

ACTION OPENS SECOND FRONT

ALLIED FORCES, 1ST ARMORED DIVISION, INVADE FRENCH AFRICA!

By T/4 Dave McClain

LONDON, Sunday, Nov. 8, 1942 - The Allied invasion of Northwest Africa, Operation Torch, has begun and the 1st Armored Division is right in the middle of it - literally. The landings consisted of three task forces which landed across Morocco and Algeria. Elements of the division are part of the Central Task Force, which landed both east and west of the city of Oran, Algeria, under the command of Brig. Gen. Lunsford E. Oliver. Our troops encountered unexpectedly heavy resistance from the Vichy French, but are turning the tide and expect to enter Oran within 2-3 days.

This landing was the division's first contact with an enemy and IAD has become the first American armored division to see combat in the war. But this is just the beginning. These landings open up a second front against the Axis powers, forcing Hitler and Mussolini to divert troops and resources from the Russian Front. As our boys move across

Africa, we can guess that their ultimate goal will be an invasion of what Prime Minister Winston Churchill has called "the soft underbelly of the axis" - Mussolini's Italy.

It is being reported that popular support in Italy for the war is declining. Churchill believes that an invasion will remove Italy from the war, removing the influence of axis forces in the Mediterranean Sea and opening it to Allied traffic. This would reduce the amount of scarce shipping capacity needed to supply Allied forces in the Middle and Far East and increase British and American supplies to the Soviet Union. In addition, it would tie down even more German forces, keeping them away from the Russian front. Premier Stalin has been pressing to open a second front in Europe, which would weaken the Wehrmacht's invasion of Russia.

The IAD is honored to be a part of this great effort and to be finally putting the training of the past two years to the test.

The division was trained at

Fort Knox, Ky., starting July 15, 1940. It was an experiment in a self-supporting, permanent fighting unit with tanks at its center. This experiment in a self-sustaining blitzkrieg force had never been tried before, and the troops necessary for such an organization were drawn from many Army posts.

When the organization was completed, the division had tanks, artillery and infantry in strength. In direct support were tank destroyer, maintenance, medical, supply and engineer battalions. But bringing the division up to its full quota of tanks, guns and vehicles was difficult. The division had, as late as March of last year, only nine very old medium-sized tanks, but new equipment was being received almost daily.

To become expert with their newly acquired tanks, half-tracks and guns, most of the division attended the Armored Force School at Fort Knox. Every day some unit attacked from the steel observation tower called 'O.P.



Six' to capture some part of a 25 square mile patch of Kentucky brush and gullies. It fell to each man to do his duty, and learn how to fight as a team, as a unit, as the IAD.

With more than a year's training behind them, the division left Kentucky in September of last year for three month's of maneuvers in Louisiana. The training

and the conditions were tough, but necessary to prepare our boys for the challenges that they now face in Northern Africa.

After their hot Louisiana autumn, the division headed back to Fort Knox. The day after they returned to Kentucky, Imperial Japan attacked Pearl Harbor.

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America's tank division begins an assault.

America's tank division lights a torch

By Joe Buccino War Correspondent

The United States 1st Armored Division, America's tank division, along with the 1st Infantry Div., comprising the Allied "Center Task Force," landed in Oran, Algeria, yesterday as part of Operation Torch, an ambitious Allied operation involving three amphibious task forces. The men of "Old Ironsides" overcame tremendous challenges to include damage to a landing ship, failed efforts to land troops directly in the harbor, unexpected shallowness of

water and sandbars, and surprisingly stubborn French resistance.

The Center Task Force, under the command of Maj. Gen. Lloyd Fredenhall, was split between three beaches, two west of Oran and one east. This war correspondent was able to report that as of this morning, the French fought all day but appeared overwhelmed last night due to the firepower of the IAD.

The Central Task Force's ability to beat down French resistance, along with President Roosevelt's appeal to the French and widespread French

sympathy with the Allied cause appears to be bearing fruit. Reports from jittery Vichy and Axis radios and one from London indicated that Gen. Henri Giraud, one of France's most beloved military heroes, was in Africa rallying the French army there to the United Nations' cause. The speed and power of the Old Ironsides division appears to have lit a "torch" in a new front in the war. Now, our Iron Soldiers will ride onto victory!

Africa campaign leaders well known at Bliss

By Joe Buccino War Correspondent

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, commander-in-chief of the Allied force invading North Africa today, along with other leaders of the campaign, are well known here on Fort Bliss.

Eisenhower, as chief of staff of the Third Army at San Antonio, directed activities of the 1st Cavalry Division here last year.

Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrew, whose appointment as commander of American forces in the Middle East was announced simultaneously with the North African invasion, was stationed at Fort Bliss in 1913 as a cavalry lieutenant.

Maj. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., commander of the American forces landing on the west coast of Africa, was aide to Gen. John J. Pershing during the Punitive Expedition in 1916, and was stationed at Fort Bliss.

Patton's picture hangs in the office of our own Maj. Gen. P. Swift, 1st Cav. Div. commander. During World War I, Patton commanded the first American tank brigade in France.

We can only hope that as our efforts in North Africa gain steam that Patton will come full circle and someday soon command a corps that include our 1st Armored Division.

Hitler promises counter-punch

By Winston Smith

LONDON - Adolf Hitler declared tonight that Germany would strike a country punch "in due time" against the United States Army after their landings in North Africa.

"Wherever the fronts may be, again and again Germany will parry and go over to the attack," he said in a world broadcast speech delivered to his party stalwarts at the Lowenbrau beer cellar in Munich on the eve of the anniversary of the Munich Putsch of 1923. He spoke for 85 minutes starting at 6:08 p.m. Munich time.

"The decisive last word will certainly not be spoken by Mr. Roosevelt," he asserted. "We will prepare all counterblows as thoroughly as always, and they will come in due time."

At one point in his speech, Hitler promised terrible reprisals against his foes, whom he accused of attacks on non-military targets in Germany.

"The moment will come," he said, "when the enemy will find out that Germany's inventive genius had not been asleep. The enemy will receive such a reply that he will be overwhelmed."

Although Hitler did not explain his threat, some listeners believed he was hinting at the use of a new weapon—perhaps gas.

The end of the war seemed much on the Nazi Fuehrer's mind as he assured his followers again and again that his confidence was unshaken - that he would not desert them and flee the country, but would stay and fight to the bitter end.



Adolph Hitler.

# FROM THE COMMAND: LOOSE LIPS SINK SHIPS

Fort Bliss soldiers: during this time of war when our enemies are watching for any clue of our Army's next move, we must all beware of unguarded talk.

In the last four years, millions of Americans volunteered or were drafted for military duty to support the war, many of them with little or no military experience. Now we are all one family and, as citizen-soldiers, we must all prevent inadvertent disclosure of important information to the enemy.

Where does the enemy get his information -- information that can put you and your comrades at risk, information that has lost battles and can lose more? The enemy gets much of its information from well-intentioned soldiers speaking carelessly. To prevent our enemies from gaining an advantage, you must vigilantly perform your duty in safeguarding military information.

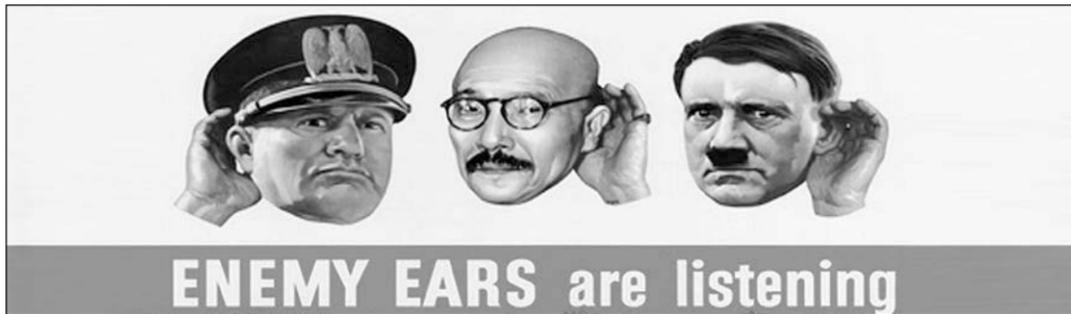
If you come home during war your lips must remain sealed and your written hand must be guided by self-imposed censorship. This takes guts! Have you got them or do you want your buddies and your country to pay the price for your showing off? You've faced the battle front; now you must act like a soldier on the home front!



Recruits take the oath at an El Paso Induction Center, September 1942.

Most enemy intelligence comes from prisoners. If captured, you are required to give only three pieces of information: your name, your grade, and your Army serial number. Don't talk, don't develop fake stories, and protect our Army secrets. When you are going into an area where capture is possible, carry only essential papers and, if possible, plan to destroy them prior to capture. Do not carry personal letters; they tell much about you, and the envelope itself has your unit and organization.

*Be sensible and use your head because our enemies are listening!*



## Soldier's pay chart

Know your base pay! Under the Pay Readjustment Act of 1942, approved June 16 of this year, the pay scale for all Army soldiers, from private to general has been changed to allow, to the extent possible, our citizen-soldiers to earn a wage commensurate with their income prior to the war. Below is the current pay scale.

Grade	Annual Base Pay
General	\$8,000
Lieutenant General	\$8,000
Major General	\$8,000
Brigadier General	\$6,000
Colonel	\$4,000
Lieutenant Colonel, more than 30 years of service	\$4,000
Lieutenant Colonel, less than 30 years of service	\$3,500
Major, more than 23 years service	\$3,500
Major, less than 23 years service	\$3,000
Captain, more than 17 years service	\$3,000
Captain, less than 17 years service	\$2,400
First Lieutenant, more than 10 years service	\$2,400
Second Lieutenant, More than 5 years	\$2,000
Second Lieutenant, Less than 5 years	\$1,800
Chief Warrant Officers	\$3,000
1st Mates and Assistant Engineers, AMPS	\$1,950
Warrant Officers	\$1,800
Master or First Sergeants	\$1,987.20
Tech. Sergeants	\$1,641.60
Staff Sergeants-Technician 3rd Grade	\$1,324.80
Sergeants-Technician, 4th Grade	\$1,123.20
Corporals-Tech. 5th Grade	\$910.80
Privates First Class	\$792
Privates	\$600

## HOW TO MAIL A LETTER HOME

By Sgt Robert Larson  
War Correspondent

Everyday, our Joe's in the war primarily look forward to food and mail. Nothing lifts the spirits of our fighting men than news from home. A quick note from mom and pop or a love letter from your girl is almost as satisfying as a hot meal.

So now you want to write home to family and friends about what it's like out here on the front lines. You want to know what you can tell them, can you talk about that mission you went on last night? There are some basic guidelines that you can follow to avoid the guys with the scissors and pens that look at the outgoing mail.

The following are some subjects that cannot be included in your mail home. If you write about these, your mail will look like Swiss cheese: full of holes.

First, don't talk about your unit: the location, numbers or the equipment you have. The less the enemy knows, the harder it is for them to hurt you. Remember, loose lips sink ships!

Second, don't talk about assembling areas or bases in your area. If this information gets in the wrong hands, it can get you and your buddies killed!

Next, don't talk about the comings and goings at the bases or ports. Don't talk about convoy routes, timelines, or anything to do with the movement of troops or equipment. This includes ship to shore movement and the movement of those ships at sea.

Don't talk about any operations that are still being planned or are about to happen. Don't talk about how the enemy is affecting your unit. Don't talk about your buddy that was killed until your chain of command says it's okay.

And all you code monkeys out there, stay

away from making your own codes to hide messages in your letters. This will get you in hot water quicker than a chicken at supper time. Oh, and stay away from the dirty talk with your girl. That will get censored too.

So now that you know what not to write, let's talk about what you can say. It is encouraged that you talk about the good you are doing for the people of the countries we are helping to liberate. Talk about the welcome you got from the townfolk of the last place you went through. Express your pride at your comrades' effort as they push the front forward.

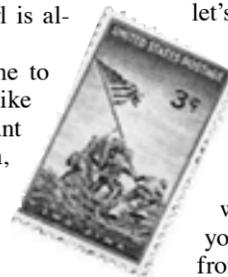
Do remember to reassure the folks back home that, although you are in a war zone, you are being as safe as possible and your chain of command is doing everything it can to help keep you safe and healthy.

One way that letters can get lost is if you do not put the correct address on it. There are hundreds of letters that cannot be delivered because either you or your family back home address it incorrectly. Another way for a letter to not be delivered is if you write it in a language or handwriting style that the censors cannot read.

All these things will get your letter confiscated. That means it isn't getting to your family or your girl and you won't get it back either.

A new program started by the War Department will help get you letters from home and get your letters home faster. Victory mail, or V-mail, is a new service designed to help get the mail moving to and from the battlefield more efficiently. Starting next month, V-mail will get your letters to your family quicker.

So remember Joe, loose lips, sink ships. The information you put in your letter home could get you or your buddy hurt or killed.



# WOMEN IN WAR WORK

By Eric Arthur Blair  
War Correspondent

Women have always worked outside the home but never before in the numbers or with the same impact as in our current global struggle for freedom. Prior to this second world war, most of the women that did work were from the lower classes and many of them were minorities.

There are many attitudes towards women in the work force. Some think that they should only have jobs that men don't want, while others feel that women should give up their jobs in favor of unemployed men, especially during our recent Great Depression. Still others hold the view that women from the middle class or above should never "lower themselves" to go to work. These and other viewpoints have been challenged with the United States' entry into World War II.

With men off fighting a worldwide war across the Atlantic and the Pacific, women have been called to take their place on the production line. The War Manpower Commission, the federal agency established to increase the manufacture of war materials, has the task of recruiting women into employment vital to the war effort. Men's attitude towards women in the work force is one challenge to overcome but, surprisingly, women's own ideas about work outside the home have had to change as well, for similar reasons.

A number of cities across the nation are enjoying a positive economic effect because of the demand for manufactured war materials. In Alabama no city is feeling a greater impact than Mobile. An estimated 90,000 workers are swarming into the city to work in the local war factories, especially in one of the two shipyards (Gulf Shipbuilding and Alabama Dry Dock and Shipbuilding) or in the ALCOA factory. The ALCOA plant alone is producing 34% of the nation's aluminum, a metal necessary for the production of airplanes. Men still work at these plants, but without the women, these plants could never be as productive or as successful as they are becoming. When we win this war, this country will owe a great debt of gratitude to the women.

However, the reality is that after the war, most women probably will be let go from their jobs and have to return home. Their jobs will, again, belong to men. Either way, there are sure to be lasting effects of the role women are playing in this war. Women have proven that they can do the job and within a few decades, women in the workforce may become a common sight, even in peace time.

Of course, there's another more immediate effect of the increase in women in the workforce. These women are saving much of their wages since there is little to buy during the war. This money could help serve as a down payment for a new home and help launch a new era of prosperity in the 1950s.



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War and soldiering suddenly became a much more serious business. Training took on a new intensity. The division was reorganized, and all tanks, both medium and light were put into two armored regiments, the 1st and 13th. A third armored field artillery battalion, the 91st, was formed, and the 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion was organized and attached to the division.

A few months later, in March of this year, the division was en route to the Fort Dix, N.J., staging area under command of Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward, who had relieved Maj. Gen. Bruce R. Magruder, the division's commander since its organization. At that time, nobody knew when or where the division was going, but it was certain this would be no excursion. There would be fighting before long.

The next stop was Ireland, and the division landed in May and June. Training for the next few months was even more rigid and exacting than during the last months in the United States. The men were mentally and physically at their best. The general feeling was one of impatience. It was toward the end of the training period that Combat Command "B", with about one-half of the division's troops, was alerted to leave Ireland and prepare for an overseas trip to a shore where "... You'll get off fighting." They moved on to England Oct. 29. It was from England that the men of the 1AD would launch their invasion of Algeria.

Alerted for the invasion were the 1st Bn. of the 1st Armored Regiment, the 1st and 2nd Bns. of the 13th AR, nearly all the 6th Armored Infantry Regt., the 27th Armored Field Artillery Bn., "B" and "C" Companies of the 701st Tank Destroyer Bn., and detachments of the 16th Armored Engineer Bn., the Supply Bn., the Maintenance Bn., 47th Armored Medical Bn. and the 141st Signal Co.

Right now, our brave fighting men are somewhere in North Africa, struggling against the enemy, an enemy to the U.S. and to all peace-loving peoples everywhere. We wish our boys luck and a safe and speedy end to this war for all of them.

# BATTLE IN NORTH AFRICA

*Simultaneous landings made before dawn at numerous points*

By Joe Buccino

Fort Bliss Bugle Correspondent

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sunday, Nov. 9, 1942 – American soldiers, marines and sailors from one of the greatest armadas ever put into a single military operation swarmed ashore today on the Vichy-controlled North African shore before dawn, striking to break Hitler's hold on the Mediterranean.

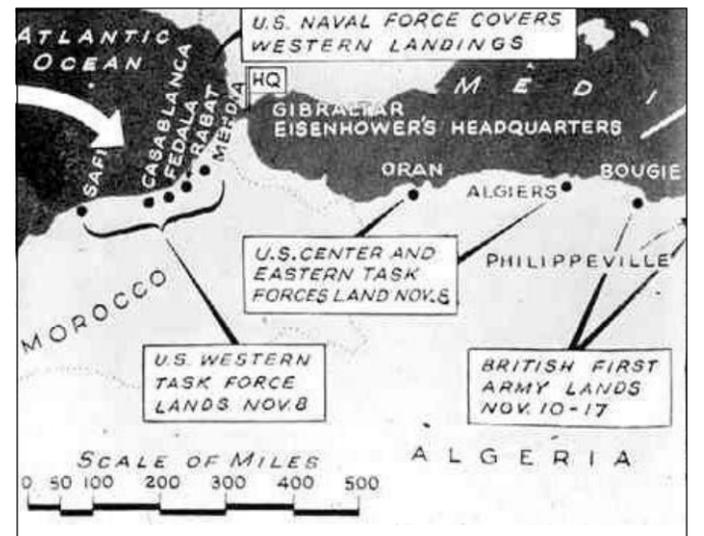
Reports reaching Allied headquarters in North Africa today disclosed that American assault parties on beaches of North Africa landed successfully near two main objectives outlined in operational plans.

