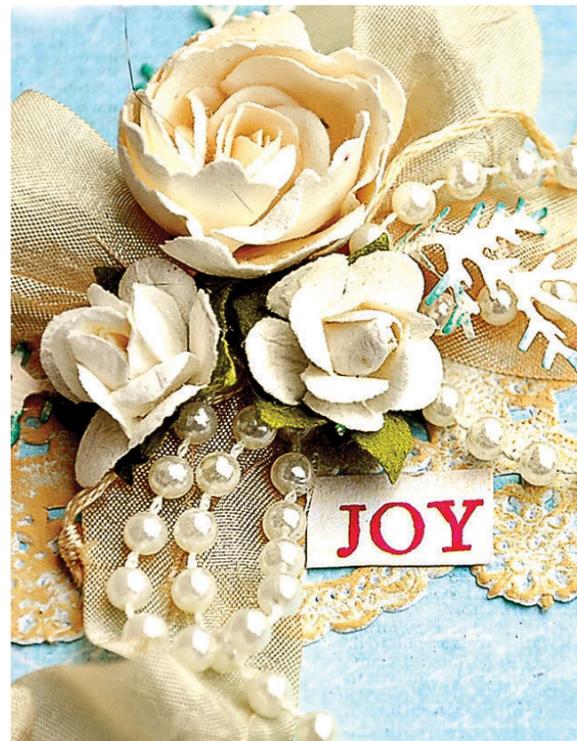
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SATURDAY

THE MESSIAH: Cumberland Oratorio Singers concert featuring Handel's "Messiah" (Part the First) and the Hallelujah Chorus. Concert will be at St. Ann Catholic Church, Saturday, 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.singwithcos.org>.

SENIOR EXHIBITIONS: Showing at the Rosenthal Gallery, Fayetteville State University, through Saturday. For more information, visit <http://www.uncc.edu/arts/fine-arts-series/fine-arts-series-calendar>.

FREE HOLIDAY CONCERT: The Army Ground Forces Band will perform "A Forces Command Holiday" concert at the Crown Center Arena Friday, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Fayetteville Observer, 458 Whitfield Street, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:50 p.m. Doors will open at 6:45 p.m. for ticket-holders. Audience members without tickets will be seated at 7:15 p.m. For more on the band and additional ticket information, see www.forscom.army.mil/band.



SUNDAY

HOLIDAY JUBILEE: Encompasses the traditions of holidays past. Events include music, cooking on the 1902 stove of the 1897 Poe House, a Victorian caroling concert on the Poe House front porch, and the viewing of the elaborate Christmas décor during this open house event. Jubilee will be at the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex, Sunday, 1 p.m. For more information, visit <http://museumofthecapefear.ncdcr.gov/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS AT THE 1897 POE HOUSE:

Enjoy the season in historic style. Tours are at the Poe House in the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex, and will be held through Jan. 4, 2015. For more information, visit <http://museumofthecapefear.ncdcr.gov>.



DISNEY ON ICE PRESENTS FROZEN: Show is at the Crown Coliseum, Dec. 17 through 21. For more information and to buy tickets, visit <http://crowncomplexnc.com>.

KWANZAA CELEBRATION: Entertainment, food, and Parade of Kings and Queens. Celebration will be at the Smith Recreation Center, Dec. 27. For more information, visit 910-483-6152.

THE WINTER'S TALE: A Sweet Tea Shakespeare Company performance. Performance will be Jan. 9 through 11 and 16 through 18, 2015 at the Capitol Encore Academy, Jan. 23 through 25 at the Marquis Market. For more information, visit <http://sweetteashakespeare.com/> or <http://www.facebook.com/sweetteashakespeare>.

STOMP: Performance at the Crown Theatre, Jan. 11, 2015, 4 p.m. For more information and to buy tickets, visit <http://crowncomplexnc.com>.

MAGNOLIA STRING QUARTET CONCERT: Part of the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra's The Salon Series. Concert is at St. John's Episcopal Church, Jan. 15, 2015, 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.fayettevillesymphony.org>.

Fort Bragg Community Spotlight

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Seating the children safely

Firefighters from Station 3 on Fort Bragg helped new parents safely install car seats in their vehicles during a car seat giveaway, Dec. 4.

Free car seats were available for Soldiers and their Families, E4 and below.

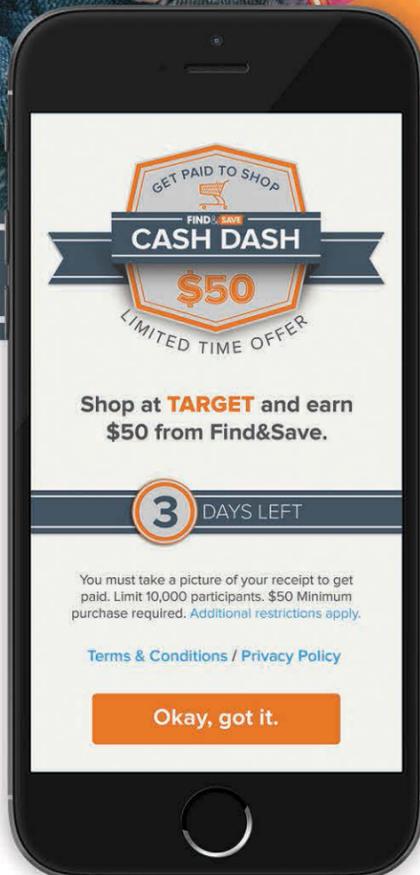
The day started with a safety brief for the parents to see the proper way to place and install car seats in vehicles. Firefighters said the car seat giveaway was an excellent chance to prevent accidents before they happen.