The decisive Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, supreme commander of the huge forces involved in the operation, worked throughout the night directing the first great American blow at the Axis.

Included in the force were America's tank division, the 1st Armored Division.

British naval and air force units supported the American landing forces, who were preceded by a snowstorm of leaflets and a radio barrage promising the French that the United States had no intention of seizing French possessions and only sought to prevent Axis infiltration. Eisenhower himself, the White House declared, also spoke by radio to the French people, explaining the purposes of the invasions.

His proclamation, delivered while American troops were making their landings, gave specific directions to French land, sea, and air forces in North Africa as to how they could avoid misunderstanding and prevent action against them by a system of signals. This is a military operation, Eisenhower explained, that is directed against the Italian-German military forces, and the only objective is to defeat the enemy and free France.



"We count on your friendship and we ask your aid," he said. "I have given formal orders that no offensive action shall be undertaken against you on condition that for your part you take the same attitude." The large American forces under American command in this vital Vichy French region began a pincer movement against the fleeing armies of German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel. President Franklin D. Roosevelt also gave assurances that "a considerable number of divisions" of the British Army would soon be brought up to reinforce our troops.

# LANDING PLAN KEPT SECRET BY WRITERS

By Emmanuel Goldstein

LONDON, Sunday, Nov. 8, 1942 – For weeks American newspaper men have been the custodians of one of the war's biggest secrets. It was not an easy secret to keep because through all that time they had to improvise excuses for the absence of a large number of the members of their London staffs to conceal the fact that they had gone with the expeditionary forces.

Most London offices of American newspapers have been operating with greatly depleted staffs and their bureau chiefs have been unable to explain why the London coverage had deteriorated so markedly in the past fortnight or so.

The first inkling that something was afoot came in September, when certain Army officers approached members of the execu-

tive committee of the Association of American Correspondents in London in an attempt to work out a formula for the coverage of the offensive operations in which the United States troops were involved. They wanted a commitment from every bureau chief in London that accredited war correspondents would accept the assignment from the Army without the right of refusal and without the right to ask how long a period of absence from London was involved.

In recent days, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, chief of U.S. Forces in Europe, has dropped out of London life. That was cleverly covered up by the report that he had been called back to Washington for consultation.

# THE BIG ONE

## How the Louisiana Maneuver shaped the Army



By Joe Buccino

Our service members are now immersed in a global war of air, land, and sea power against the Axis powers. A new front emerged today as Americans moved swiftly inland from beachheads in North Africa. Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's broken Army is in a fight to escape complete destruction. Our men and women are headed to a victory that will change the balance of power across the world. This incredible combat success would not have been possible if not for the Louisiana Maneuvers of 1941.

### Prelude: The National Defense Act of 1920

The armistice of Nov. 11, 1918, ended World War I; however, mobilization for the war effort was still in full progress. By this time, the United States had amassed an Army of some 3.5 million soldiers. The early armistice caught the War Department off guard. Due to popular pressure from the civilian populace as well as business and political leaders to "bring the boys home," the War Department was not immediately concerned with legislation to keep the Army in existence. The Army had made no plans for what the Army should look like following the war and hastily recommended a permanent strength of 500,000 men.

The Army leadership had difficulty justifying the somewhat arbitrary number of 500,000 to Congress. At the time, justifying postwar strength was the least of their worries. Furthermore, wartime legislation also made almost everyone eligible for discharge at the end of the war. These problems provided difficulties for Army leadership when Congress began hearings on demobilization and the future size of the Army.

The world was perceived as safe for democracy after "the war to end all wars" and many congressmen thought the Army superfluous, except for riot duty. However, the Army leadership continued the argument. Bending to public mood, an economically-minded Congress voted cut after cut to the Army. The National Defense Act of 1920 authorized an end strength of 280,000, one-half of what was originally requested.

### Gen. Marshall's Mission

Over the next two decades, the Army's combat skills degraded. Since the end of the first world war, there had been no actual field maneuvers held by the Army. The army leaned out to 190,000 soldiers with 45,000 stationed overseas in places such as the Philippines.

By 1939, Gen. George C. Marshall, the new Army chief of staff, saw the war clouds rising and realized he faced a seemingly insurmountable task. With Poland overrun by German armored columns poised to strike at France and China under assault by Japan, he had to ready an unprepared, untrained military for war. Marshall conferred with President Franklin D. Roosevelt and came up with a plan. On Sept. 8, 1939, Roosevelt initiated a "Protective Mobilization Plan," calling the National Guard and Reserve into action and approving an increase in the size of the Army.

Marshall had to rebuild and retrain an Army in the face of another world war.

The Army swelled in size almost immediately, with 620,000 soldiers by Dec. 1940. By mid-1941, the ranks had more than doubled to 1,460,998 men. In the hands of these men were new weapons and in their heads new doctrines. Marshall wanted this Army tested well before it was to be blooded.

Marshall called on Lt. Gen. Stanley D. Embick, a veteran of WWI and commander of the Third U.S. Army, headquartered in Atlanta, to help craft a training plan. Marshall directed Embick to find a suitable location where thousands of U.S. troops could be deployed in a series of maneuvers to test their readiness. Armed with these instructions and accompanied by his aide, Maj. Mark Clark, Embick traveled to central Louisiana, where the Army had trained many of its soldiers during WWI. With a tattered road map as a guide, Embick and Clark tramped through Louisiana's backcountry, noting the roads, trails, swamps and forests. The Louisiana Maneuvers, an army-level exercise, was the largest of the three, involving 472,000 troops who "fought" across the entire state of Louisiana and parts of east Texas.



Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, had to rebuild and retrain an Army in the face of another world war.

*"I want the mistake [made] down in Louisiana, not over in Europe, and the only way to do this thing is to try it out, and if it doesn't work, find out what we need to make it work."*

— Gen. George C. Marshall, March 2, 1940

Taking into account the German army's blitzkrieg armored success, Embick said the Louisiana maneuvers would be "... a test of tank warfare and antitank defense... we are definitely out to see... if and how we can crush a modern tank offensive." Marshall made his intent clear; he wanted any mistakes made in training to be made in Louisiana, not on the battlefields possibly in Europe.

### The Pelican State

Sparsely populated, thick with undergrowth and uncharted swamps, and scarred by rural traces that turn to muck at the slightest hint of rain, central Louisiana was an ideal place to prepare an army, with vast tracts of land capable of accommodating the large-scale maneuvers the Army planned as part of the training. The north-central part of the state is home to Kisatchie National Forest, a 604,000-acre virtual wilderness of pinewood hills. Just south of the national forest is Camp Evangeline, a 23,000-acre tract established by the Army in 1930. By linking the two tracts, the military had a ready-made training ground. But Embick determined the training area needed to be larger still. So the Army secured Louisiana's permission to conduct maneuvers in rural areas south of the national forest. Embick and state officials worked quickly to iron out the details, and by early June 1940 the Army had secured the right to deploy across thousands of square miles in Grant, Natchitoches, Winn, Rapides, Vernon, Claiborne and Webster parishes.



Lt. Gen. Stanley D. Embick visited Louisiana to find a training area large enough to accommodate the largest training event in Army history.

Embick went even further, securing use rights to large tracts of land in East Texas that bordered the primary Louisiana deployment grounds. Like central Louisiana, East Texas was then sparsely populated, with a network of unfinished roads that would challenge military topographers and unit commanders. The 3,400 square miles of combined maneuver area was also laced with rivers — the Sabine and Calcasieu to the west and the Red to the north — natural barriers that would present valuable training obstacles for the engineer units obliged to bridge them.

### Tough, Realistic Training

Like Marshall, Embick had closely followed the German conquest of Poland. While he believed the maneuvers would be a good opportunity to test the Army's new half-track-mounted 75 mm antitank gun, he and his planners also hoped to answer other questions: Could mobile units adequately replace horse cavalry? Could the Army's newly formed paratrooper units actually be

dropped en masse? Would armored units be able to maneuver effectively in difficult terrain and uncertain weather conditions? Would the Army's new three-regiment "triangle divisions" maneuver more efficiently than the old four-regiment "square divisions"? Furthermore, Marshall was keen to see whether a professional officer corps of rising colonels and brigadier generals could command large units operating over vast tracts of territory, as they would be called on to do in the brewing war.

Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger later described what Marshall and America's other senior commanders were looking for in their officers — men who possessed "broad vision, progressive ideas, a thorough grasp of the magnitude of the problems involved in handling an army, and lots of initiative and resourcefulness."

While it was one thing to find the right region for the maneuvers, it was another to make certain the maneuvers were challenging and instructive. Throughout the spring of 1940, Embick and his staff worked tirelessly to devise a series of increasingly difficult tests that would prepare soldiers for the battlefield and test command arrangements from the squad level to full Army level. Embick wanted to test units under as many different conditions as possible, to see whether they could communicate with each other, deploy according to schedules and, perhaps most important, cover long distances at night. The exercises were designed to be exhaustive — and exhausting: there would be scant sleep on a real battlefield, so there would be little time for relaxation in Louisiana.

Embick sought logistics assistance from senior armored and infantry corps commanders, who insisted the maneuvers be as realistic as possible. Loudspeakers would blare the recorded sounds of battle, canister smoke would shroud the battlefield, and bags of white sand would be dropped from aircraft to simulate the impact of artillery shells. U.S. Army Air Corps spotter and reconnaissance planes would gather intelligence, while transports would deliver troops to newly constructed airfields.

Planners stockpiled millions of rounds of blank ammunition, and Embick established rules to govern when units would join the line of fire and what kinds of "casualties" they would suffer. His goal was not only to determine who could "kill" whom, but also to test the time it took medical units to transfer the "wounded" to rear-area combat hospitals. Finally, Embick appointed and trained hundreds of maneuver "umpires," who, armed with clipboards and armbands, would monitor and assess units and leaders according to a complex grading system.

While the umpires' conclusions were important, even more important, from Embick's perspective, was feedback from individual commanders, who were to assess their own performance and that of their troops. Embick's goal was not to determine winners and losers of the exercises, but to create an effective training regimen for the coming war.

### Game On!

By April 1940, all was ready for the Louisiana Maneuvers. There were to be two events in the spring and autumn of 1940 and two more the following year, with the largest, most complex and most important to be held in September 1941.

The 1940 maneuvers began in May with 70,000 soldiers, who trained and "fought" in four separate exercises of three days each, beginning May 9. These first maneuvers, Embick said, were "experiments,"

not contests. The first was to see whether armored units could actually mobilize and travel long distances. To test this, the War Department ordered Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short's IV Corps to move from its Fort Benning headquarters in Georgia to Louisiana – 550 miles in six days, the longest motor march ever undertaken by the Army. Soon after arriving in Louisiana, IV Corps was thrown into a series of corps-on-corps exercises that pitted Short's armored columns (the "Blue Army") against Krueger's IX Corps (the "Red Army").

As military *Time* magazine reporter Christopher Gabel noted:

*In the first exercise, Red Army took the offensive, crossing the Calcasieu while Blue Army defended the river line. In the second exercise, Blue Army attacked, enveloping both flanks of the Red force. The third maneuver again saw Blue on the attack, this time with penetrations of the Red line at Slagle and Hornbeck. In the fourth exercise, the provisional tank brigade and the 7th Mechanized Cavalry Brigade were combined into a provisional division totaling some 382 tanks—the first armored division in Army history. This force spearheaded a Red Army attack, which the Blue force countered with an antitank defense extending as far east as Gorum and Flatwoods.*

Embick followed up, crisscrossing the "battlefield" to question commanders and soldiers on both sides and reaching some preliminary conclusions on America's combat readiness. What he found was not encouraging – the Army evidently had a lot to learn about mobile warfare. Vehicle breakdowns, repair team shortages, repeated traffic jams and poorly worded orders were all common. More important, senior commanders' failure to lead from the front led to uncoordinated attacks and jumbled defenses. "Commanders and staffs mistakenly believed that they could run the war

from headquarters," Gabel noted, "relying on maps and telephones, much as they had in the static warfare of 1918."

## The 1st Armored Division in the Louisiana Maneuvers: Preparation for Tunisia

In the wake of the May war games, several senior tank experts, including Fort Bliss' own Col. George S. Patton Jr., who served as an umpire during the training, recommended the Army create separate armored divisions that could operate unencumbered by infantry or horse cavalry units. The recommendation was forwarded to Marshall, who quickly established a special armored training school at Fort Knox, Ky.

Gen. Orlando Ward, commander of the armored brigade of the 1AD, realized why his tanks had problems dealing with anti-tank units during the training and recommended to Marshall the formation of teams consisting of infantry, artillery, and tanks. The 1AD, like most divisions that took part in the maneuvers in Tennessee and Louisiana, also took part in today's invasion of North Africa. After the training, "Old Ironsides" had time to address this problem prior to the start of the North African campaign.

While Embick bemoaned the performance of the armored units and the lack of communication between senior commanders and their frontline units, he was satisfied that young recruits were in good physical condition and would perform well in the event of war. And despite his disappointment that few senior officers manned the front with their troops, Embick was pleased to find the Army had created a dedicated officer corps comprising some of the nation's best military minds, to include Ward and 1st Armored Division commander Maj. Gen. Bruce Magruder.

## The 1941 Louisiana Maneuvers: Prelude to North Africa

The 1941 Louisiana Maneuvers were held over three weeks in August and three weeks in September. To coordinate them, Marshall replaced Embick, who was retiring, with Brig. Gen. Lesley "Whitey" McNair, commandant of the Army's Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The self-effacing McNair, whom Marshall described as "the brains of the Army," had not only crafted the military's 13-week basic training regimen, he had reoriented and reformed Leavenworth's curriculum, passing on to Marshall the names of his best students. Like Marshall, McNair understood the challenges the U.S. faced in fighting the Germans and Japanese and was concerned about his service's poor preparation. He decided to enlarge on what Embick had started, replacing the 70,000-soldier exercise of 1940 with the largest peacetime exercise in American history. "We didn't know how soon war would come," McNair

later observed, "but we knew it was coming, and we had to get together something of an army pretty darn fast."

McNair conceived a groundbreaking war game that mobilized 400,000 soldiers in two armies – the Red, or "Kotmk," representing Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri and Kentucky; and the Blue, or "Almat," comprising Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. The armies would contend for control of the Mississippi River. As in Embick's 1940 maneuvers, umpires would grade individual leaders and units on leadership and combat skills. Senior officers were warned to ensure proper supply and preparation of their troops. Communications systems that had plagued Embick the year before were improved with upgraded equipment, including new radios for senior commanders and their subordinates. This time, McNair insisted, senior commanders were to be as close to the front as the situation demanded. In June, July and August, corps deployments tested coordination between air and ground reconnaissance units, while a second set of corps-on-corps exercises honed combat leadership skills.

Marshall focused considerable time on the 1941 maneuvers, calling them "a combat college for troop leading" and a laboratory to test the "new armored, antitank and air forces that had come of age since 1918." He personally observed many of the corps- and division-level maneuvers and, in the autumn, an expanded training exercise in the hills of North and South Carolina. But the major focus was on the Red vs. Blue conflict in Louisiana and East Texas. The mock war began Sept. 15 – just three months before Pearl Harbor – and pitted Lt. Gen. Ben Lear's Second (Red) Army against Krueger's Third (Blue) Army. Lear's goal was to defeat the Blue Army and occupy Louisiana. A hard-bitten, gruff-talking disciplinarian, Lear was not well liked by his troops, but he had an eye for detail and was surrounded by a cadre of talented and aggressive officers, including veterans of Embick's 1940 exercises. Among them was Patton, whom Lear tasked to lead a lightning combined-arms strike against Krueger's Louisiana defenses.

Krueger, an aging veteran and competitive taskmaster who too quickly bristled at unintended slights, desperately wanted to beat Lear. He gathered a staff of brainy if little-known assistants, including then-Lt. Col. Dwight D. Eisenhower as his chief of staff. Eisenhower was an old friend of Patton and, in May, began meticulously planning Louisiana's defenses against Patton's tanks. Marshall, who had doubts about Eisenhower, accepted Krueger's word that "Ike" was a brilliant planner and tough soldier.

Krueger's judgment of Eisenhower was soon proven on the Louisiana battlefield. Lear's army crossed the Red River Sept. 15 with Patton's tanks in the lead. Eisenhower was ready. Three of Krueger's mobile corps rapidly responded to the Red Army threat and moved to pin it against the river. Patton laughed off the threat, even circulating an offer to subordinates of \$50 to any man who captured "a certain SOB called Eisenhower." Unperturbed, Ike and Krueger ordered their armored units to flank Patton and prevent a breakout. Umpires deemed the maneuver successful. The first part of the war was over. The Blue Army, and Eisenhower, had won.

It is now well-known American military lore that in his desk drawer in Washington, Marshall kept "a little black book" (one he once waved at a reporter, just to prove it existed) in which he listed those officers he believed would lead the nation in battle against the Axis. The list had grown through the years. McNair was on it, as were Omar N. Bradley, Stilwell, Clark and Patton. By the end of the Louisiana Maneuvers, Marshall had added Eisenhower to his list. Three months later, eight days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he brought Eisenhower to Washington. Within months, the newly promoted brigadier general was in London, planning today's invasion of North Africa. He is now Su-



Horses with the 2nd Cavalry go into the woods with a new armored M3 Scout Car in the foreground during the Louisiana Maneuvers, September 1941.

preme Allied Commander and Marshall's eyes and ears in Europe.