Parents seemed thrilled to have the opportunity to not only receive a new free car seat, but also ensure that the seat was safely installed for their little one.



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Rigging up for the holiday season

By Staff Sgt. Sharilyn Wells
USACAPOC(A) PAO

"I'm always sure of the parachutes I pack," explained Spc. Keneesha Rogers, 824th Quartermaster Company. "But it's always a great feeling jumping or hearing that the packed parachutes have been jumped successfully."

Packing parachutes is a lengthy and tedious job for anyone, and for Rogers, who has been packing military parachutes for about five years, taking shortcuts is not an option.

Depending on the type of personnel parachute being packed, the whole process of safely finishing a packed parachute can take 20 to 25 minutes. Packing reserve parachutes can take up to 45 minutes. When it comes to ensuring the safety of the paratrooper wearing that chute, time and accuracy is a priority.

"The hardest part of my job is making sure I am meeting the numbers every day," said Spc. Nathan Tryon. "I joined the Army to be airborne. I love packing and jumping, I've been with the unit for about four years and packing parachutes for about two or three."

Rogers agreed that meeting the personnel parachute quota every day was a challenge and even more hectic with the 17th Annual Randy Oler Memorial Operation Toy Drop just around the corner.

"It's a short time frame to get so many parachutes ready," Rogers said. "But the job gets done correctly and safely." Preparing the 500 parachutes that the 824th Quartermaster Company will be supplying for the world's largest, combined, airborne operation, with six allied partner nation paratroopers participating, is no different than any other packing job.

After a parachute is jumped and shook out, riggers will then lay out the chute on a long table ensuring that it's straight. The suspension lines and risers are straightened, untwisted and untangled. The parachute is inspected for any deficiencies, holes, or tears and the riggers ensure that it isn't inverted.

The serial number is verified on the parachute and then folded and packed into the deploy bag, and the suspension lines and risers are closed and tied with a closing tie.

Each step of the packing process is also double-checked by an IP, or inspect process, to ensure everything is safe to repack and deploy.

Operation Toy Drop, hosted by U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command



Riggers of the 824th Quartermaster Company, pack around 500 parachutes in support of the 17th Annual Randy Oler Memorial Operation Toy Drop, hosted by the U.S. Army Reserve, U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne), Dec. 5 and 6, at Pope Field. Operation Toy Drop is the world's largest combined airborne operation with six allied partner nation paratroopers participating and provides Soldiers the opportunity to help children in need everywhere receive toys for the holidays.

(Airborne), brings Army, Army Reserve, Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and allied countries together to conduct safe and valuable training, and to collect toys for Families and children in need of a little help during the holiday season.

This year, 4,150 paratroopers will have the opportunity to earn foreign jump wings in exchange for donating toys to the event. This year's toy goal is to raise 10,000 toys, a significant jump from the 550 toys raised in its first year in 1998.

"It's a really important event ... it's a legacy," said Tryon. "I think it's a great mixture of tradition for what our paratroopers do and giving back to the community that has supported us throughout the years."



Photos by Staff Sgt. Sharilyn Wells/USACAPOC(A) PAO

I'm proud to be a part of it."

Just as much thought, detail and time is put into picking out the perfect toy to donate as packing a parachute. Many of the paratroopers who donate usually go off of personal experiences when picking out the special toy.

"I'm thinking a Power Ranger," smiled Tryon. "I usually try to remember what I thought was cool when I was a kid and think a Power Ranger will be perfect."

Operation Toy Drop: one vision through the years

By Spc. Kimber Gillus
USACAPOC(A) PAO

For some Soldiers, this was their first year. For others, it was their sixth, or eighth, or 10th year. Either way, they all stood together in the cold.

They carried a toy in one hand and their advanced combat helmet in the other. All joined for the 17th year of the Randy Oler Memorial Operation Toy Drop.

What was started as a lone civil affairs sergeant's labor of love, has grown into the world's largest, combined, airborne training operation. Army, Army Reserve, Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and foreign partner nations all participate annually, but it has seen some changes over the last 17 years.

The U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) has been the cornerstone of Operation Toy Drop from its infancy, with then-Staff Sgt. Randy Oler spearheading the exercise. The late Oler was known as a 'gentle giant' whose heart was saddened by seeing children without gifts to celebrate the holidays.

"Randy Oler combined two things he loved — giving toys to kids and jumping out of planes," said Lt. Col. Aaron Clapsaddle, Airborne commander for USACAPOC(A). "For Reserve Soldiers, this is an opportunity to continue our service, this time to our local community."

While not losing sight of Oler's original intent, paratroopers and jumpmasters alike engage in an operation that focuses on training and proficiency. Jumpmasters from the U.S. Army participated alongside their foreign counterparts in jumpmaster training before the two busiest days of Operation Toy Drop.

The training helps U.S. paratroopers adapt to the challenges of combined training — cultural nuances and language barriers that can't be mastered in a single day's work.

Additionally, the logistics and schedules of jumps was adjusted from prior years to maximize the number of paratroopers who would benefit from the unique experience. On the first day, Soldiers who had 'hard slots,' or guaranteed entry on flight manifests for the exercise, had the

opportunity to jump while the lottery was being held for the other 500 paratroopers who hoped to jump the following day.

Clapsaddle said the change added complexity to the planning stages of the Fort Bragg tradition. But it also gave many more Soldiers the chance to jump — a chance that many of them would not have otherwise.

The first Operation Toy Drop raised around 500 toys, a number that pales in comparison to what the exercise and turnout has become today. At press time, over 3,000 toys have been collected, with more expected as the operation continues through today.

The Army Reserve Command, USO, and other organizations provided entertainment, support and holiday cheer as Soldiers donated thousands of gifts, ranging

from dolls to ride-on toy cars to gaming consoles.

"Each year the participation grows and grows," said Maj. Gen. Luis Visot, chief of staff of the U.S. Army Reserve, commenting on the importance of the training to Reserve Soldiers. "It's not just the toys, but the valuable training for the Soldiers who get to participate."

Every year during lottery day of Operation Toy Drop, the line wraps around the parking lot along the road that leads to the passenger sheds. These Soldiers, and the entities that came out to support them, do it for both training and charity. Through their hard work, local children in need will have at least one gift this holiday season, which was the original vision of the Gentle Giant who started this airborne tradition.

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Trees for the troops

Thanks to FedEx and the National Christmas Tree Association's Christmas Spirit Foundation, more than 600 trees were handed out during the annual Trees for Troops event at Smith Lake on Dec. 5. Enlisted Soldiers E6 and below were allowed to pick up one free Christmas tree during the giveaway. Volunteers arrived at 5 a.m. to start setting up.



Airborne bears gifts for holidays

By SGT. 1ST CLASS
CLAUDE DIXON
318TH PCH

More than a thousand paratroopers landed at Sicily Drop Zone, as a part of Operation Toy Drop Dec. 5.

For American troops, it was a chance to earn foreign jump wings by working with jumpmasters from Germany, Latvia, Indonesia, Poland, Italy and the Netherlands.

"We had a German jumpmaster. It was awesome!" said 1st Lt. Michael Kipp, Troop B, 3rd Squadron, 73rd Cavalry, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division. "They did all the commands in German. We rehearsed everything prior to the jump to make sure everyone knew exactly what they were saying."

The 17th Annual Randy Oler Memorial Operation Toy Drop, hosted by U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne), an Army Reserve unit, is the world's largest, combined, airborne operation with six allied and partner nations involved. Kipp said jumping was a little different because the German aircraft was a little tighter and there is no real platform compared to what he is use to on American aircraft, such as a C-130 or C-17.

"So you have to jump farther out to avoid hitting the plane," he said. "The chute opened great. To tell you the truth, this is one of my best jumps. I couldn't be happier."

Staff Sgt. James Vaughn, Company B, Headquarters

and Headquarters Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, jumped with Latvian jumpmasters.

"Latvia was good," said the 23-year-old. "They were confident. They knew the aircraft very well. I was never uncertain of the actions of the Latvia jumpmaster team. They were really good. I enjoyed it."

This wasn't Vaughn's first hard (secured slot) for foreign wings. He has had four previous hard slots but they were scratched for numerous reasons. So this was his first completed airborne operation to earn foreign jump wings.

"It's a great experience, you get to meet new people," said Vaughn. "There is a big mix of people in

the chinks. So you get to network there. You get to speak a little with the foreign jumpmaster team. They bring a little culture to the plate."

This was Vaughn's second year taking part in Operation Toy Drop.

"It is a great experience!" he said.

This was Kipp's first experience with Operation Toy Drop and he agreed with Vaughn.

He went on to say it was a great experience on multiple levels. The first was being able to give a toy to a child in need.

The other great experience was the operational aspect he said. It brought out trust with other countries and with other Soldiers.