Marshall was not the only one impressed by Eisenhower. The young officer also entranced journalists covering the Louisiana Maneuvers, front-pages fodder through 1941. CBS reporter Eric Sevareid eyed Krueger's staff and concluded that Eisenhower "makes more sense than any of the rest of them." Drew Pearson, perhaps the best-known reporter of his day, agreed, telling his readers that Eisenhower "conceived and directed the strategy that routed [Lear's] Second Army," and that the balding lieutenant colonel was endowed with "a steel-trap mind plus unusual physical vigor."

Such reports wouldn't have swayed Marshall – after all, no one on his list had actually been tested in combat. Still, the Louisiana Maneuvers had reinforced the chief of staff's faith in realistic training. The Army he had built in just two whirlwind years had not been blooded, but Marshall was confident it would acquit itself well. And while he had taken note of Eisenhower's talent, he was even more buoyed by Patton's aggressive battlefield tactics.

Following his failed breakout from the Red River "beachhead," Patton was made a commander in Krueger's Red Army, which would take the offensive during the second set of exercises. In the latter part of September, as McNair watched in amazement, Patton led his armored corps in a massed flanking attack against the Blue Army's defense in depth. Patton's 2nd Armored Division advanced 200 miles through northern Louisiana and East Texas in three days, enveloping Lear's flank. It was a brilliant maneuver. With Lear's army surrounded, McNair suspended the exercise.

McNair and Krueger spent the following weeks reviewing lists of senior officers, culling those who had failed the test of the Louisiana Maneuvers. Those who survived the process were marked for combat commands. Those who did not were moved to other services or retired. Krueger, thought too old to command, was sidelined as head of the Southern Defense Command. If Patton, Clark, Bradley and Eisenhower can replicate in war what they first practiced in central Louisiana, they will go down in American military history.

The Louisiana Maneuvers provided vital training for the tens of thousands of American boys now at war in North Africa. In the midst of this global conflict, soldiers who battled near Shreveport, La., driven tanks in East Texas, flown reconnaissance missions over Evangeline Parish, or simply fought off the chiggers and ticks, acknowledge the bond forged during a make-believe war. As one 1AD soldier told this war correspondent today, the fighting in Oran may be tough, but "it can't be worse than the Louisiana Maneuvers." With the U.S. soon to secure victory across the world, the Louisiana Maneuvers are poised to be recalled as one of the most important training events in American military history.



Soldiers of the 1st Armored Division living in tents during the Louisiana Maneuvers, September 1941.



A horse cavalry marches alongside a modern M3 light tank during the Louisiana Maneuvers, September 1941.



The Louisiana Maneuvers was the first time two armies battled one another while under the overall control of the commanding general of U.S. Army ground forces.

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# THE M4 SHERMAN

## THE NEW GENERATION TANK

By Sgt Robert Larson

When the country is at war, soldiers are always looking for the next big thing to help them win the fight. Tanks have been a deciding factor in many recent battles and the War Department is finally getting ready to roll out the next big thing when it comes to tanks, the M4 medium tank.

The M4 is the next step, evolving from the older M3, or Grant and Lee as the British are fond of calling it, which had an unusual side-mounted 75 mm gun. It retains much



Tank crews rest outside the M4.

of the previous mechanical design, but added the first 75 mm gun mounted on a fully traversing turret, with a gyro-stabilizer enabling the crew to fire with reasonable accuracy while the tank is on the move.

The designers stress mechanical reliability, ease of production and maintenance, durability, standardization of parts and ammunition in a limited number of variants, and moderate size and weight. The M4 was designed to stand up to most light and medium tanks that the Axis forces have on the battlefield today.

Approved in April of 1941, the goal was to create a dependable, fast tank with the ability to defeat any vehicle currently in use by Axis forces. The new M4 sports almost 20 mm of armor plating and a 400 horsepower engine with a top speed of 24 mph and a maximum range of 120 miles.

The M4 has a cast and welded hull and is fitted with twin fixed Browning .30 cal machine guns in the hull which were operated by the driver. The main gun of the M4 is the 75 mm, which is similar to the main gun on the M3. The last bit of armament on the M4 is a Browning .50 cal machine gun, mounted next to the turret hatch.

With the M4 on the battlefield our boys stand a good fighting chance against most of what the Axis powers are fielding currently. When the M4 tank arrives, it should be superior to both the Panzer III, with its 50 mm gun, and the Panzer IV armed with the short barreled 75 mm gun. Against the 75 mm long-barreled Panzer IV, the match should be about even. For this reason, the M4 will be adequate to win the war.

## The Pershing House

The Fort Bliss Pershing house, dedicated to John J. Pershing, general of the Armies of the United States, the highest rank possible for any member of the U.S. armed forces, was built in 1910. Pershing occupied the residence from 1914-1917.

Pershing arrived to Fort Bliss in 1914 after taking command of the Army's 8th Brigade in California. During this time, he led the Mexican Punitive Expedition, a pursuit of Pancho Villa from March 1916 to February 1917. He was then selected by President Woodrow Wilson to command the American expeditionary force in France during the first world war.

One of Pershing's aides at Fort Bliss was Lt. George S. Patton, Jr., now a major general heading a significant part of the current war.

Patton, known for his success as a U.S. field commander, served with Pershing in the expedition to Mexico and spent significant time in the Pershing house.

In 1915, Patton was sent to Fort Bliss where he led routine cavalry patrols. After one year, Patton, along with current 1st Armored Division commander and then-Lt. Orlando Ward, who also spent time at the Pershing house, accompanied Pershing on the expedition into Mexico. Patton gained recognition from that expedition before becoming a commander.

Pershing promoted Patton to captain and asked him to command his Headquarters Troop upon their return from Mexico.

In 1917, Patton became the first member of the newly established U.S. Tank Corps, taking victory in France.

From then on, Patton continued in command positions, and now as the U.S. officially enters WWII, Patton commands the Western Task Force, an all-American force landing for Operation Torch, the Allied invasion of North Africa.

Three great leaders in American combat history, Pershing, Patton, and Ward are now tied to the Pershing House, which stands on Fort Bliss as an iconic symbol of leadership.

# STATEMENT FROM PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

*President Roosevelt released a public statement announcing the opening of a second front in French North and West Africa*

In order to forestall an invasion of Africa by Germany and Italy, which, if successful, would constitute a direct threat to America across the comparatively narrow sea from Western Africa, a powerful American force equipped with adequate weapons of modern warfare and under American command is today landing on the Mediterranean and Atlantic coasts of the French colonies in Africa.

The landing of this American Army is being assisted by the British Navy and Air Forces, and it will, in the immediate future, be reinforced by a considerable number of divisions of the British Army.

This combined Allied force, under American command, in conjunction with the British campaign in Egypt is designed to prevent an occupation by the Axis armies of any part of Northern or Western Africa and to deny to the aggressor nations a starting point from which to launch an attack against the Atlantic coast of the Americas.

In addition, it provides an effective second-front assistance to our heroic allies in Russia.

The French government and the French people have been informed of the purpose of this expedition and have been assured that the Allies seek no territory and have no intention of interfering with friendly French authorities in Africa.

The government of France and the people of France and the French possessions have been requested to cooperate with and assist the American expedition in its effort to repel the German and Italian international criminals, and by so doing to liberate France and the French empire from the Axis yoke.

This expedition will develop into a major effort by the Allied nations and there is every expectation that it will be successful in repelling the planned German and Italian invasion of Africa and prove the first historic step to the liberation and restoration of France.

- President Franklin D. Roosevelt

## German compositions are applauded by Fort Bliss men

By Emmanuel Goldstein

Music is a universal art, untouched by the hatreds of war, as demonstrated by the applause of the William Beaumont General Hospital and Fort Bliss Station Hospital men for the works of German composers as played for them by Isaac Stern.

The brilliant 22-year-old violinist opens the El Paso Symphony Orchestra season tonight at 8:30 pm at Liberty Hall.

Stern played a movement from the romantic Wieniawski Concerto, which he will present tonight with orchestra accompaniment. Misa Marguerite Hartsook, Radford School for Girls instructor, was his accompanist at the Beaumont program Saturday, and the Station Hospital concert yesterday. She will be the accompanist tonight.

The audience responded enthusiastically to Kreisler's "Schon Rosmarin" which in German means "Fair Rosemary" and Liebestreud or "Love's Joy." They are light and gay, sweet and melodic.

The 300 soldiers, who waited 30 minutes for the Station Hospital concert, listened to the Russian artists. He came to this country from Russia at the age of 10 and hopes to see his native land again after he has served the United States. He wants to enlist in the Army Air Corps.

It is with the great support from the El Paso Symphony Orchestra that soldiers were able to take in this great concert. We hope our partnership with the city of El Paso lasts 200 years! As we say in the *Fort Bliss Bugle*, "El Paso is Fort Bliss and Fort Bliss is El Paso."

# \$80,000 WORTH OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT ALLOTTED TO EL PASO

## Advanced program of local setup is recognized

The Office of Civilian Defense today allotted \$80,000 worth of equipment, including gas masks, steel helmets, gas proof clothing, fire and bomb-fighting apparatus to the El Paso Civilian Defense Council.

The allotment included 2,020 steel helmets and 16 fire ladders which already have arrived in El Paso.

R.C. Hughes, executive secretary of the council, hailed the allotment as recognition of advanced progress made by El Paso Civilian Defense workers and said few other Texas cities have received allotments.

"We wouldn't have got the equipment unless Washington thought we might need

it here," he added.

The allotment comprised the following equipment: 7,760 arm bands, 2,020 steel helmets, 80 firemen's helmets, 80 firemen's coats, 80 firemen's pants, 8 trailer pumps, 4 skid mount pumps, 4 front mount pumps, 3,029 pump tank extinguishers, 80 firemen's boots, 2,020 gas masks, 160

training gas masks, 484 suits of gas protective clothing, and 16 firemen's ladders (14 feet long).

Hughes said equipment will be distributed to civilian defense workers on a merit basis. To obtain helmets workers must give 25 hours of service in addition to the 23 hours of training needed to get arm bands.

# THE GENERALS

By Joe Buccino



## Maj. Gen. Bruce Magruder

On July 15, 1940, at a formal ceremony at Fort Knox, Ky., Maj. Gen. Bruce R. Magruder became the first commander of the 1st Armored Division. Having commanded the 66th Infantry Regiment and served as the executive officer of the Army's Infantry School in Fort Benning, Ga., Magruder brought with him great credentials as a warfighter and leader with the ability to train soldiers.

While soldiers loved Magruder, he was known as a tough commander, training "Old Ironsides" in brutal combat-simulated conditions on Fort Knox for more than a year before leading the division through the Louisiana Maneuvers from September through December 1941. In March 1942, as the division was readying to cross the Atlantic to North Africa, Magruder changed command with Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward.

If the 1AD sees success in North Africa, that success will reflect greatly on the leadership of Magruder, who prepared this division for combat.



## Field Marshal Erwin Rommel: The Desert Fox

Erwin Rommel was born in Heidenheim, Germany, Nov. 15, 1891. He wanted to study engineering but his father disapproved so in 1910 he joined the German Army and was immediately considered a great leader and brilliant tactician.

By the outbreak of the first world war Rommel had reached the rank of lieutenant. He fought on the Western Front and in January 1915 was awarded the Iron Cross, a distinction he shares with Adolf Hitler.

In 1917, Rommel served on the Italian Front and after leading the attack on Monte Matajur, was promoted to captain. Soon afterwards Rommel and a small group of men swam the Piave River in order to capture the Italian garrison at Logrononi.

After the war, Rommel remained in the German Army and in 1929 was appointed an instructor at the Infantry School in Dresden. In October 1935, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel and began teaching at the Potsdam War Academy.



## Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward

*"One of the first regulations might be to think."*

There is perhaps no finer man to take the helm of this great division than Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward. Ward, a 1941 graduate from the United States Army Military Academy, is no stranger to Fort Bliss or El Paso. His first assignment was as a lieutenant of the Buffalo Soldiers of Troop E, 9th Cavalry Regiment on border patrol in Arizona and New Mexico. Ward and his men often garrisoned on the "new" Fort Bliss" to refit between missions.

It was here on Fort Bliss where he impressed none other than our own Gen. John J. Pershing, who brought him into the 8th Brigade during his expedition into Mexican Punitive Expedition, a campaign for which he would earn the Mexican Service Medal.

Later in his career, Ward would become an artillery officer and during the first world war at the second battle of the Marne, Lt. Col. Ward took charge of the 2nd Battalion of the 10th Field Artillery Regiment and was instrumental in beating back a German attack. For his action he was awarded the Silver Star.

During the quiet period between the wars, he served as an ROTC instructor at the University of Wisconsin - Madison where Charles Lindbergh was one of his students. Eventually, he became an instructor at the U.S. Army Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Okla., where he and others designed Forward Observer procedures that are allowing great success for American artillery in this war.

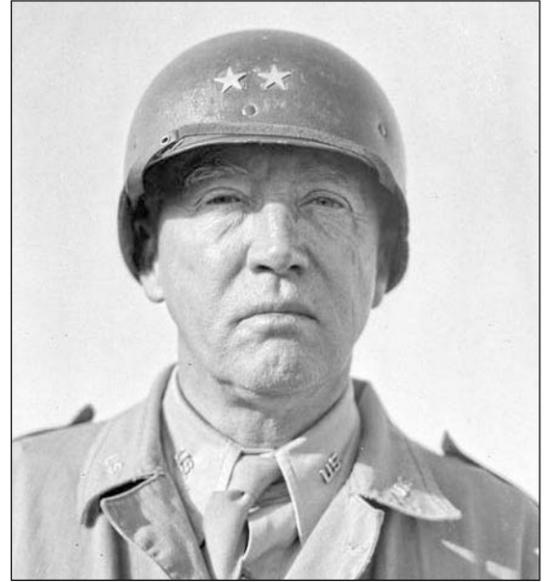
Ward was secretary to Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Marshall from July 1939 to August 1941, a critical time of preparation for war. In the United Kingdom he worked closely with our own Gen. Omar N. Bradley to find the resources to build military power.

Today, Ward made history as the first commander to lead the 1st Armored Division to contact with the enemy in combat.

An excellent teacher, Rommel's lectures were published as a book on infantry tactics in 1937. The book was read by Hitler. Greatly impressed by Rommel's ideas, Hitler arranged for him to command his HQ staff in Austria and Czechoslovakia. The following year Rommel held the same job in Poland.

Rommel was given command of the 7th Panzer Division that invaded France in May, 1940. Rommel's troops moved faster and farther than any other army in military history. After reaching the channel he turned south and raced along the coast until he reached the Spanish border.

As a result of his exploits in France he was promoted to the rank of generalleutnant and appointed commander of the 5th Light Division and of the 15th Panzer-Division which, as the Deutsches Afrikakorps, were sent to Libya in early 1941 in Operation Sonnenblume to aid the devastated Italian troops which had suffered a heavy defeat from British Commonwealth forces in Operation Compass. His campaign in North Africa earned Rommel the



## Maj. Gen. George S. Patton

*"We herd sheep, we drive cattle, we lead people. Lead me, follow me, or get out of my way."*

Born Nov. 11, 1885, in San Gabriel, Calif., George Patton set his sights on becoming a war hero early in his youth. During his childhood, he heard countless stories of his ancestor's victories in the American Revolution and Civil War. Striving to follow in their footsteps, he enrolled in Virginia Military Institute in 1904. A year later, he attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, graduating June 11, 1909. In 1910 he married Beatrice Ayer, a childhood friend.

Patton had his first real taste of battle in 1915 from his assignment right here at Fort Bliss. Patton led cavalry patrols against Poncho Villa at Fort Bliss along the Mexican border. In 1916 he was selected to aide Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in Mexico. In Mexico, Patton impressed Pershing by personally shooting Mexican leader Julio Cardenas during the Battle of Columbus. Pershing promoted Patton to captain and invited him to lead Pershing's Headquarters Troop once they left Mexico.

In 1917, during WWI, Patton was the first officer assigned to the new U.S. Tank Corps. In France, at the Battle of Cambrai, Patton established himself as one of the leading experts in tank warfare. He earned the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism for his brilliant maneuvering of almost 350 tanks at the frontlines, and for taking a bullet in the leg during battle. It has been however, his leadership in our current war that has elevated Patton to legendary status.

With the formation of the 2nd Armored Division in 1940, Patton was selected to lead its 2nd Armored Brigade. Promoted to brigadier general in October, he was given command of the division with the rank of major general in April 1941. In the Army's build-up prior to World War II, Patton took the division to the Desert Training Center in California. Given command of the I Armored Corps, Patton relentlessly trained his men in the desert through the summer of 1942. Today, it paid off, as Patton led the Western Task Force with his men to capture Casablanca, Morocco. We can expect continued gallantry, bravery, and leadership from Patton as the war progresses. Followers of Fort Bliss and the 1AD can only hope that "Old Blood and Guts" has the opportunity to lead the division at some point during this war.

nickname "The Desert Fox" from British journalists.

In June, Rommel defeated the British 8th Army at Tobruk destroying more than 260 tanks and capturing 30,000 prisoners of war.

Today, Rommel's force is broken in Lybia, in flight to escape complete destruction. While the British believe he may try to rally his remaining 30,000 men for a stand, the Desert Fox may have finally been outmaneuvered.



# BIGGS ARMY AIRFIELD

## Supporting the nation through two world wars

By Joe Buccino

In 1917, an aviation area known as Fort Bliss Field became this region's first national landing field for military aircraft. And it was established primarily on land now occupied by the School of Mines and Metallurgy at the University of Texas at El Paso. That area thus became "Fort Bliss Field."

Later that year, with border violence coming out of Mexico, the United States government gave the military 22 acres, including buildings, to establish the U.S. Aviation Field at Fort Bliss and in 1919, an aviation section headquarters was established for the Border Patrol at the Fort Bliss field in 1919.

In 1920, Camp Owen Bierne opened on the site of the current airbase as a base for airship operations but the units were soon disbanded.

During the next two years, the Border Air Patrol flew reconnaissance missions along the international line, but only between Nogales, Ariz., and Sanderson, Texas.

On Jan. 25, 1925, the War Department named the aviation field after Lt. James Berthea Biggs, a World War I fighter pilot from El Paso, who was shot down in Beltrain, France in 1918.

Last year, with war eminent, Fort Bliss received \$10 million to expand and modernize Biggs Field.

The job was completed last year, but the airfield so small, the Army funded a massive construction effort to expand Biggs Army Airfield and move it northeast of its current location. The new Biggs Army Airfield opened last August, but construction continues.

Huge hangars and longer concrete runways were built



A C-47 soars over the skies of New Mexico after taking off from Biggs Army Airfield.

to accommodate Army Air Corps bombers and other aircraft as the Second Air Force moved to Biggs last month. Biggs Army Airfield is now the proud home of training activity for the C-47, B-17 Flying Fortress and B-24 Liberators.

Soldiers on Fort Bliss earlier this year were able to observe the 303d Bombardment Group training with B-17Fs under Second Air Force on Biggs Army Airfield. Prior to

its deployment to Europe, the Second Air Force used the contiguous airspace available here to train in high-altitude formation flying, long-range navigation, target identification, and simulated combat missions.

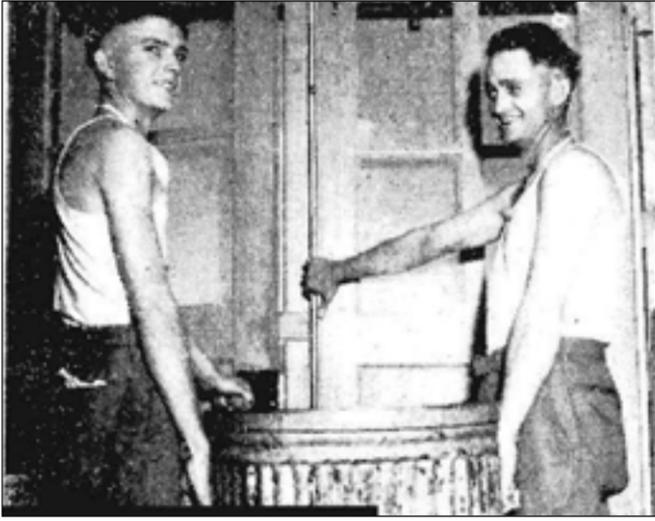
The hope is that Biggs Army Airfield, along with Fort Bliss, serves the force long into the future and eventually becomes the premier training installation in the world and the future of the U.S. Army.

## PLAZA THEATRE SHOWINGS THIS MONTH

- Nov. 9-10... **YOU'RE IN THE ARMY NOW**  
Starring Jimmy Durante, Jane Wyman, Phil Silvers, Regis Toomey
- Nov. 11-12..... **REMEMBER THE DAY**  
Starring John Payne, Claudette Colbert, Shepperd Strudwick, Ann Todd
- Nov. 13-14..... **SERGEANT YORK**  
Starring Gary Cooper, Joan Leslie, Walter Brennan, Margaret Wycherly
- Nov. 15-16..... **SUSPICION**  
Starring Cary Grant, Joan Fontaine, Cedric Hardwicke, Nigel Bruce, Isabel Jeans
- Nov. 17-18..... **SONG OF THE ISLANDS**  
Starring Victor Mature, Betty Grable, Jack Oakie, Thomas Mitchell
- Nov. 19-20 .... **THE VANISHING VIRGINIAN**  
Starring Frank Morgan, Kathryn Grayson, Spring Byington

- Nov. 21-22..... **LYDIA**  
Starring Joseph Cotten, Merle Oberon, Alan Marshal, George Reeves, Edna May Oliver
- Nov. 23-24..... **RED RIVER VALLEY**  
Starring Roy Rogers, Sally Payne, George "Gabby" Hayes, Gale Storm
- 25-26 November ..... **SEA RAIDERS**  
Starring Huntz Hall, Billy Halop, Gabriel Dell, Bernard Purdy
- Nov. 27-28... **SHADOW OF THE THIN MAN**  
Starring William Powell, Myrna Loy, Donna Reed, Barry Nelson
- Nov. 29-30..... **THE DEVIL PAYS OFF**  
Starring J. Edward Bromberg, Osa Massen, William Wright, Ivan Miller





Frank Meade, a 39-year-old automobile mechanic from Breckenridge, Colo., figured his son Allen, 18, would be drafted into the Army before long. So he encouraged the boy to enlist – and enlisted with him. This week the father and son are at the Fort Bliss Reception Center being processed together in preparation for assignment to a training center. "I figured that the boy would be drafted pretty soon," Mr. Meade said, "and I decided that if he was going to do any fighting I wanted to be right there with him." Both share the same barracks at the Reception Center. As luck would have it, both caught K.P. duty their first week in the Army. They worked together, carrying garbage cans, scrubbing and setting tables, and the other many tasks assigned to the K.P. The father's occupation as auto serviceman and repairman qualifies him as a skilled mechanic. Allen underwent vocational training as a machinist to prepare himself for that work in the Army. Both are small in stature, each standing only five feet five inches in height. Allen weighs 105 pounds and his father 124. The rest of the Meade family, Mrs. Meade and two daughters, is at home in Breckenridge.



Armado Rodriguez, left, and Jackie Byrd, principals in tomorrow night's main event boxing match at Liberty Hall, square off in a friendly pose for the camera. They'll come out of their corner fighting tomorrow night. The fight is free to Fort Bliss soldiers!

## El Paso players win two events in S.W. meet

By The Associated Press

El Pasoans captured two titles in the Southwestern Tennis Tournament, which was completed yesterday on the courts of the University of Arizona.

Russell and Joe Ball, El Paso brothers, won the men's doubles with a 7-5, 6-0 win over Bill Lindamood, Arizona University, and Zan Carver, former captain of University of North Carolina team.

Mrs. M. E. Smith and Harriet Lerner of El Paso won the women's doubles, beating Maurine Maddox and Mary Jane Mendelsohn in the finals. 9-7. 8-6.

Bob Falkenburg, nationally ranked Hollywood star, won both the junior boys' and the men's singles. He defeated George Gossler, George Gossler, Arizona University, 6-3, 6-1. to take the junior event, and defeat Carver, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, in the men's singles finals.

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# SPOTLIGHT



Commanders and staff officers, Louisiana Army Maneuvers, September 1941. Left to right: Brig. Gen. Mark W. Clark, Maneuver Director; Brig. Gen. Harry J. Malony, Deputy Chief of Staff, GHQ; Col. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff, Third Army; Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, Commander, Second Army; Lt. Gen. Walter Kruger, Commander, Third Army; Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, Chief of Staff, GHQ.



An accused German spy is escorted from Fort Bliss' Enemy Alien Detention Station to trial.



The 206th Coast Artillery Regiment conducts anti-aircraft training on 37 mm guns on Fort Bliss.



The First Tow Target Squadron prepares the Fort Bliss Mess Hall for chow during anti-aircraft training.

## FLURRY OF UPSETS WRECK FOOTBALL CONTESTANTS

Fort Bliss Bugle Football Contest entrants were caught in an avalanche of upsets over the weekend. None of the contestants were able to get a perfect score in the football pic-fest.

### Scores of the 20 games in the contest:

Texas Mines 39, Temple 0.  
Hardin-Simmons Kt, West Texas 0.  
New Mexico 10, Arizona 14.  
Baylor 0, Texas 13.  
Army 0, Notre Dame 12.  
Iowa 17, Wisconsin 0.  
Michigan 21, Harvard 7.  
Minnesota 0, Indiana 7.  
Nebraska 21, Missouri 9.  
Northwestern 7, Illinois 14.  
Oregon 11, V. C. L. A. 7.  
California 7, Southern California 11.  
Stanford 20, Washington 7.  
Princeton 7, Dartmouth 15.  
Mississippi State 7, Tulane 0.  
Yale 7, Cornell 13.

It's late in the season, but not too late for you to win \$50 – the prize given for a perfect score in the contest. The eighth week of the contest starts today! Visit the Fort Bliss Bugle office to join.

## 500 from Juarez to march in parade

By Joe Buccino

The Mexican government today granted permission for 500 Juarez soldiers, cadets and civilian defense trainees to join El Pasoans in an Armistice Day parade at 9:30 a.m. next Wednesday in El Paso.

At the same time U.S. agencies waived the usual bridge crossing requirements for the Juarez contingent.

The Juarez delegation will include 100 troops under the command of Brig. Gen. J. Jayme Quinones, 200 Juarez Agricultural College cadets, and 200 Juarez defense workers.

Flags will wave from homes, stores and all flagstaves in the city as an all-morning celebration honors the memory of America's past war casualties and applauds the current endeavors of her Armed Forces.

Four thousand soldiers and civilians will march in the parade, forming at Mesa and Montana streets, and ending at 10:30 a.m., at Liberty Hall.

# A FORMER 1AD COMMANDING GENERAL REFLECTS ON THE HISTORY OF AMERICA'S TANK DIVISION

By Joe Buccino  
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FORT BLISS, Texas, Nov. 7, 2013 – Ask people who have served under retired Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling and they'll tell you he was a "Soldier's general," a passionate communicator, a man sincere in his concern for Soldiers and families. Hertling was all of those things and is widely recognized as one of our finest modern general officers.

Throughout his 37-year career, Hertling held many prestigious commands; the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division when that unit was named as the Army's first Stryker Bde., the 7th Army Training Command, which he would transform to the Joint-Multinational Training Command, in Grafenwoehr, Germany, and U.S. Army Europe during a historic drawdown of forces in Europe.

However, Hertling, who retired in November 2012, will tell you that his most meaningful time in the Army was as commander of the 1st Armored Division from May 2007 to May 2009. Hertling had "Old Ironsides" in his blood by the time he took command; he had deployed to combat twice before, both with the 1AD. "The first time was as a major with 1-1 Cavalry in 1990. The whole division went and was part of the main effort in Gen. Tommy Franks' left hook for VII Corp [during Operation Desert Storm]," he recalled. Then-Maj. Hertling's squadron was involved in the Battle of Medina Ridge, the most significant tank battle of that war.

Hertling deployed in 2003 as the assistant division commander under Brig. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey when 1AD controlled Baghdad during Operation Iraqi Freedom I. He recalled this period as "a critical time in the insurgency, during the Al-Sadr uprising, which we put down, very well," although Sadr's militia gained traction after the division's departure.

It was, however, his final deployment that was his most memorable. "I see my time as 1st Armored Division commander as the most important period in my personal career and professional life," Hertling told the *Fort Bliss Bugle* last week. Hertling took command of the division May 4, 2007, just weeks after the unit's deployment was officially announced.

With the surge strategy in place, Gen. David Petraeus, commander of forces in Iraq, had a sudden need for an additional division headquarters due to the increase in brigades in the country. 3rd Infantry Div. was supposed to go to northern Iraq and was instead sent to the newly established Multi-National Division-Center; the 25th Inf. Div. already conducted a pre-deployment site survey of northern Iraq but instead went to the region south of Baghdad. "In effect," recalls Hertling "the entire [deployment] chart was thrown off a bit, so 1AD received the mission to take over in Multinational Division-North."

Hertling knew that none of the division's organic brigades at home station in Germany would fight under the command of 1AD; the division headquarters would take command of other modular brigades from other divisions that were already in the Multinational Division-North (MND-N) area of operation. "We were going in as a task force, Task Force Iron," he recalled. "It was a division headquarters with a division headquarters base. But none of the brigades or battalions that worked for us in Iraq were our own."

Early on in the deployment, the division planned and executed Operation Iron Hammer in the Zaab Triangle, an area at the confluence of three Provincial boundaries, Salah Ad Din, Kirkuk, and Ninewah. The operation allowed the division to push out insurgents while forcing Iraqi Security Forces to get more involved in the area. Iron Hammer, planned as a primarily kinetic operation, had a non-lethal supplement: a united conference with the governors of those three provinces as a final phase.

"What we wanted to do was allow [the local Iraqi leaders] to see that in the seams of their provinces there were problems that all of them needed to coordinate and address which were fueling the insurgency," Hertling explained. "Our first crack at this [during Operation Iron Hammer] was, frankly, relatively surprising in that it was very successful. It showed us that in most situations the governors did not have a real good feel for how to govern, that they wanted to team with us and that we needed to help them...[but] they would never execute problem solving efforts." To allow local leaders to develop systems of governance that could mature over time, Hertling pinned the division's economic and governance lines of operation to a series of recurring united conferences.



Lt. Gen. (R) Mark Hertling.

With the success of Iron Hammer and the relationships developed through the conferences, 1AD began to have gradual success in the Zaab Triangle and began to focus on Diyala Province, an area from which Al Qaeda, in Iraq's northern belt, shipped weapons, money, and insurgents into Baghdad. In November 2007, 1AD launched division-level operations in Diyala, Operation Iron Reaper and Operation Iron Harvest, decimating the insurgents and their supply of weapons and money.

Hertling's division staff and brigade commanders applied non-linear analysis to the provinces in their area, each of which offered a different problem set. Rather than applying a doctrinal template across MND-N, Hertling allowed his subordinates leaders to make decisions based on their observations of their areas. Slowly, with the Iraqi Security Forces gaining confidence, the division moved from a heavy focus on kinetics to a heavy focus on governance and economic development.

During the division's 15-month deployment, 20,000 new Iraqi police officers were trained and more than 52,000 jobs were created while the task force's troops provided security and stability that allowed attacks on civilians to drop by 70 percent. Dec. 8, 2008, the division transitioned authority of the area to the 25th Inf. Div.

After the deployment, then-Maj. Gen. Hertling changed command of the division with Maj. Gen. Terry Wolff. Hertling moved on, but his command of 1AD during a critical time in the war in Iraq, remains the most cherished moment in his career.

Reflecting on his career, the retired general believed that his candor allowed him success in combat. "I think your subordinates quickly find out what's in your heart and what you see as right," he said. "Every once in awhile I will see a command philosophy that says something like, 'I don't want anyone to ever lie to me.' If you have to write it down, there is something wrong. I think the professional approach, doing things for the right reasons and people know where you stand and how you talk about different things, whether it is at a soldiers' memorial or a class on sexual harassment or equal opportunity, people know if you really buy into what you're saying, and the example you set."

His fondest recollection of his time as "Iron 6" had little to do with defeating the insurgency. "What I tried to do whenever I went out, every day – it drove my aide crazy, but whenever we went on the battle field circulation, being a parent of two soldiers and knowing how important this is for parents or loved ones, my aide had a camera all the time," he explained. Every night he would send out emails with attached photos to spouses and parents of Iron Soldiers he'd met on the battlefield. "I had some huge responses from that. It just showed the folks back in the rear that we cared about them. The word got around."

Hertling, who along with his wife Susan, is a fitness enthusiast and an amateur endurance-sport athlete, now works on a Global Health Care Strategy and Physician Leader Development council at Florida Hospital. He also serves as one of 18 members of the President's Council on Fitness, Sport and Nutrition.



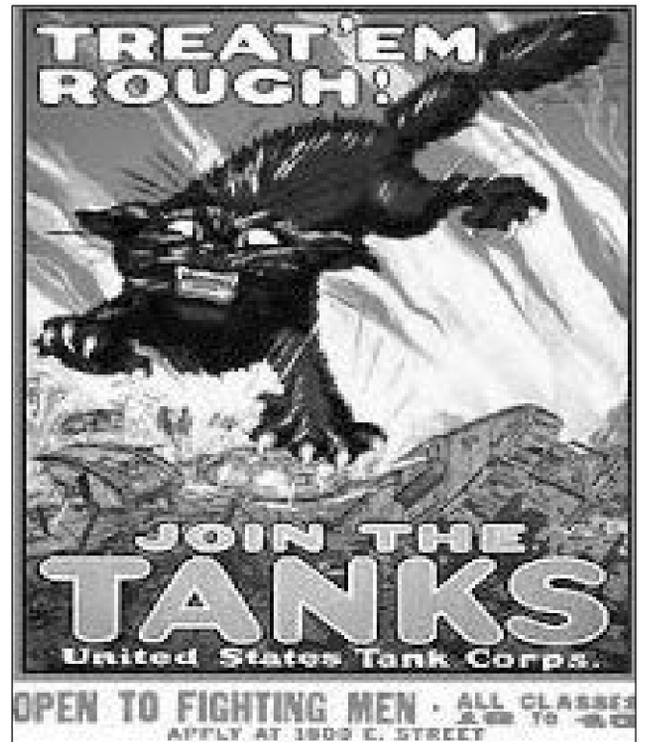
## The story behind 'Old Ironsides'

By Joe Buccino

In early 1941, with the 1st Armored Division training at Fort Knox in preparation for the Louisiana Maneuvers, division commander Maj. Gen. Bruce Magruder knew he needed a nickname for America's first tank division. Fort Bliss hero Maj. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. had just named his 2nd Armored Division "Hell on Wheels," and Magruder knew he needed a nickname that would inspire passion for generations.

Magruder held a contest amongst the division's soldiers to find a suitable name. By February 1941, approximately two hundred names were submitted to the CG including "Fire and Brimstone" and "Kentucky Wonders." The general chose to study them over the course of a weekend. During his review, none of them struck him as appropriate for a tank division poised for heavy combat in Europe. It happened that Magruder had just bought a painting of the USS Constitution, during a drive for funds for the preservation of that famous fighting ship, which is nicknamed "Old Ironsides." Magruder was awestruck by the Constitution, a wooden-hulled, three-masted heavy frigate of the U.S. Navy made famous for her actions during the War of 1812 against Great Britain. The general saw a parallel between the development of the tank and the Navy's "Old Ironsides" spirit of daring and durability. He decided the 1AD should also be named "Old Ironsides."