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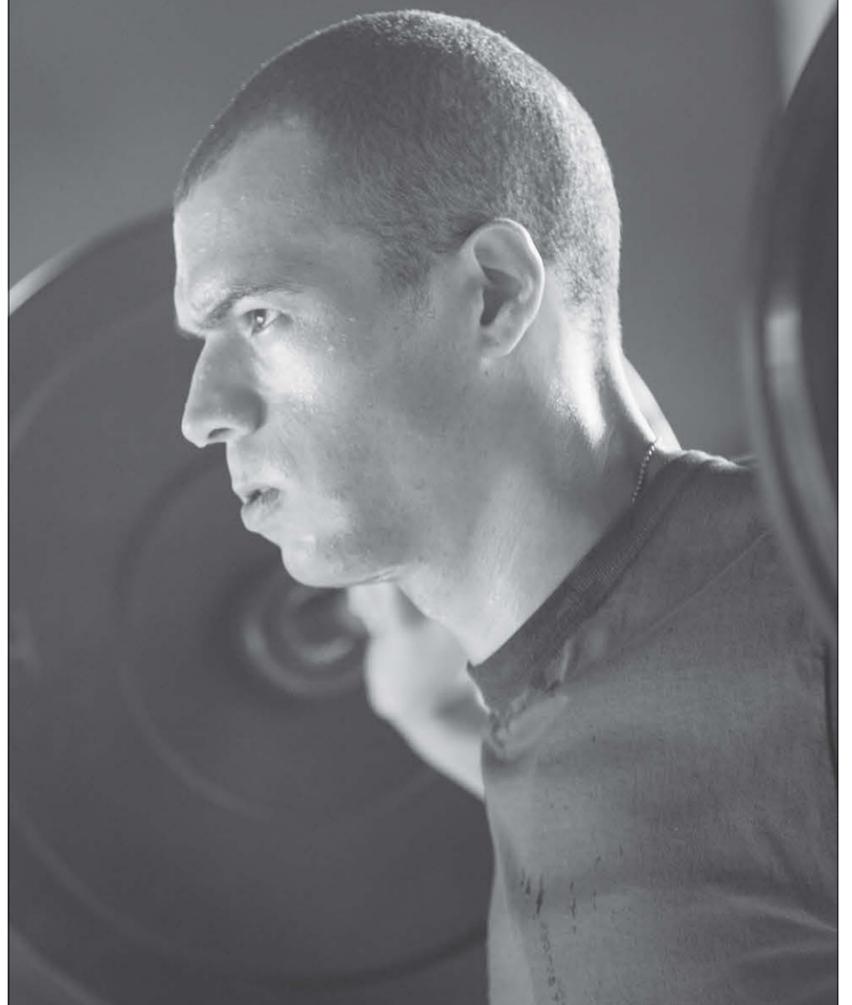
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CID warns of carjacking scam, provides safety tips

U.S. Army CID

QUANTICO, Virginia, The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, commonly referred to as CID, is warning the greater Army community about a new carjacking scam targeting unsuspecting holiday shoppers.

CID special agents were recently alerted through law enforcement channels about a new ploy, where criminals use the lure of free cash as a distraction. The crime provides crooks a window of opportunity to swoop in and rob an unsuspecting victim of their belongings, including their vehicle.

“What we’ve heard is criminals will place a \$100 bill, usually on an individual’s windshield under the wiper blade, and while the victim is distracted and gets out to retrieve the cash, the criminals use the element of surprise to approach the vehicle and rob the victim of their belongings and car,” said Special Agent Mark Kerr, a CID agent with Headquarters, Army CID. “It’s the perfect distraction during the holiday season, because everyone could use

a little extra cash, especially if it’s free.”

According to the state of Maryland’s Attorney General’s Office the scam, initially reported to Prince George’s County law enforcement, has the potential to spread throughout the country. However, steps can be taken by the public to ensure their safety to combat this scam.

Kerr said that should anyone discover money on their vehicle, to quickly move to a safe, public location and notify law enforcement or security personnel immediately. Lock your doors and do not get out of the vehicle to retrieve it.

The following CID recommended safety tips are provided to help ensure the greater Army community has a safe and secure holiday season:

- Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. Check the back seat and around the car before getting in.

- Park in well-lit areas and as close to the store as possible.

- Avoid becoming an easy target for thieves by not purchasing more than you can safely carry.

- Plan ahead by taking a friend with you or ask a store employee to help you carry your packages to the car. If leaving a store late at night and by yourself, ask security to walk you to your car if you feel threatened.

- Wait until asked before taking out your credit card or checkbook. An enterprising thief would love to “shoulder surf” to get your account information.

- Do not leave packages visible in your car windows. Lock them in the trunk or, if possible, take them directly home.

- Deter pickpockets. Carry your purse close to your body or your wallet inside a coat or front trouser pocket.

- Tell a security guard or store employee if you see an unattended bag or package. The same applies if you are using mass transit.

- If you are shopping with children, make a plan in case you get separated. Select a central meeting place and make sure they know they can ask mall personnel or store security employees if they need help.

- Always be alert and



Photo courtesy of Metro Creative Connection

aware of your surroundings and do not blindly walk in public areas focused on your phone.

“It’s crucial that Soldiers, civilians and Family members protect themselves throughout the holiday shopping season,” Kerr said. “Having a plan in the event of an emergency and being aware of your surroundings is the best way to keep from becoming a victim.”

CID Lookout is a U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command initiative to partner with the Army community by providing a conduit for members of the Army Family, to help

prevent, reduce and report felony-level crime.

The USACIDC is an independent criminal investigative organization that investigates serious, felony-level crime such as murder, rape, sexual assault, robbery, arson, fraud, and even cyber crime or intrusions into the Army networks.

Solving and preventing these types of crime cannot be achieved solely by CID special agents and the military police. Together, professional law enforcement officers and the Army community must work hand-in-hand to fight serious crime. As such, CID is

on point for the Army and depends heavily on Soldiers, Family members and civilian employees to be on the lookout and provide assistance in keeping the Army strong and safe.

CID Lookout provides the latest information to the Army community aimed at helping Soldiers protect themselves, their Families and to reduce their chances of becoming crime victims.

For more information on CID or to report a felony-level crime or provide information concerning a crime, contact the Fort Bragg Military Police at 396-0391.

Customers should be alert while shopping during holidays

By **VERONICA DUDLEY**
USAPHC

Attention all holiday shoppers! You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I’m telling you why. Holiday thieves are coming to town!!

The holidays were never meant to be marked by stress and anxiety. But all too often, the most wonderful time of the year becomes less about spending time with loved ones and more about protecting yourself from being a victim of identity theft. The attached list gives some tips to help you shop safely and securely during the holiday season.