Man's history is often an unintelligible chaos ruled by chance and whim and the history of our nickname holds true to that form. While we don't know what future generations of soldiers, leaders, and commanding generals of this division may bring or what war it may engage in, we know that today, Nov. 8, 1942, the "Old Ironsides" division is set to make world history.



# 1ST ARMORED DIVISION AS A GLOBAL FORCE

## A HISTORY OF AMERICA'S TANK DIVISION

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### Preface: A History of 'Firsts'

The 1st Armored Division holds many distinctions; "Old Ironsides" was the first armored division to see battle during the second world war, the first American division to face the Germans in combat in that war, the first American division to fight on the desert, and the first American Army division to integrate black Soldiers after that war. Later in its history, 1AD fought the first – and largest – tank battle of the Gulf War, was the first unit extended in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and serves as the sole remaining tank division in our Army today. This special commemorative edition covers the history of the division up to its landing at Oran on Nov. 8, 1942, as part of Operation Torch. In many ways, however, Nov. 8 was the start of the division's run through American military history. In order to honor the great history of this unit, we attempt here a comprehensive review of its role in our Army during and after World War II as well as the Gulf War and our ventures in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The history of the 1AD mirrors that of our country and our military. This is the story of renewal, adaptation to emerging threats, violence, force reduction, and return to renewal. Indeed, we are now living a part of 1AD history, one that does not look unfamiliar when examining the past seven decades.

### WWII: Beyond the Torch Landing

The first portion of this commemorative edition leaves the fate of the Center Task Force at Oran, Algeria, in doubt, with heavier-than-expected resistance by the Vichy French Nov. 8, 1942. Indeed, it would take more than 24 hours of heavy fighting for the division, along with the 1st Infantry Division and the 1st Ranger Battalion, to secure the beachhead, enter the city, and secure its two airfields. Once ashore the troops took control of roads, villages, and two airfields in the area, converged 10 miles inland of Oran, and moved on the city from three sides. All naval and air support would come from a British task force of 61 escort vessels, including a battleship, 3 aircraft carriers, 3 cruisers, and 13 destroyers, as well as 43 transports. A city of 200,000, Oran had formidable defenses including 13 coast artillery batteries, 16,700 troops, about 100 planes, and several destroyers in the harbor. Those defenses would fold and 1AD would advance.

After a successful run through Algiers, elements of the division moved to Bedja, Tunisia, Nov. 24, 1942, and raided Djedeida airfield the next day. After some of the fiercest fighting in the most violent war in our history, Djedeida was captured four days later. The division then moved southwest of Tebourba Dec. 1, engaged German forces on El Guessa Heights Dec. 3, and pierced German lines Dec. 6. The division withdrew to Bedja with heavy equipment losses between Dec. 10 and 11, 1942, and was placed in reserve.

Elements of 1AD next attacked Axis forces in the Ouseltia Valley Jan. 21, 1943, and cleared that area until Jan. 29 when sent to Bou Chebka, and arrived at Maktar Feb. 14, where the division would become involved in a historic battle.

### The Battle for Kasserine Pass

Angry winds from the Sahara lashed the mountains and plains of central Tunisia just before dawn Sunday, Feb. 14, 1943 – St. Valentine's Day. The howling currents and swirling dust cloaked the maneuvers of advancing German armored battle groups. At 4 a.m., with resolute purpose, elements of the 10th and 21st Panzer divisions had launched an attack through Faid and Maizila passes. The German tanks were bound for the village of Sidi Bou Zid, where Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower himself had inspected forward American troop dispositions just three hours earlier.

The panzer groups were implementing a plan personally approved by Adolf Hitler and calculated to relieve the



Infantrymen of the 6th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Division, pass knocked out American medium M-4 tank in Anzio, Italy, on May 24, 1944.

pressure on Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's Afrika Korps. To avoid what would have been a staggering defeat of his largely beaten forces, the "Desert Fox" turned and struck first. The Kasserine campaign, the first major clash between the American and German armies in World War II, had begun.

Rommel's plan was a counterthrust through the mountain passes to penetrate deeply to the northwest and completely disrupt the Allied rear, thereby giving his hard-pressed army some breathing room. Facing the Germans were fragmented units of the 1AD, stretched thin to cover a 60-mile front.

Two brigades from 1AD fought at Faid Pass two weeks earlier, and advanced to Sidi Bou Zid anticipating a counterattack. The march and counterattack orders were issued from a plan personally drafted by Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward, the 1AD commander. Ward's plan was based upon an intelligence estimate of 40 German tanks near Sidi Bou Zid. In fact, there were more than 100 in the village, as well as emplaced 47 mm and 88 mm anti-tank guns.

It would be a bloody Valentine's day for the division. The Germans did not simply push back the Allied forces, they decimated Old Ironsides. By Feb. 17, the division lost 98 tanks, 57 halftracks, 29 artillery pieces and 500 men. Acrid, dark gray and black smoke filled the air at the end of battle as the victorious panzers droned and prowled around the village. This was the darkest days of the division's history and Erwin Rommel's last great achievement in North Africa.

On Feb. 18, Rommel's attack on Le Kef, 60 miles north of the Kasserine Pass allowed the Allies to tighten up their defenses. Rommel's lack of supplies – men and equipment had been withdrawn from North Africa to fight in the Russian campaign – forced him to withdraw from the Kasserine Pass. By Feb. 25, the pass was in the hands of the Allies, with 1AD assembled in reserve.

On March 13, the division moved northeast of Gafsa and attacked in heavy rains as it took Zannouch, but became immobilized by rain the next day. The division drove on Maknassy March 20, and fought the Battle of Djebel Naemia March 22 to 25, and then fought to break through positions barring the road to Gabès between March 29 and April 1. It began to follow up the withdrawing German forces April 6, and attacked towards Mateur April 27, which fell after hard fighting on Hill 315 and Hill 299 on May 3. The division fought the Battle for Djebel Achetl between May 5 and 11, and entered Ferryville. The German forces in Tunisia surrendered between May 9 and 13, 1943. The division was reorganized in French Morocco, and began arriving in Naples, Italy Oct. 28, 1943.

### Anzio

After the fall of Sicily, the unit, part of the U.S. Fifth Army, invaded mainland Italy. It took part in the attack

on the infamous Winter Line in November 1943. It then flanked the Axis armies in the landings at Anzio, passed through the city of Rome and pursued the retreating enemy northward until mid-July 1944. At that point, Maj. Gen. Ernest N. Harmon was replaced by Maj. Gen. Vernon Prichard, who led the 1st AD through the rest of the war.

Three days after Prichard took command, the division was reorganized, based on experiences in the North Africa Campaign. The change was drastic. It eliminated the armored and infantry regiments in favor of three separate tank and infantry battalions, disbanded the Supply Battalion, and cut the strength of the division from 14,000 to 10,000. The result of the re-organization was a more flexible and balanced division, with roughly equivalent infantry and tank battalions. These forces could be combined or custom-tailored by the command to meet any situation. The additional infantry strength would prove particularly useful in the future campaigns in the largely mountainous combat of the Italian campaign. The division continued in combat to the Po Valley until the German forces in Italy surrendered on May 1, 1945. In June, the division moved to Germany as part of the occupation forces.

### A Tank Division at the End of War

The 1AD flag returned to the New York Port of Embarkation April 24, 1946, and was inactivated at Camp Kilmer, N.J., April 25. The component headquarters and units stayed in Germany and were reflagged and renamed as a component of the U.S. Constabulary Force.

During the war, the Old Ironsides division captured 41 towns and cities, and 108,740 prisoners. 722 Iron Soldiers were awarded the Silver Star, 908 received the Bronze Star. Division Soldiers received 5,478 Purple Hearts and two Congressional Medals of Honor.

### 'Old Ironsides' in the 1950s

The success of the Russian-made T-34 Tank at the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950 brought renewed enthusiasm for armor. As part of this new wartime build up of American forces, the 1AD was reactivated at Fort Hood, Texas, March 7, 1951.

Continuing its tradition of "firsts," Old Ironsides became the first division in the Army to integrate black soldiers throughout the ranks. It was also the only combat-ready armored division in the continental U.S. and the first to receive the M-48 Patton tank.

Training for nuclear war became a major theme in the mid-1950s. Accordingly, the 1AD participated in tests of the "Atomic Field Army" at Fort Hood and in Operation

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Sagebrush, the largest joint maneuver conducted since World War II. Upon completion of the exercise in February 1956, the 1AD moved to its new home at Fork Polk, La.

Toward the end of the 1950s, the Army's preoccupation with a nuclear battlefield waned. The Army experienced years of austere budgets. Reduced in size and moved back to Fort Hood, the 1AD reverted to a training cadre for new inductees.

## The 1960's: Renewal and Reorganization

The start of the 1960s inaugurated a period of military renewal. Important changes in organization, doctrine, and equipment stemmed from the realization that the Army must be prepared to fight anytime, anywhere.

In 1962, the 1AD was brought back to full strength and reorganized. Brigades replaced combat commands, and the division's aviation assets doubled.

Intense training followed the reorganization. In October 1962 the 1AD was declared combat ready, just in time for the Cuban Missile Crisis. In response to the Soviet Union stationing missiles in Cuba, Old Ironsides deployed from Fort Hood to Fort Stewart, Ga. The entire operation took just 18 days.

For the next six weeks, the 1AD conducted live-fire training and amphibious exercises on the Georgia and Florida coasts. One highlight was a visit from President John F. Kennedy Nov. 26, 1962.

Shortly thereafter, tensions eased and the 1AD returned to Fort Hood.

Although the 1AD did not participate as a division in the Vietnam War, two units, Company A, 501st Aviation and 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry served with distinction. Both earned Presidential Unit Citations, and 1-1 Cavalry received two Valorous Unit Awards and three Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry. Neither unit was officially detached from the 1AD and veterans of both units may wear the Old Ironsides as a combat patch.

## 1970's: Force Restructuring

The early 1970s brought the withdrawal of American forces from Vietnam and a major restructuring of the Army. As part of the Army's post-Vietnam reorganization, the 1AD was moved to West Germany in 1971. It replaced 4AD in the Bavarian city of Ansbach. The division headquarters remained in Ansbach, with brigade units in the neighboring towns of Bamberg, Illesheim, Fürth (Nuremberg), Katterbach, Crailsheim, Erlangen, and Zirndorf for the next 20 years, as part of V Corps, itself part of NATO's Central Army Group.

## The Gulf War

On Nov. 8, 1990, with the Iraq invasion of Kuwait complete, the 1AD received orders to deploy to Southwest Asia to provide an offensive option should Saddam Hussein refuse to withdraw his forces from Kuwait. This provided an abrupt change of focus for Iron Soldiers who were required to rapidly build combat strength in Southwest Asia. At the time, the division was commanded by Maj. Gen. Ron Griffith and consisted of approximately 3,000 vehicles, including 348 M1A1 Abrams tanks.

During 89 hours of sustained offensive combat in the Gulf War, the 1AD fought at the center of American forces. The division destroyed a total of 418 enemy tanks, 447 armored personnel carriers, 116 artillery pieces, 1211 trucks and 110 air defense systems. The division drove deeper and faster into the enemy's rear areas than any other division-size force in the Kuwait Theater of Operations.

Along its 259 kilometer march to victory, the division destroyed the 1st Bde. of the 26th Iraqi Infantry Division, along with two brigades of the elite Medina Republican Guards Armored Division, one brigade of the elite Tawakalna Republican Guards Mechanized Division, two brigades of the 52AD, several battalions of the 17AD and elements of 10 other Iraqi Army divisions.

Iron Soldiers were responsible for destroying the major base of the 26th Inf. Div., eight other theater level logistics sites and four logistics bases for the Medina Division while capturing 2,234 Iraqi prisoners of war from the Medina, Tawakalna, Adnan and Hamurabi Republican Guards Divisions; the 7th, 20th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 30th, 31st and 48th Iraqi infantry divisions; and the 10th, 12th, 17th and 52nd armored divisions.

During the war, in 89 hours, the division moved 250 kilometers, destroyed 768 vehicles, and captured 1,064 prisoners of war, at the cost of four dead. 1AD returned to Germany on May 8, 1991, and celebrated with a visit from Vice President Dan Quayle.

## Battle of Medina Ridge

On Feb. 27, 1991, 1AD engaged in the first tank battle of the war and what would be the largest tank battle in U.S. history. The battle, which raged the day before a



1st Armored Division elements pass a burning Iraqi tank near the Euphrates river in Iraq during Operation Desert Storm.

cease-fire went into effect, was a showcase for the superiority of American weapons. But it was also the sort of one-sided victory representative of the Gulf War.

The Iraqi forces were well-deployed and could not be seen by American forces advancing until after they had cleared the top of the ridgeline. Defilade position gave the Iraqis protection from the powerful long-range direct fire of the M1 Abrams tanks and the M2 Bradley infantry fighting vehicles. The Iraqi plan was to strike the American forces as they came rolling over the ridge. But the Iraqi brigade seriously underestimated the range of the Army's M1A1 tank's gun, and did not dig in deeply enough. It was one of many occasions on which Iraqi soldiers executed their defensive doctrine poorly.

The sky was overcast and it was raining as the Americans approached the ridge around noon.

When the battle began the American tanks generally fired from a safe distance of about 2,500 yards. Unable to find the Americans with their targeting system in the overcast weather, the Iraqis aimed their guns at the muzzle flashes of the guns of the American tanks, and their rounds fell well short.

During the battle, the American forces suffered only one fatality due to friendly fire while destroying 186 Iraqi tanks and 127 armored vehicles. Only four Abrams tanks were hit by direct fire and disabled; none were destroyed. Thirty-eight of the Iraqi tanks were eliminated by U.S. Army AH-64 Apaches and U.S. Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt IIs. 2nd Battalion, 1st Field Artillery conducted counter-fire missions and destroyed the Medina Field Artillery batteries in the process.

There are surprisingly few bodies, because the Iraqi tanks exploded and burned so quickly. Iraqi tanks turned into instant fireballs on contact.

The furious 40-minute clash pulverized the 2nd Bde. of the Medina division, one of Iraq's vaunted Republican Guard units.

## Task Force Eagle and a Pre-9/11 Force

On Dec. 18, 1995, under the command of Maj. Gen. William L. Nash, the 1AD deployed to northeast Bosnia as the command element of Task Force Eagle, a powerful, multinational unit intended to keep the peace. A Russian brigade, initially under the command of Col. Aleksandr Ivanovich Lentsov, was part of that effort. An account of the interactions of the Americans and Russians in Bosnia in 1996 may be found in James Nelson's *Bosnia Journal*. The 1AD returned to Germany in late 1996.

In 1999, the unit once again deployed, this time to Kosovo, for Operation Allied Force, and Operation Joint Guardian.

Upon redeployment the unit trained heavily in Germany's Hohenfels and Grafenwöhr training areas.

The 1AD began the year 2000 with a bang as its 1st Brigade Combat Team blasted its way through the rolling fog of Grafenwoehr Training Area (GTA) in a challenging January gunnery. February 2000 saw 1AD Headquarters announce the closure of military facilities in Bad Kreuznach and subsequent relocation to Wiesbaden scheduled for June 2001. The 1AD rocked Hohenfels Training Area (HTA) and GTA in three separate exercises in March 2001. Ready First stormed into HTA for Mountain Guardian III, a mission rehearsal exercise designed to test the limits of Iron Soldiers preparing to deploy to Task Force Falcon 2A.

The 1AD's command and control elements pushed the envelope during a highly effective Warfighter exercise in GTA between March 21 and April 17, 2001. The 1AD took command of Task Force Falcon in Kosovo as Brig. Gen.

Randal Tieszen accepted the colors from 1st Inf. Div.'s Brig. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez. The 1AD celebrated its 60th birthday at home and abroad in Kosovo, July 15, 2001. Then-Maj. Gen. George W. Casey, Jr. traveled to Boston Harbor in August 2001 where he forged a new bond with Commander Bill Foster, of the USS Constitution. The meeting rekindled the fires of a 60-year love affair between the prestigious ship "Old Ironsides" and 1AD.

## Iraq: Turning Points

The 1AD played a critical role during three pivotal moments in the war in Iraq. Indeed, no study of our endeavor in Iraq would be complete without a contemplation of this division's efforts there.

The first of these moments came early in the war and is largely forgotten within the context of the successes that would come years later. In July 2003, the division deployed to Iraq and assumed responsibility for Baghdad, under command of then-Brig. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, relieving the 3rd Inf. Div. This was a critical time for Iraq, as the Al-Sadr uprising was evolving throughout large swaths of the city.

The 1AD took a heavy-handed approach to the Moqtada Al Sadr's Shia militia, one that now stands in stark contrast to the counterinsurgency philosophy applied by Gen. David H. Petraeus later in the war.

In April 2004, came a touchstone moment of the Iraq War: 1AD, its gear packed and some of its Soldiers already on their way home, extended its tour, wheeled south and retook towns and villages that had fallen to insurgents in weeks of bloody fighting. In another combat first, 1AD was the first unit extended during the war in Iraq. "It said something," recalled David Cloud, author of "The Fourth Star" and former *LA Times* military reporter who covered the war in Iraq for the *New York Times* in its early stages.



Abrams Tanks of the 1st Armored Division on the march to victory, February 1991.



Brig. Gen. Martin Dempsey in Baghdad, Iraq, 2003.



In 2006, the Ready First would take on the insurgents in their own backyard, setting up combat outposts in the city's most dangerous neighborhood and employing tanks within Ramadi, firing point-blank into buildings occupied by insurgents. 1/1 AD engaged in some of the bloodiest street fighting of the war.

"It said that American Soldiers and the 1st Armored Division in particular would do whatever it took during those difficult days."

Journalist Dexter Filkins, himself something of a war hero for covering the most dangerous parts of Iraq from the street-level, told the *Fort Bliss Bugle*, "I don't think [General Martin] Dempsey gets enough credit. He fought through Baghdad while incorporating Iraqi involvement. There was the potential for real success but it was never built upon."

Through a series of offensives, 1AD violently put down Al Sadr's forces, but the insurgency gained traction in the city after the division's redeployment. During its 15-month tour, the division had great success in violent block-by-block fighting. However, U.S. forces following the division into Baghdad, in a rushed effort to establish an Iraqi Army and police force, allowed twin uprisings, one Sunni and one Shia, in Fallujah and Baghdad. The Iraqi forces disintegrated across southern Iraq, violence escalated, and the situation in Iraq spiraled out of control – at least until the Ready First came into Anbar.

## Gettysburg

There's the mythology of the surge in Iraq and then there's the real story which began with then-Col. Sean MacFarland's 1/1 AD in Ramadi. When the rest of the U.S. military was pulling back, he and his men were pushing out, negotiating with Sunni sheiks, and turning the tide of the war in that violent place.

The American endeavor in Iraq turned in the unlikeliest of places at the worst moment in the war's history. In May 2006, 1st Bde., 1AD received orders to assume security of Al Anbar Province.

Since 2003, Al Anbar served as a microcosm of a war effort gone awry, a human laboratory of failure, violence, and extremism. The province served as a base of operations for the Sunni rejectionist insurgency and Al Qaeda. Ramadi, its capital, had neither a government nor a police force when 1-1 AD arrived. Most military strategists inside and outside of the Bush administration believed that the war in Anbar was over prior to the arrival of the "Ready First," thinking that the province and its population were hopelessly lost. They had every reason to think so. Al Qaeda in Iraq (AQI) publicly announced Ramadi as the capital of their new caliphate, the city alone averaged more than 20 attacks per day, the province was statistically the most dangerous location in the country, and the insurgency enjoyed free rein throughout much of the province.

When the Ready First arrived in Ramadi in June 2006

with more than 70 M1 Abrams tanks and 84 Bradley Fighting Vehicles, many locals believed the brigade was preparing for a Fallujah-style block-by-block clearing assault on the city and many insurgents fled. MacFarland and the leaders of the Ready First were too smart to claim victory at that point. Taking a cue from Col. H.R. McMaster's "Clear, Hold, Build" strategy, the brigade developed a plan to isolate the insurgents, deny them sanctuary, and build Iraqi security forces.

First Bde., 1AD moved into some of Ramadi's most dangerous neighborhoods and, beginning in July 2006, built four of what would eventually become 18 combat outposts. The Soldiers brought the territory under control and inflicted many casualties on the insurgents in the process. On July 24, AQI launched a counterattack, initiating 24 assaults, each with about 100 fighters, on American positions. Despite the reported presence of AQI leader Abu Ayyub al-Masri, the insurgents failed in all of their attacks and lost about 30 men. Several American general officers, including Gen. David H. Petraeus, later compared the fighting to World War II's Battle of Stalingrad.

The Ready First would take on the insurgents in their own backyard, setting up combat outposts in the city's most dangerous neighborhood, employing tanks within Ramadi, and firing point-blank into buildings occupied by insurgents. 1/1 AD engaged in some of the bloodiest street fighting of the war.

While simultaneous conducting combat operations, the brigade was working on the "hold" portion of clear, hold, build. Leaders within the brigade approached Sheik Abdul Sattar Bezia al-Rishawi of the Abu Risha tribe in an attempt to recruit his tribesmen to the police force. This brazen move ran counter to the U.S. plan to develop representative government and modernity throughout Iraq, a plan that would remove power from sheiks.

Jim Michaels, in his book "A Chance in Hell" about the Ready First's operation in Al Anbar wrote that the U.S. had a flawed view of civil government, one that ignored the country's tribal history. "The sheik may not be elected," wrote Michaels, "but nor is he born into his job. Sheiks are generally selected by a group of elders .... Throughout history, ignoring the tribes [in Iraq] has never been a smart move. Sheiks have wielded power for thousands of years and survived countless efforts to blunt their influence in the name of modernity."

On Sept. 9, 2006, the charismatic Sittar organized a tribal council, attended by more than 50 sheiks as well as MacFarland, at which he declared an "Anbar Awakening" officially underway, with an Awakening Council dedicated to first driving AQI out of Ramadi, then establishing rule

of law and local governance. The Anbar Awakening was suddenly a real movement and Sittar its leader. MacFarland, speaking later about the meeting, said, "I told them that I now knew what it was like to be in Independence Hall July 4, 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was signed." While attacks remained high through October 2006, the Awakening, and with it, Sittar's influence, began to spread.

By early 2007, Al Anbar was a symbol of success in a war effort that had gotten almost everything else wrong. The combination of tribal engagement and combat outposts was defeating AQI in Ramadi and throughout the province. President George W. Bush, in his Jan. 23, 2007, State of the Union Address, referred to Al Anbar as a place; "Where Al Qaeda terrorists have gathered and local forces have begun showing a willingness to fight them." Frederick Kagan, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute called Al Anbar "The Gettysburg of Iraq," writing; "Progress in Anbar and throughout the Sunni community has depended heavily on a skillful balance between military force and political efforts at the local level." Kagan argued that MacFarland and the Ready First established a plan for the rest of the country and it was now up to American political leaders to provide the time and conditions conducive to the type of reconciliation among political and ethnic factions that the Ready First developed in Al Anbar. Maj. Gen. MacFarland now serves as the commander of the 1AD and Fort Bliss.

## Surge to Victory

In September 2007, in the midst of a national debate about troop levels in Iraq and, more broadly, about the US strategy in Iraq, the 1AD Hqtrs. deployed again to Iraq. The stunning success of the Ready First changed the way senior officers and politicians viewed the war strategy. Petraeus' surge strategy was in effect, with major counter-insurgency operations across the country. With the additional surge of brigades in theater, Petraeus needed another division headquarters. 1AD, without any of its organic brigades, was sent to control the north, when 3rd Inf. Div., the division headquarters scheduled to go there, went to southern Baghdad. It was an extremely significant move, one that would have ramifications for security, economic development, and local governance in northern Iraq. The division began its deployment the same day Petraeus delivered his Report to Congress on the Situation in Iraq, which concluded that "the military objectives of the surge are, in large measure, being met."

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The division, commanded by then-Maj. Gen. Mark Hertling, conducted a relief in place with the 25th Inf. Div. and assumed command of Multi-National Division North, headquartered in Tikrit, Iraq, Oct. 28, 2007, just as MacFarland's Anbar Awakening was being lauded for pushing AQI out of Anbar. At the time in northern Iraq, enemy attacks averaged 1,800 a month, the Iraqis had little trust in their central government, and the unemployment rate was almost 90 percent. In a phone interview with the *Fort Bliss Bugle* last week, now-retired Lt. Gen. Hertling recalled northern Iraq at the time of 1AD's arrival: "That area [Northern Iraq] was the most contentious ... the enemy moved out of Anbar due to the awakening, and the enemy in Baghdad moved out of Baghdad due to the surge, and the enemy attempted to reinforce through the border of Syria and Turkey ... everything was flowing into our area."

The division's area of operations included ethnic fault lines between Arabs and Kurds, religious fault lines between Sunni and Shia Muslims, numerous tribal regions, and the complexities involving significant former regime elements. 1AD immediately applied an aggressive mix of lethal and non-lethal counterinsurgency tactics, as maneuver battalions worked in a partnered capacity with State Department officials and Provincial Reconstruction Teams. Commanders worked to apply a focused lethality, protecting the Iraqi population while killing insurgents in large volumes.

Rather than viewing every Iraqi as a potential enemy, 1AD took a page of MacFarland's playbook, building relationships and getting cooperation from the Iraqis against Al Qaeda and minimizing the number of enemies for U.S. forces. Soldiers were asked to use courageous measures of restraint, often putting themselves at risk to avoid killing civilians or damaging property.

The strategy worked. Over a 15-month tour, northern Iraq demonstrated monumental change. The local government developed slowly, but had systems of economy, infrastructure development, and security in place. More importantly, the Iraqi people believed in their security forces. The progress in the region came at great cost with 104 U.S. soldiers assigned to 1AD killed and 891 wounded. The division conducted RIP/TOA with 25th Inf. Div. headquarters, Dec. 8, 2008.

## Afghanistan

1AD contributed to the war in Afghanistan, primarily in its final stages. Brigade-level deployments began in 2011, with 3/1 deploying to eastern Afghanistan and 1/1 deploying to southern Afghanistan, a deployment from which they returned two months ago.

1AD also supported Security Forces Assistance Advisory Teams (SFAAT) in support of Afghan forces, with 4/1 AD deploying nearly 400 of its most senior Soldiers throughout eastern Afghanistan.

## Movement to Fort Bliss

In 2005, amidst the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Department of Defense decided to move the 1AD to Fort Bliss no later than 2012 as part of an Army-wide transformation and an effort to reduce the Army's footprint outside the United States. The 1AD, the last American division headquartered outside of the U.S., would relocate from its home of 40 years in Baumholder, Germany. Additionally, the division would become more mobile and interchangeable by converting two of its armored brigades into infantry and Stryker brigades.

To accommodate an additional 20,000 Soldiers and their families, Fort Bliss served as the center of the Army's largest installation construction program and the U.S. military's largest base expansion since the second world war.

The division's colors were officially moved from Germany to Fort Bliss May 13, 2011, under the command of Maj. Gen. Dana J.H. Pittard.

## 'Old Ironsides' Through the Looking Glass

This division's past is reflective of the best attributes demonstrated by our military over the last seven decades. Speed, firepower, leadership, grit, and the ability to fight through complexity, are all on display in the combat history of the First Armored Division. In a phone interview last week with the *Fort Bliss Bugle*, retired Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling summed up the story of 1AD by alluding to its namesake. "1st Armored Division's Soldiers have always embodied the comparison to the USS Constitution – fighting spirit, durability, daring. Those have certainly been the descriptors of this division."

Highly relevant today, this division's history has much to teach us, not only about the profession of arms, but also about military preparedness, global strategy, and combined operations. The story of 1AD is a story of triumph



Maj. Gen. Mark Hertling, 1st Armored Division commander, escorts Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates, in Mosul, Iraq, Dec. 5, 2007.



Maj. Gen. Mark Hertling, right, 1st Armored Division commander, in Iraq, participates in a press conference with Barham Salih, deputy prime minister of Iraq, and U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, Ryan Crocker, 2007. Hertling commanded the 1AD in Northern Iraq during the surge.



Col. Mark Landes, left, the commander of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, listens as his interpreter translates for a member of the Afghan Uniform Police at Combat Outpost Garda in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, Feb. 15, 2012.

through evolution of violence and of metamorphosis to face emerging threats. It is the story of the instruments of war but, more importantly, it is a story of the people manning those instruments, the people who won our nation's wars.

The division is again faced with transformation. As the Army downsizes, the division will lose one brigade com-

bat team and a net total of 750 Soldiers. Regardless of what changes may come, the division, as she always has been, will be ready to fight our nation's wars wherever they may occur, to defend our country's Constitution, and to continue in the grand history of the Iron Soldiers of our past.



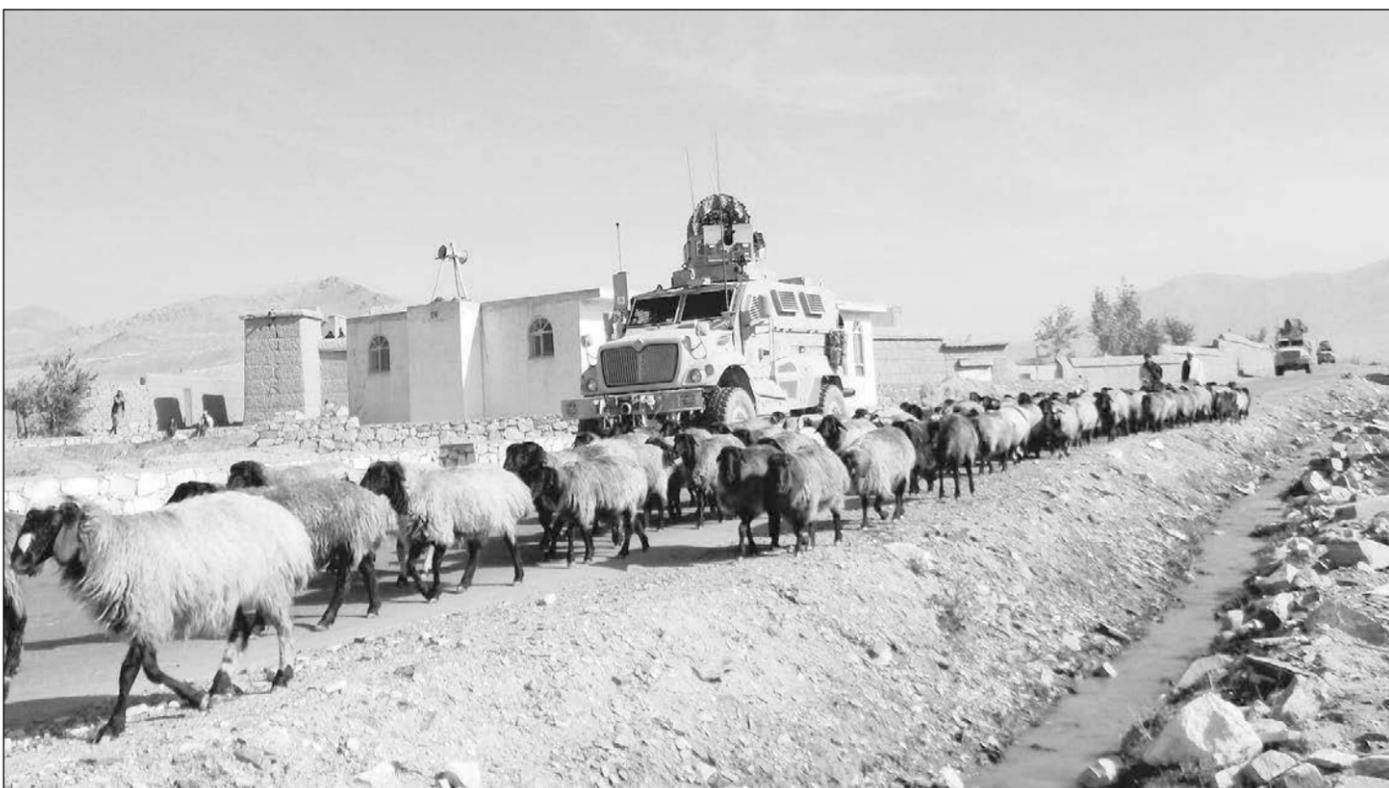
Maj. Dana J.H. Pittard, commanding general of Fort Bliss and 1st Armored Division, officially takes command of the division during the 1AD change of command ceremony at Fort Bliss Noel Field, May 24, 2011. The ceremony officially appointed Pittard the commanding general of Fort Bliss and the 1AD and announced the reflagging of 1AD to U.S. soil after more than 40 years.



Maj. Gen. Dana J.H. Pittard, left, Fort Bliss commander, Gen. James D. Thurman, commanding general U.S. Army Forces Command, and Maj. Gen. Terry A. Wolf, right, 1st Armored Division, outgoing commander, inspects troops during the 1AD change of command ceremony at Fort Bliss' Noel Field, May 24, 2011. The ceremony officially appoints Pittard the commanding general of Fort Bliss and the 1AD and announces the reflagging of 1AD to U.S. soil after more than 40 years.



U.S. Navy Cmdr. Timothy M. Cooper, left, USS Constitution "Old Ironsides," commanding officer, presents the "Ensign," or U.S. colors, flown aboard the ship to Maj. Gen. Dana J.H. Pittard, commanding general of Fort Bliss and the 1st Armored Division, during the 1AD change of command ceremony at Fort Bliss' Noel Field, May 24, 2011. Cooper, with several Sailors, arrived from Charleston, Ma., to participate in the ceremony, which Pittard said he was very grateful for.



C Troop, 1st Squadron, 13th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Division conducts a partnered combined arms route clearance patrol in northern Wardak Province, Afghanistan, in 2012. The squadron has completed 100 days of challenging counterinsurgency operations as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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**>> HHC AWARENESS RUN**

Spc. Jeanita C. Pisachubbe / CAB, 1st AD Public Affairs

Capt. Gabriel M. Espinosa, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Armored Division, leads his troops in a company run, Oct. 25. Instead of the Army Improved Physical Fitness Uniform, Soldiers donned pink and purple shirts in support of Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence awareness.

## Tossing and turning 3-1 medics train for vehicle rollovers

By Spc. Christopher Smythers  
3rd BCT, 1st AD Public Affairs

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — Hazards associated with combat can be difficult to replicate safely. Dangers lurk on the battlefield, which threaten life and limb, and being thrust into hazardous situations can cause Soldiers to pause when action is required to avoid harm.

One way to prevent that stunning effect is to expose Soldiers to similar situations within a training environment.

In this case, Soldiers strapped themselves inside a simulated vehicle, which spun them around like numbered balls in a bingo parlor.

Medics assigned to 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, participated in training Sept. 27 at the National Training Center.

Soldiers, dressed in the protective gear they will wear in Afghanistan, tightly belted themselves inside the simulator as if it were a carnival ride.

Unlike a typical ride, this one has a very important purpose.

The simulator spins left and right and teeters on an edge before finally rolling completely over in replication of a vehicle crash.

Soldiers inside shouted "Rollover! Rollover!" and braced themselves as they trusted their gear to protect them.

After the spinning stopped, the medics collected themselves and looked for a safe exit from the vehicle.