One of the first things a consumer should do to protect themselves during the holiday season is to enroll in a credit/debit card credit-monitoring service. Taking this step will provide early warning notification if unusual activity occurs with your account.

Be alert while shopping and be sure that you get your card back after every purchase. Always make sure that sales vouchers are for the correct purchase amount before you sign them. Keep copies of your sales vouchers and ATM, debit or credit card receipts in a secure place. Don’t volunteer any personal information when you use your credit card; only display your personal identification as requested by a merchant. Don’t put your driver’s license number on your checks. Review your statements regularly to ensure there are no suspicious charges. Contact your bank immediately if you see a charge you don’t

recognize.

Use caution when shopping online.

Select one credit card with a low credit limit to use for all your online purchases. Immediately after you make a Web transaction, completely close your browser. To maximize Web transaction safety, use a recent version of your Web browser. Web addresses starting with “https” and Web pages with a padlock symbol in the lower right corner are safest.

Check your account often.

Reviewing your recent account activity is fundamental to credit card safety and it’s easy. You can do it online or by phone. If your credit card issuer offers email or mobile alerts about unusual activity, sign up to receive them. If you’ve been a victim of fraud or identity theft in the past, consider signing up with a credit-monitoring service.

Report lost cards and suspected fraud right away.

If you lose your credit card or suspect fraudulent activity, contact your bank or credit card issuer right away. Your credit card issuer can block your card and account number so no one else can use it and then give you a new card and account number. Remember, speed is of the essence. According to U.S. law, once you notify your credit card issuer that your card was lost or stolen, the most you’ll have to pay is \$50, and many credit card issuers waive that charge as long as you notify them promptly.

Use safe payment options.

Credit cards are generally the safest

option because they allow buyers to seek a credit from the issuer if the product needs to be returned for any reason or if an item ordered online wasn’t received. Credit cards may have a limit on the monetary amount you will be responsible for paying. Additionally, credit cards are easier to replace if stolen or when fraudulent activity has been identified. Debit cards are associated with your personal bank account, but the protections don’t relieve consumers of hassle. The prospect of trying to get money put back into a bank account, and the problems that a lower-than-expected balance can cause in terms of fees and refused checks or payments, make some online shoppers reach first for credit cards.

While debit cards and credit cards each have advantages, each is also better suited to certain situations. Since a debit card is a direct line to your bank account, there are places where it may be wise to avoid using it. Here are 10 places and situations where it can pay to leave that debit card in your wallet:

1. Online shopping
2. Purchasing big-ticket items
3. Situations where a deposit is required
4. Paying at restaurants
5. Purchasing from a new, non chain-related merchant
6. Situations that involve buying now and paying later
7. Making recurring payments
8. Paying for future travel
9. Paying at a gas station or hotel
10. Conducting business at a check-out or ATM that looks suspicious

How to keep radio-frequency identification credit cards safe.

RFID embedded cards use radio frequencies to transmit data. You can use these cards at stores and restaurants to pay for your purchases without having to swipe your card through a scanner. The RFID technology also allows thieves to scan your wallet and get your card’s information without having to see the card. One way to block RFID transmission is to purchase a wallet that blocks RFID transmissions. Choose the wallets that are approved by the General Services Administration. Look for a stamp or statement by this agency to ensure authenticity when buying this product.

Finally here are some general tips from law enforcement officers on how consumers can take steps to reduce the risk of being victimized during the holidays:

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash
- Carry purses close to your body. Put wallets in front pants pockets or inside your coat. Never leave your purse unattended in shopping carts. Don’t overburden yourself with packages.
- Park in areas with good lighting
- Keep car windows closed.
- Hide shopping bags and valuables in your trunk.
- Lock your car and take your keys with you.
- Use ATMs in well-lit, populated areas. Try to visit ATMs during daylight hours. Avoid ATMs where people are loitering for no reason.



“Even though you’ve seen it every year, it never loses its luster, its emotional tug.”

— Kelly Twedell, military spouse

AN ELITE PERSPECTIVE

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Holiday hours announced:
Christmas hours: All specialty care clinics and primary care clinics will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 for Christmas. This includes Clark Health Clinic, Joel Health and Dental Clinic, Robinson Health Clinic, Troop and Family Medical Clinic, Womack Family Medicine Residency Clinic, Fayetteville Medical Home and the Hope Mills Medical Home.
New Year's Day: All specialty care and primary care clinics will be closed on Jan. 1, 2015 for New Year's Day. This includes Clark Health Clinic, Joel Health and Dental Clinic, Robinson Health Clinic, Troop and Family Medical Clinic, Womack Family Medicine Residency Clinic, Fayetteville Medical Home and the Hope Mills Medical Home.
 The Emergency

Department is always available for emergencies. To reach the Emergency Department, please call 911. For more information, log onto www.wamc.amedd.army.mil.
Get squared away: Financial Peace University will kick off on Jan. 21, 2015, 6 p.m., at Pope Chapel. This 13-week financial planning program is available for the whole Family.
 Space is limited, so please register early with Jeff Nevin at 394-1351 or jeff.nevin@us.army.mil.
Employee assistance training: The Fort Bragg Employee Assistance Program is available to support the work/life health and welfare needs of DoD civilian employees and Fort Bragg/Pope Field community.
 Prime for Life, Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Leader and Workforce to Development Center, Building 2-2020, Woodruff Street.

Call 396-5784 to reserve a seat.
Scholarship available: The Fort Bragg Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., is accepting scholarship applications from Cumberland and Harnett counties' graduating seniors. Applicants must be a military Family member with a military ID card or resident of Spring Lake, Hope Mills, Spout Springs, Cameron or Linden and planning to attend a two or four-year institution in Fall 2015 with a minimum high school 3.0 grade-point average. Scholarship recipients will be selected based on community service, extracurricular activities and essay responses. The scholarship application is available at www.fortbraggdeltas.com. Application deadline is Jan. 9, 2015.
 For more information, email FBAACscholarship@gmail.com.



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<p>CATHOLIC Dec. 16; 5:30 p.m., Penance Service at Pope Chapel Christmas Mass Schedule Dec. 24, 3:30 p.m., Children's Mass at All American Chapel Midnight Mass at All American Chapel Dec. 25, 9 a.m., Mass at Main Post Chapel; 9 a.m., Mass at All American Chapel; 11:30 a.m.,</p>	<p>Mass at WAMC Chapel; 1 p.m., Spanish Mass at JFK Chapel PROTESTANT Christmas Candlelight Service - Dec. 24; 4:30 p.m., Main Post Chapel; 6 p.m., Division Memorial Chapel; 7 p.m., JFK Chapel; 6 p.m., All American Chapel; 6 p.m., Pope Chapel New Year's Eve Service; Dec. 31, 7 p.m., JFK Chapel</p>
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Ask the WAMC commander

How do you protect babies from whooping cough?

By COL.
RON STEPHENS
WAMC COMMANDER



Protect babies from whooping cough. If you're pregnant get a Tdap shot.

Whooping cough (pertussis) is a respiratory infection that can

cause severe coughing or trouble breathing and it could be deadly for babies.

About half of infants who get whooping cough are hospitalized. Whooping cough cases across the U.S. have been on the rise since the 1980s.

The Tdap vaccine helps protect you from whooping cough and

passes some protection to your baby.

Parents and caregivers should create a circle of protection around their baby.

Four out of five babies who get whooping cough catch it from someone at home.

Everyone in the Family needs a whooping cough vaccine:

- Parents
- Brothers and sisters
- Childcare providers
- Grandparents

Parents and caregivers should ensure their baby gets all five doses of whooping cough vaccine on time.

Babies needs whooping cough vaccine at:

- 2 months
- 4 months
- 6 months
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- 4 to 6 years

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For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/whoopingcough.

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Sgt. **Johsua Lovik**, 27th Engineer Battalion, pushes the ball up the court during their competition against 4th Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group at Ritz-Epps Physical Fitness Center, Dec. 4.

FINISH LINE

Which is the best college basketball program?

Pre-season basketball Intramural season opens with tournaments around post

BY IRVIN GOURDINE
PARAGLIDE

Lace up those Jordan's because it's time to hit the hardwood.

Intramural basketball is back in action for the 2014-2015 unit-level program. Pre-season tournaments are being held at various fitness centers on post until Dec. 18.

First round games will finish on Wednesday and today will mark the beginning of the second round games.

Ritz-Epps Physical Fitness Center began its pre-season tournament Dec. 4.