"We were upside down, and all disoriented," said Spc. Jeri Lucas, a medical specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion. "Then we had to figure out how to get out while we were all hung up. I completely came out of my seat and was all snagged up in my seatbelt."

Instructors informed Soldiers still recovering from the experience the impact ejected their gunner from the vehicle. Medics rushed around the vehicle to find a training mannequin lying in poor condition.

Their medical training resurfaced and they began to treat the casualty.

"When I first came out of the vehicle, I only had the combat life saver bag they gave me for medical supplies," said Spc. Matthew Turner, senior medic for Company D, 1st Battalion,



Spc. Christopher Smythers / 3rd BCT, 1st AD Public Affairs  
Spc. Jeri Lucas, a medical specialist assigned to 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, is turned upside down in a simulated vehicle rollover at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., Sept. 27.

41st Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division.

"I instructed my team and we all worked together. We patched him up, sent up a medical evacuation request and got him out of there."

Realistic training gives deploying Soldiers the benefit of experiencing similar situations they may fear in combat. These experiences build their confidence and eliminate much of their fear of the unknown.

"This was definitely some of the most realistic training I've ever been through," said Turner. "I got to train with a lot of the Soldiers who I work with, so it was a good time for us to evaluate ourselves before we go into the real thing."

After training, they had a better idea what it felt like to be in a rolling vehicle, and they trusted their protective gear to keep them alive in the event of a vehicle mishap.

## Chief sees future of Army equipment

By PEO Soldier

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — The Army's chief of staff inspected an array of advanced technology being mobilized on behalf of Soldiers during a visit to Program Executive Office Soldier, Nov. 1.

Experts from Program Executive Office, Soldier briefed Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Ray Odierno on a new generation fused thermal and night vision goggles, more accurate laser targeting systems, improved body armor and innovative devices to provide Soldiers electrical power in the field.

PEO Soldier is responsible for the small arms, equipment, and clothing worn or used by the individual Soldier.

"It's about ensuring our Soldiers are equipped to do their job," Odierno said, after reviewing the equipment. "For me, that's the most important thing."

Odierno received briefings from PEO Soldier's four project managers: PM Soldier Sensors and Lasers, PM Soldier Warrior, PM Soldier Weapons, and PM Soldier Protection and Individual Equipment.

The general was particularly interested in PEO Soldier's efforts to achieve one of the Army's main development goals, which is lightening the load on Soldiers. With the development and increased use of body armor, night vision equipment and other equipment, today's Soldiers carry more weight than their predecessors.

Program Executive Officer Soldier Brig. Gen. Paul A. Ostrowski told Odierno that reducing the weight on Soldiers is a personal issue for him, and is something to which he devotes a great deal of time and effort.

Ostrowski told Odierno that PEO Soldier, the Maneuver Center of Excellence and U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center, are working together to find "evolutionary and revolutionary" approaches to lightening the Soldier load. Odierno was briefed on two programs which emerged from that effort. One of those briefings dealt with providing power to Soldiers in the field, and the other with the rucksacks they carry on their backs.

The increased use of radios, sensors and other electronic equipment has resulted in greater weight as Soldiers carry additional batteries. Maj. Joseph J. McCarthy, of the Soldier Power Section of Soldier Warrior, told Odierno that future Soldiers will use fewer batteries for their devices, and thereby reduce the weight they carry.

"This is one of the most important areas we have because it helps solves the problem of weight," Odierno said.

Two of the products McCarthy briefed were the conformal battery, which shapes to the Soldier and provides power to numerous devices; and the solar blanket, which converts solar energy to power. The latter is important because PEO



Sgt. Robert Larson / 4th BCT, 1st AD Public Affairs

Gen. James D. Thurman, former commander of the U.S. Forces in South Korea, speaks with Lt. Col. Clay Novak, commanding officer of 2nd Squadron, 13th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, inside one of the Humvee simulators of the Close Combat Tactical Trainer, Oct. 29. Thurman observed training Soldiers of 2nd Sqdn., 13th Cav. Regt., were conducting in preparation for future ranges and missions.



Sgt. Brandon K. Anderson / 4th BCT, 1st AD Public Affairs

Pfc. Jonathan Alvarado, B Battery, 2nd Bn., 29th FA Regt., 4th BCT, 1st AD, hands out candy to children at North Star Elementary school's "Zombie Dance" Halloween event, Oct. 31. The unit and the school are joined together as part of the Partners in Education program.



Sgt. Valerie Lopez / 1st AD Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Sean B. MacFarland, 1st AD and Fort Bliss commanding general, and Soldiers from the Special Troops Battalion, 4th BCT, 1st AD, paint the awning of veteran, Hector Munoz, Oct. 26, as part of Make a Difference Day volunteer activities.



Sgt. Valerie Lopez / 1st AD Public Affairs

Soldiers from Special Troops Battalion, 4th BCT, 1st AD, paint the house of military veteran, Hector Munoz, Oct. 26, as part of Make a Difference Day volunteer activities.



Sgt. Robert Larson / 4th BCT, 1st AD Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Sean B. MacFarland, commanding general for 1st AD and Fort Bliss, speaks to the Soldiers of 4th BCT, 1st AD, at the brigade's Highlander Formal at Grace Gardens, Nov. 1.

## Highlander update

The 4th Brigade Combat Team "Highlanders" accomplished mission-essential tasks and functions during October. The brigade's battalions were busy with Red Cycle tasks and had to work around the federal government shutdown to complete required duties.

Several of the battalions took advantage of Fort Bliss' state-of-the-art simulators, conducting training at the Bradley Advanced Training System, Close Combat Tactical Trainer and Simulation Center, to prepare for November's gunnery range firings.

The Highlanders also celebrated Halloween with several of the battalions putting on "Trunk or Treat" events for the brigade's Soldiers' children. Special Troops Battalion had a Halloween-themed family fun run that included a visit from Darth Vader (Lt. Col. Joseph Bowman, STB commander).

Members of 4th BCT were busy in the El Paso community with several Partners in Education events at local schools – a

fall festival and teacher's night at Cielo Vista Elementary School and a Halloween zombie dance at North Star Elementary School.

Oct. 26, the Highlanders moved out in force to take part in Make a Difference day activities. Some of the organizations supported by 4th BCT included: the Directorate of Public Works, the Child Crisis Center, the Old Fort Bliss Replica, the Boys and Girls Club of El Paso, the El Paso Humane Society, Rebuild Together El Paso, the Animal Rescue League and the Salvation Army. Highlander Soldiers assisted with cleaning, landscaping, painting and completing several construction projects while collaborating with these various agencies.

The 4th BCT also hosted the Fort Bliss Best Ranger competition. The buddy teams for the competition have not been announced, but 1st Lt. Martin Jimenez repeated as one of the top finishers.

The brigade held their Highlander

formal ball at Grace Gardens on the west-side of El Paso, Friday. First Armored Division and Fort Bliss Commanding General, Maj. Gen Sean B. MacFarland, was guest speaker; 1st AD and Fort Bliss Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Ronnie Kelley, also attended.

Oct. 21, the Highlander Brigade hosted a visit from Deputy Secretary of Defense Dr. Ashton Carter who spoke with more than 150 Soldiers, presented coins and reviewed several combat vehicles.

Gen. James D. Thurman, former commanding general of United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces-Korea, also visited the brigade. Thurman stopped at the CCTT and Sim Center to see Soldiers of 2nd Squadron, 13th Cavalry Regiment, 4th BCT, 1st AD, using the simulators to conduct training. Thurman was on post to promote former 4th BCT, 1st AD commander, Col. Scott McKean, to the rank of brigadier general.



### >> CSM KELLEY RECOGNIZES AUSA LEADERS

Sgt. Brandon A. Bednarek / DCSM Public Affairs

Command Sgt. Maj. Ronnie Kelley, senior enlisted advisor for the 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss, recognizes the hard work and commitment of Guy Swan, retired Army lieutenant general and vice president of the Association of the United States Army, during a professional development lunch Nov. 4 held at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center at East Fort Bliss. Along with AUSA President Gordon Sullivan, Swan and the association provide a voice for Soldiers and their families by lobbying Congress for Soldier benefits, pay and a host of additional Army issues.



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Michael Wilson / Patriot Branch Chief, UT&C

The MQ107 Target drone is launched at Oro Grande. The drone is a remote, live-fire target that reaches a speed of up to 450 knots.

## Japanese three-star visits Bliss, training areas

By Ashley M. Alameda  
DoMaD Public Affairs

Vice Commander of the Japanese Air Defense Command, Lt. Gen. Kosuke Yoshida, visited Oct. 18 to tour the annual service practice conducted by the Japan Air Self-Defense Force.

Yoshida began his tour at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., and made stops at the Missile Electronics Bldg. and the WSMR Museum. He visited with WSMR Commanding General Brig. Gen. Gwendolyn Bingham after lunch at the Frontier Club. Yoshida then traveled to Fort Bliss and had an "office call" with then Col. Scott McKean, the Fort Bliss deputy commanding general.

Yoshida went to McGregor Range, N.M., as the JASDF was conducting training in preparation for the ASP's fourth Patriot missile live fire this year. He watched as the Japanese firing units were evaluated

on movement, emplacement of equipment, and the performance of missile reload crew drills.

Yoshida toured the Oro Grande Target Observation Point, Oct. 19, to view the MQ107 target drone and to tour the Target Control Facility. After viewing the target launch, Yoshida left for MRBC to watch the Patriot missile live-fire.

Army Field Support Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Jason A. Crowe, awaited the arrival of Yoshida at the Observation Firing Point, where they had lunch together.

"We discussed topics ranging from politics and world affairs to local tourist sites," said Crowe, "It was an honor to have the undivided attention of a foreign flag officer of his stature for the afternoon."

The pair climbed the Patriot control tower and watched the first missile fire at the MQ107 target drone.

"The coordination to execute the event under controlled conditions was impressive," said Crowe, adding that this was his first time viewing a Patriot missile live-fire. Yoshida was then transported to the firing point to watch the second fire unit perform the exercise at close range.

This is the 49th ASP hosted by the Unit Training and Certification Division. The UT&C will host 12 JASDF units with each unit conducting its own missile launch. All training and equipment is separately funded and maintained by the Japanese government. UT&C is funded by foreign funds and is why the program remains at Fort Bliss despite the Air Defense Artillery Headquarters moving to Fort Sill, Okla.

Crowe recognizes the benefits of continuing the program at Fort Bliss and the surrounding facilities.

"We gain visibility and credibility as a premiere training installation," said Crowe, "More importantly, we sustain the friendship and cooperation of our Japanese allies through shared training experiences."



Ashley M. Alameda / DoMaD Public Affairs

From left to right: Army Field Support Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Jason A. Crowe, Vice Commander, Air Defense Command, Lt. Gen. Kosuke Yoshida and Air Defense Missile Training Group Commander, Col. Katsuhiko Taraha, meet before lunch at McGregor Range, N.M.



Michael Wilson / Patriot Branch Chief, UT&C

The fourth Japanese Patriot missile is launched at McGregor Range, N.M., at a range hosted by the Unit Training and Certification Division.



Michael Wilson / Patriot Branch Chief, UT&C

A Japanese firing unit sets up an antennae mast group in preparation for the ASP's fourth Patriot missile live-fire of the year.



Spc. Sean Howard / 4th Bn., CAB, 1st AD

Lt. Col. Christopher M. Barnwell, outgoing commander of 4th Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Armored Division, returns from his final flight as a CAB Army aviator Oct. 17, flying the AH-64D Apache Longbow attack helicopter. Barnwell has served as the Pistoleros' commander for two years, including a year deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Spartan Shield.



Spc. Jeanita C. Fisachubbe / CAB, 1st AD Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Lance K. Van Zandt, left, incoming commander for 4th Bn., 501st AR, CAB, 1st AD, Maj. Matthew Landrum, commander of troops, and outgoing commander Lt. Col. Christopher M. Barnwell inspect the troops.

## 'Pistoleros' change command

By Spc. Sean W. Howard  
4th Bn., CAB, 1st AD



Spc. Sean W. Howard / 4th Bn., CAB, 1st AD

Lt. Col. Lance K. Van Zandt, left, assumes command from outgoing commander Lt. Col. Christopher M. Barnwell.



Spc. Jeanita C. Fisachubbe / CAB, 1st AD Public Affairs

During the change of command 1st Sgt. Nathan D. Garlach, acting battalion command sergeant major, passes the battalion colors to outgoing commander Lt. Col. Christopher M. Barnwell, who will in turn pass them to Col. Carey M. Wagen.

In a change of command ceremony held Oct. 25 at Biggs Army Airfield for 4th Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Christopher M. Barnwell relinquished command of the "Pistoleros" to Lt. Col. Lance K. Van Zandt.

Barnwell led the Pistoleros to many accomplishments since taking command in August 2011, including overwater training at Ellington Field in Houston, and a deployment to Kuwait in support of Operation Spartan Shield. While deployed, the unit conducted more than 33 multi-national operations, including partnerships with the Kuwaiti Air Force, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

"During his time in command, Lieutenant Colonel Barnwell did a phenomenal job," said Col. Carey M. Wagen, commander of the CAB. "His moral compass always points north, and that is reflected throughout his organization."

Barnwell's next assignment takes him to the Brigade Modernization Command, 1st AD.

"It has been a great run, but now I have the pleasure of relinquishing this command into the capable hands of Lieutenant Colonel Lance Van Zandt," Barnwell said during his speech.

Van Zandt comes to Fort Bliss from 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Humphreys, South Korea, where he served as brigade operation officer and deputy commander.

Van Zandt thanked Wagen and Maj. Gen. Sean B. MacFarland, commander of 1st AD and Fort Bliss, for the privilege of commanding the "Iron Eagle" Brigade.

"Lydia and I are humbled with the opportunity to serve as stewards for such a dynamic organization," he said of he and his wife. "There is no other unit that our family would rather serve."

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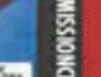
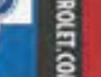
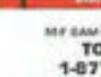
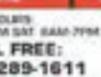
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Command Sgt. Maj. Wayne Woods, command sergeant major of 3rd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, the "Legion" Battalion, passes the symbolic sword that marks the changing, acceptance of responsibility of a unit by first sergeants and command sergeants major, to the sword bearer during the Legion Battalion's Change of Responsibility ceremony held Oct. 28.

## 3-43 ADA, 'Legion' Battalion conducts CoR

By Staff Sgt. Norman Llamas  
11th ADA Bde. Public Affairs

In a Change of Responsibility ceremony held Oct. 28 at the unit's Company Operations Facility, the Soldiers and families of the 3rd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, the "Legion" Battalion, 11th ADA Brigade, bid farewell to Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Villarreal, the battalion's outgoing command sergeant major and his family.

For almost three years, Villarreal, along with Lt. Col. Joshua Moon, commander, 3-43 ADA, have set the legion battalion's command climate at a level of excellence. Legion Battalion is headed to Southwest Asia for a year-long deployment where they will be providing air and missile defense to the combatant commander in the Army's Central Command area of operations.

If the decision was up to Villarreal, he

would love nothing more than to be deploying with his Soldiers, the same Soldiers who he has coached and mentored through almost three years and who he has helped train for this deployment. Villarreal's next assignment will take him to the Republic of Korea, where he will take over as the command sergeant major for another ADA battalion.

"It's almost impossible to ignore the wave of Red Legion shirts (being worn) ... during battalion, brigade or post runs," said Command Sgt. Maj. Byron E. Ferguson, command sergeant major, 11th ADA Brigade.

"Soldiers with the Legion are so immensely proud of their unit that it wouldn't surprise me if they slept in their battalion T-shirts."

"Through more than twenty-three years of outstanding military service, Sergeant Major Villarreal, his wife Guadalupe, daughter Belen and son Miguel Angel, have endured

multiple deployments, early mornings, late nights, working on holidays and weekends," said Ferguson.

The commander of 3-43 ADA also weighed in on Villarreal's contributions to the unit's esprit de corps and discipline.

"On behalf of every Soldier in this battalion, I want to thank you personally for your leadership," said Moon. "You were both stern and fair. You welcomed every Soldier to this battalion, even the non-Dallas (Cowboys) fans, into our ranks and you consistently led us from the front ... and although you always exhibited a quiet calmness about you, you did not for a second tolerate, and I quote, "any Jackassery!" "Sergeant Major, even my dad once remarked, "If Command Sergeant Major Villarreal needed me, I'd enlist!"

During the ceremony, the Legion Battalion welcomed Command Sgt. Maj. Wayne

Woods, his wife Penny and daughter Stony Lynn. Woods is no stranger to the "Imperial" Brigade. Just last week he was leading 5-52 ADA, the "Fighting Deuce" Battalion. Woods had led the Fighting Deuce Battalion for the last two years and was in charge of redeploying the battalion in December of 2012, from their most recent deployment. Woods will inherit the challenging task of deploying the Legion Battalion.

"It is an honor to be part of the Legion Battalion," said Woods. "The leaders and Soldiers have set the conditions for a successful deployment. I have seen and felt the pride and commitment of this great organization; thank you for allowing me to be part of your team."

"Lieutenant Colonel Moon, we have a rendezvous with destiny. I am looking forward to serving alongside of you."

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Cpl. Marc Harms, a signal support specialist assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, explains how the power systems on the Mobile Integrated Command Post MaxxPro mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicle works here, Oct. 28.

(Right) Capt. Jason Patterson, an information systems manager, 2nd BCT, 1st AD, explains the capabilities of the MICP MaxxPro.



## 2/1AD field tests a new type of MRAP during NIE 14.1

By Staff Sgt. Kulani J. Lakanaria  
24th Press Camp Headquarters

Second Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division is testing a large amount of new equipment for the Brigade Modernization Command during the Network Integration Evaluation 14.1. The equipment being evaluated is the Mobile Integrated Command Post MaxxPro mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicle Oct. 28.