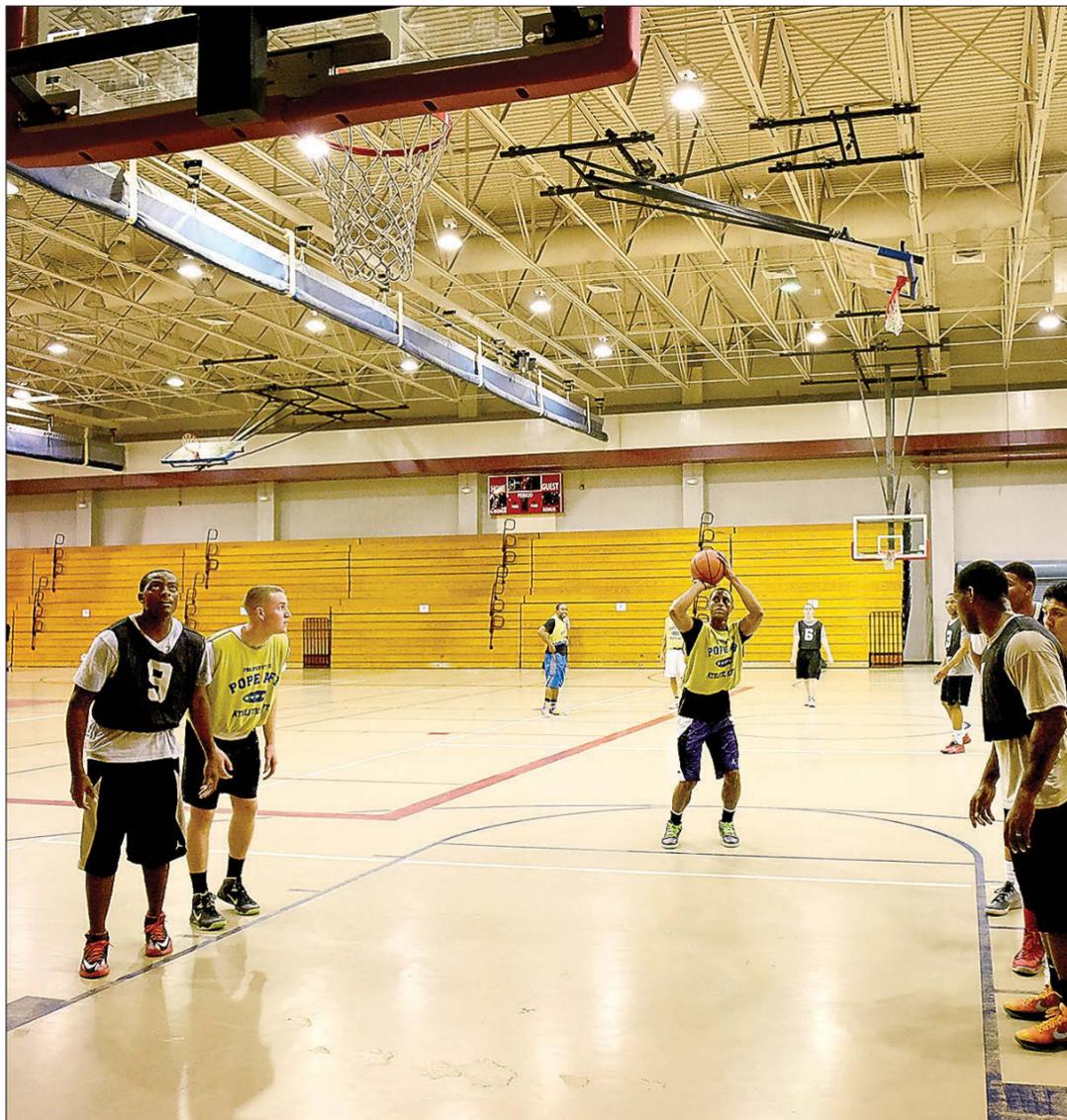
In the opening game Company B, Brigade Support Battalion faced off against 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment. It was a close game but 1st Bn., 319th AFAR pulled out the win by a final of 36-25.

Game two was between the 27th Engineer Battalion and 4th Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group.

The engineers jumped out the gate with a large lead early in the first half. The SWTG ballers fought their way back into the game only to fall short, as the engineers went on to a 57-43 victory.

To view more photos of the unit level basketball program, visit paraglideonline.net.

(Editor's note: If you have great photos of the games, you can submit them to paraglidebragg@gmail.com. Please place in the subject line, intramural sports and the name of the teams as so, 'Intramural Sports 27th Eng. Bn. vs. SWTG.')



Spc. **Matt Mafnas**, 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, takes aim for free throws during the competition against Company B, Brigade Support Battalion Monday night at the Ritz-Epps Physical Fitness Center.



Pfc. **Terricus Alemander**, 27th Engineer Battalion, loses his footing as he attempts to defend against 1st Special Warfare Training Group guard Tony Makar, during intramural action Monday.



"Duke."

— Spc. **Joshua Tuggle**
11th Quartermaster Co.



"Carolina."

— Craig **Ingram**
Civilian



"UCLA."

— Staff Sgt. **Richard Marshall**
3rd SFG



"Duke."

— Capt. **Jamel Kirklín**
307th BSB, 1st BCT.

Sidelines

Santa vs. Grinch: Paintball competition on Dec. 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Clay Target Center.

Early registration is \$25 and \$35 on the day of the event. Pre-register no later than Dec. 18.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. the day of the event.

Open to everyone age 16 and older.

Equipment rental fee is \$15. For field paint only, the cost is \$15 for a 500 round bag, \$45 for a 2000 round box.

For more information and to register, call 436-9489.

Unit-level flag football:

Open to active-duty military personnel assigned or attached to Fort Bragg. The season runs through Dec. 11. Games will be scheduled

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Photos by Lewis Perkins/Paraglide

Soldiers participate in a unit-level flag football game, Monday, at Fort Bragg. The game pitted 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment Soldiers against Soldiers of the Joint Special Operations Command. The 325th AIR won the game 26-12.

325th Airborne Infantry Regiment Soldiers defeat Joint Special Operations Command

A Soldier with the JSOC makes a pass to a teammate during a game, against 325th AIR servicemembers, Monday, outside Ritz-Epps Physical Fitness Center.



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Photo by Marvin Krause/43d AG

Fort Bragg Airmen and Soldiers participate in the Air Force's annual Operation Toy Trot 5K race Dec. 3, collecting toys for the annual Randy Oler Memorial Operation Toy Drop scheduled for Dec. 5 through Sunday. More than 150 servicemembers dressed in holiday and fitness attire donated toys and competed in the 5K race around the Pope Field flight line to help kickoff this year's U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command's (Airborne) annual Operation Toy Drop. Over its 17-year span, Operation Toy Drop has collected and distributed thousands of toys for children in the Sandhills area.

Pope Airmen, Fort Bragg Soldiers combine efforts for Operation Toy Trot

By **MARVIN KRAUSE**
43RD AGPAO

Pope Airmen and Fort Bragg Soldiers participated in the Air Force's annual Operation Toy Trot 5K race Dec. 3, collecting toys for the annual Randy Oler Memorial Operation Toy Drop scheduled for Dec. 5 through Sunday.

"Operation Toy Trot was a great start to this year's Toy Drop efforts," said Master Sgt. Claudia Alvarez, Operation Toy Drop project officer from the 43rd Force Support Squadron.

"The main purpose of joining forces with the Army for this event was to increase awareness for Operation Toy Drop and to collect additional toys for the local community, including our Airmen and Soldier Families as well," she said.

This event and Operation Toy Drop underscores the service's belief that Soldiers and Airmen, the people who collectively come together as a team for great causes like training and charity, are an organization's best asset.

Certificates and prizes were awarded for the Toy Trot's first place male and female, first place team and best holiday attire, male and female.

It was 1st Lt. Lorin Hoover,

43rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, who placed first for the females and Airman 1st Class Benjamin Latimer, 43rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, who placed first for the males.

"This year, we attached a unique label with a piece of chocolate to each donated Toy Trot toy to honor the Berlin Airlift's original 'Candy Bomber', Air Force Col. Gail S. 'Hal' Halvorsen," said Col. Kenneth Moss, 43rd Airlift Group commander. "During the Berlin Airlift from 1948 to 1949, Colonel Halvorsen decided to boost the spirits of the German children during that time of uncertainty and privation. He organized missions to drop candy to children using parachutes made of handkerchiefs.

It was such a success, soon other pilots joined in to create what became known as Operation Little Vittles. Colonel Halvorsen knew instinctively how much difference an act of kindness can make in a child's life. We are simply trying to follow in his footsteps and pay homage to a man with a big heart," Moss said.

Halvorsen, who turned 94 years old on Oct. 10, was among members of the Civil Air Patrol who received a Congressional Gold Medal Wednesday for their service during World War II. The Congressional Gold Medal is the

highest award Congress can give to a civilian. He is perhaps best known for advocating themes of service towards others.

"Service is the bottom line to happiness and fulfillment," Halvorsen said.

Operation Toy Drop, originally masterminded in 1998 by then-Staff Sgt.

Randy Oler, a Civil Affairs Soldier, started as a relatively small operation. After months of planning, the first Operation Toy Drop garnered just 550 toys — but it was a start.

Since 1998, the operation has collected and donated more than 86,000 toys — from bikes to dolls to video game systems, for Families and children in need throughout the region.

Each toy collected is donated to a child in need, almost 20,000 children received toys in 2013 through Operation Toy Drop.

On April 20, 2004, Sgt. 1st Class Randall R. Oler suffered a fatal heart attack while performing jumpmaster duties. The void left by his death was difficult to fill, Oler had run the operation from memory for six years.

With the support of every unit on Fort Bragg, Operation Toy Drop has continued and, in 2013, Operation Toy Drop raised more than 10,000 toys.



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on weekday evenings. Program information is available at www.fortbraggmwr.com/sports.

Fort Bragg Combatives Tournament Invitational:

Open to all U.S. armed forces. Elimination matches are Thursday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ritz-Epps gym and advance finals

Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m., at Sports USA. For more information, call Sports USA at 907-0739.

Combat Cross Country meet:

Open to all active-duty personnel assigned to Fort Bragg. Event is Feb. 7, 2015, 8 a.m., at Smith Lake. Cost is \$5 on or before Jan. 30, 2015, \$10 thereafter.



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Fort Bragg 5K Walk/Run:

The next race is Saturday at Hedrick Stadium. This event is free to military and government ID card holders and their guests. The race begins at 9 a.m. No registration is required, strollers and dogs are welcome.

For more information, call 396-1217.

The Ninth Annual Ryan's Reindeer 5K Run: A

challenging 5K with a few hills. The 5K run and walk starts and ends at the Medical Arts parking lot entrance on Hay Street in downtown Fayetteville. The race immediately goes up Haymount Hill and passes through the Haymount area.

Timing is provided. Prizes are awarded in various categories. Festive costumes are encouraged. A team trophy is presented to the group with the largest number of participants.

There are two entry categories - individual and Family. Family entrants are not eligible for the individual awards. Pets on leash are allowed but must be controlled at all times. This race is limited to 1,000 participants so register early to guarantee your spot. Link to photos from the 2013 Run <http://rbcfay.smugug.com/2013-reindeer-run/> Package pick up: Dec.

19, from 5 to 8 p.m., at Breezewood Healthcare, 200 Forsythe St., Fayetteville. Race starts at 8:30 a.m.

UPCOMING

All American Marathon

March 22, 2015: The All-American Marathon will start in downtown Fayetteville, at Festival Park. Festival Park is a four-acre concert and entertainment complex located in the heart of Fayetteville. Racers will run up Ray Avenue to Hay Street where they will run through the heart of historic downtown Fayetteville past the Market House. The route will then take runners up past Veterans Parks, and the Airborne and Special Operations Museum which is the home to the historic Iron Mike Statue. Runners will continue running up Morganton through the Historic Haymount District of Fayetteville, traveling rolling hills until reaching the All-American Freeway. After running on the All-American freeway for about four miles, our full marathon racers will enter the installation on Gruber Road. The race course will then lead runners past the home of the 82nd Airborne Division and past Pope Airfield. Marathoners will finish at the Main Post Parade Field. For more information, visit <http://www.fortbraggmwr.com/allamericanmarathon/>.