MRAP's were fielded by the military during the Global War on Terrorism, increasing the survivability for service members due to the V-shaped hull. The V-shaped hull

works by deflecting the blast of a land mine or roadside bomb away from the vehicle to protect its occupants.

The MICP MaxxPro being evaluated is a little different. The MICP MaxxPro is designed to support the commander on the battlefield, and it is equipped with an array of radio communications systems, service stacks and a vehicle wireless package that allows the commander to be informed on the battlefield.

"What's unique about the vehicle is that it's the only one in the Army right now," said

Capt. Jason Patterson, an information systems manager with 2nd BCT, 1st AD.

The MICP also has power-generating capabilities that can power a tactical operations center.

"The vehicle comes with its own on-board power," Patterson said. "The generator is powered by the transmission. We can move with our (tactical operations center), and the commander can set it up in an hour with fully operational (communications) and (satellite communications)."

"The TOC is a tactical operations center

that's usually where all the staff sets up," Patterson said. "It's the main force that provides information to the commander on the battlefield."

Network Integration Evaluation 14.1 allowed 2nd BCT, 1st AD Soldiers an opportunity to test the MICP MaxxPro in a field environment.

"We can see how the equipment actually operates, as opposed to staying in the motor pool, where everything is controlled," Patterson explained. "Here we do several (movements) with the TOC."

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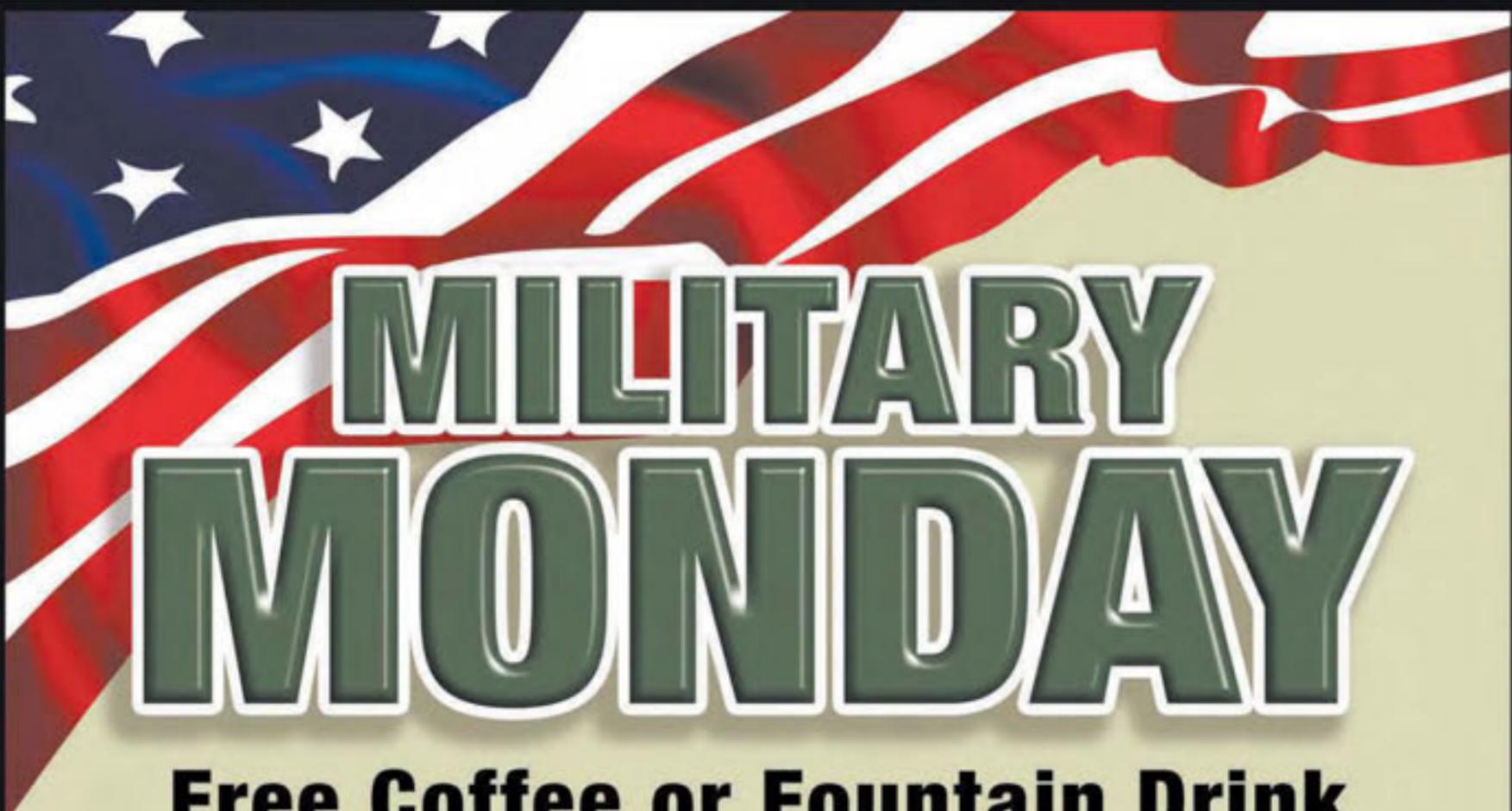
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The last flight carrying personnel from 1st and 2nd Battalions, 501st Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Armored Division, returned to Fort Bliss after a nine-month deployment in Afghanistan. More than 120 Soldiers were greeted by family and friends at the Arrival/Departure Airfield Control Group at Biggs Army Airfield, Oct. 28. The battalions were in Afghanistan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, and are the last of the more than 1,000 Soldiers who deployed from the CAB.

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## 2nd BCT Soldiers evaluate TCN system during NIE 14.1

By Staff Sgt. Kulani J. Lakanaria  
24th Press Camp Headquarters

Soldiers of Company B, Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, are evaluating a plethora of new equipment for the Brigade Modernization Command and its Network Integration TRIAD partners – the System of Systems Integration Directorate and the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command – during the Network Integration Evaluation 14.1. The equipment being evaluated is an upgraded version of the tactical communications node or TCN.

“The tactical communications node is important because it gives our brigade commander on-the-move communication capabilities,” said Sgt. Lindsay Szopinski, a tactical communications team chief in Co. B, STB, 2nd BCT, 1st AD.

“The TCN also can provide stationary capabilities.”

The TCN system is designed to provide a satellite and terrestrial communication network. Additionally, the service allows Soldiers to send and receive information in a tactical environment. The system can also provide a mobile, flexible, dynamic tactical network capable of support for a highly dispersed force over an isolated area.

(Above left) Sgt. Lindsay Szopinski, the tactical communications node team chief for Company B, Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, answers interview questions at Network Integration Evaluation 14.1, Oct. 29.

(Left) Soldiers of Co. B, STB, 2nd BCT, 1st AD, train with a new tactical communications node.

**“I think it is also a morale booster. The system can get voice and data, including social media sites.”**

>> Spc. Ricky Anggana

“The system includes a satellite terminal transportable, network-to-network central waveform, division multiple access and line-of-sight communications,” Szopinski said. “The line-of-sight communications can reach 32 kilometers.”

The TCN can work like an Internet access point in an austere environment.

“I think it is also a morale booster,” said Spc. Ricky Anggana, a satellite communications system operator in Co. B, STB, 2nd BCT, 1st AD. “The system can get voice and data, including social media sites. It is also important to keep Soldiers connected with family. Normally we don’t get to work with this system. I can’t wait to see how it performs during the rest of the (Network Integration Evaluation 14.1).”

The TCN system is fully mobile. It can be set up, broken down and moved to a new area rapidly.

“The TCN network enhances signal capabilities on a new battlefield,” Szopinski explained. “It’s important because it provides ungrounded communications. To sum it up, it’s (Internet) and communications on the go.”

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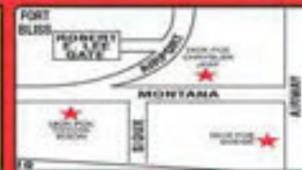
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# Wellness Fusion Campus delves into PIIP

By Wellness Fusion Campus

Have you ever had so much anxiety about a situation you have gotten stuck and aren't able to focus or take purposeful action? Have you seen this happen to someone else? The skill of Put It In Perspective allows us to stop catastrophic thinking and lower anxiety so we can accurately assess a situation and deal with it. When we waste critical energy ruminating about the potential worst case outcomes of a situation we call it catastrophic thinking. Another way to look at this type of thinking is "making a mountain out of a molehill" or "making a Himalaya out of a mountain." Catastrophizing is detrimental to taking purposeful action because it creates high levels of anxiety, decreases focus and increases helplessness. Potential triggers of catastrophic thinking are ambiguous situations, when something we value highly is at stake, when we are run down or depleted, or if we already fear the situation. Modern technology creates more opportunities for ambiguous information to cross our paths. For example, a text message from a significant other saying "we need to talk," or an email from your first sergeant that says, "meet me in my office at 1700." It is difficult for us to interpret the purpose of these messages which could lead to worst case thinking.

Downward Spiral is one style of catastrophic thinking. Downward Spiral is when an Activating Event occurs and our brain starts to tell a story that gets increasingly negative and improbable, causing us anxiety. Our brain is like a "run-away train" with these worst case thoughts. The second style of catastrophic thinking is Scattershot, which is when we start thinking about many disconnected, catastrophic events. We utilize the analogy of a shotgun blast because the shot is scattered as is our worst case thoughts about the AE. The final style of catastrophic thinking is Circling, which is when our thoughts about one potentially negative outcome repeat. The thoughts do not get more negative, but block purposeful action.

There are five chronological steps to using PIIP. Step 1: Describe the Activating Event, and jot down the 4 W's – who, what, when and where. We want to be objective in this step and put down just the facts of the AE. Step 2: Capture all the worst case thoughts. In this step we want ensure we exhaust



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- Put It In Perspective is a method to stop catastrophic thinking and deal with the most likely implications.
- Use PIIP when you are "making a mountain out of a molehill or making a Himalaya out of a mountain."
- Put It In Perspective builds Optimism.



*Capture the Worst Case, generate the Best Case, and then identify the Most Likely outcomes and develop a plan for dealing with them.*



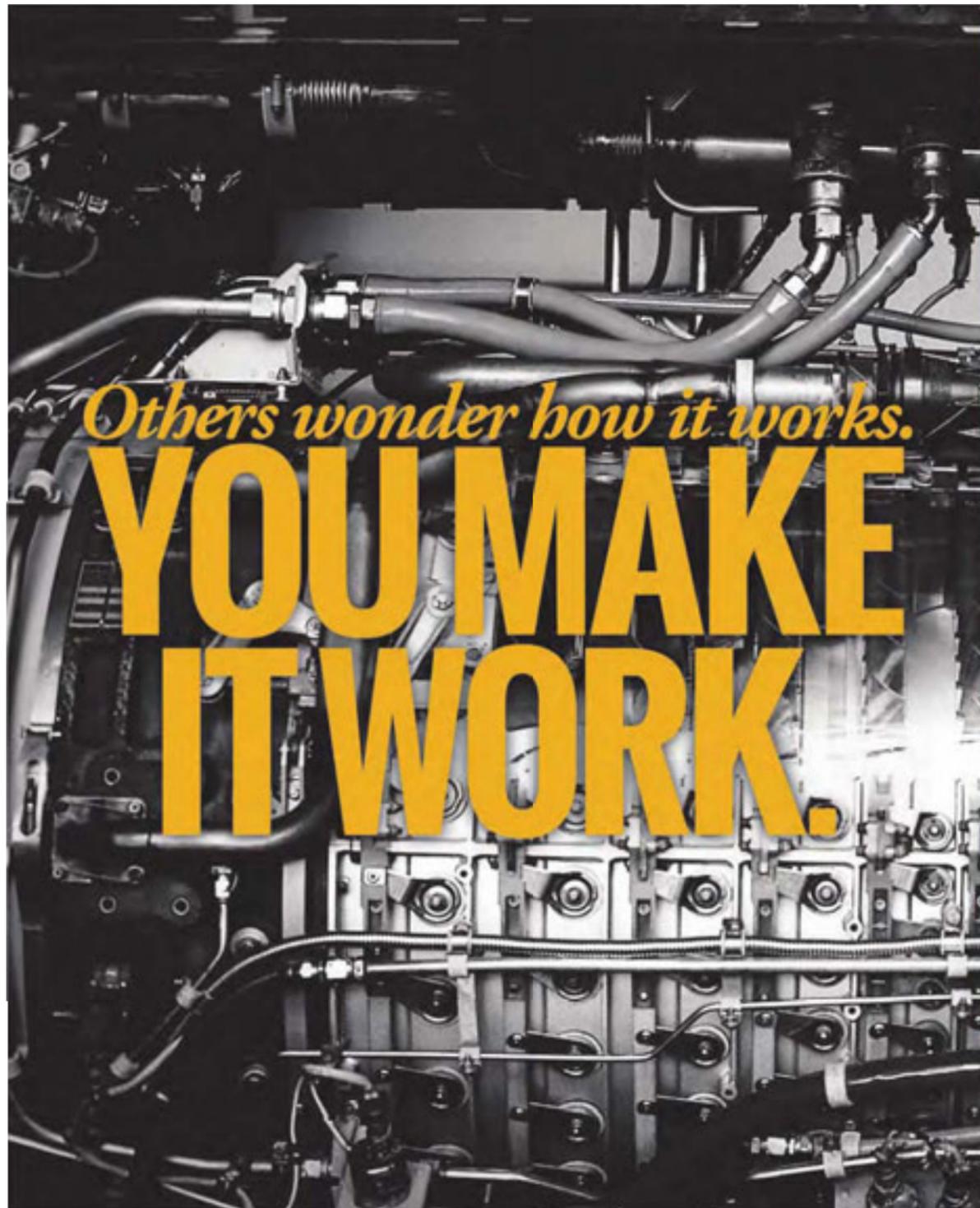
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all our worst case thoughts about the AE. Step 3: Generate best case thoughts. This might be difficult for some, but generating best case thoughts elicits a jolt of positive emotion, gets us out of our anxious state so we can identify most likely outcomes. Step 4: Identify the most likely outcomes. In this step we want to identify 2 to 3 most likely outcomes, our most likely emotions and how others involved in the situation might be feeling. Step 5: Develop a plan to deal with the most likely outcomes. In this step we want to develop a plan for what we identified in Step 4.

By using the skill of Put It In Perspective we are able to halt catastrophic thinking and create a mindset that allows us to identify the most likely outcomes of a situation and develop a plan for those outcomes. We can use PIIP on ourselves or as an empathy tool to help others we see catastrophizing.

**AAFES embraces PIIP's essence:** At Fort Bliss, we strive to develop a culture of performance excellence and enhanced resilience for all Soldiers, family members and Army civilians. Together we're focusing on a skill or concept each month that contributes to our resilience. The resilience theme of the month is Put It In Perspective. PIIP allows us to lower anxiety when we are in a catastrophic style of thinking so we can take meaningful action. Optimism is the primary resilience competency built with the skill of Put It In Perspective. For more information about building resilience, contact the CSF2 Training Center on Fort Bliss at 568-6684.



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Sgt. Maiker Fernandez, an infantryman assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, makes his way down the road during one of several ruck marches at the Fort Bliss Best Ranger Competition, Oct. 22.



# BEST RANGER COMPETITION

Story and photos by Sgt. Brandon K. Anderson  
4th BCT, 1st AD Public Affairs

**T**en Soldiers from the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, put their skills to the test as they competed for the right to be called Fort Bliss' Best Ranger. The three-day event held Oct. 22 through Oct. 24 would push them to mental and physical limits.

The top two finishers will go on to represent the 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss at the United States Army Best Ranger Competition at Fort Benning, Ga.

The first day of competition, the competitors faced a Ranger Physical Fitness Test consisting of two minutes of push-ups and sit-ups, pull-ups and a 5-mile run.

The second day, competitors negotiated an obstacle course, navigated a "Prusik" climb, completed a 6-mile ruck march to McGregor Range, N.M., and participated in a stress shoot. Soldiers endured many other physically and mentally taxing events before being allowed to rest.

One of this year's Fort Bliss Ranger competitors, Sgt. 1st Class Marquez Daniels, the assistant station commander of the Special Forces Recruiting Station in El Paso, Texas, competed with another Soldier in the U.S. Army Best Ranger Competition.

Daniels said this competition was a great representation of the one he participated in this past February.

"I thought the competition was awesome," said Daniels. "I think Captain Alquesta and the Soldiers of 4th Brigade got it right. It was as close as it gets to the real thing."

These events were designed to be tough, and for many, the real test was the 17-mile march held on the evening of the second day. Not only were they carrying 42 pounds

of equipment in their rucksacks, they were also required to carry five-gallon water jugs and logs at intervals during the event.

"The toughest event was definitely the seventeen-mile ruck march," said Sgt. Maiker Fernandez, an infantryman assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division.

Daniels echoed Fernandez's feelings about the ruck march being the toughest event.

"At about the six-mile mark of the competition, we threw on a five-gallon water jug and other stuff before walking for another five or six miles," said Daniels. "It was brutal."

Not all of the events were as physically exhausting for the competitors.

First Lt. Zachary Wise, a fire support officer for Company C, 4th Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 1st BCT, 1st AD, enjoyed the obstacle course the most.

"My favorite part of the competition was the obstacle course," said Wise. "Just pushing myself as hard as I could was really rewarding."

The winners of the Fort Bliss Best Ranger Competition are: 1st Lt. Martin Jimenez, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment, 4th BCT, 1st AD; 1st Lt. Daniel Reed, HHC, 4th Bn., 17th Inf. Regt., 1st BCT, 1st AD; 1st Lt. Stephen Wilson, Company B, 4th Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division; and, 1st Lt. Zachary Wise, Co. C, 4th Bn., 17th Inf. Regt., 1st BCT, 1st AD.

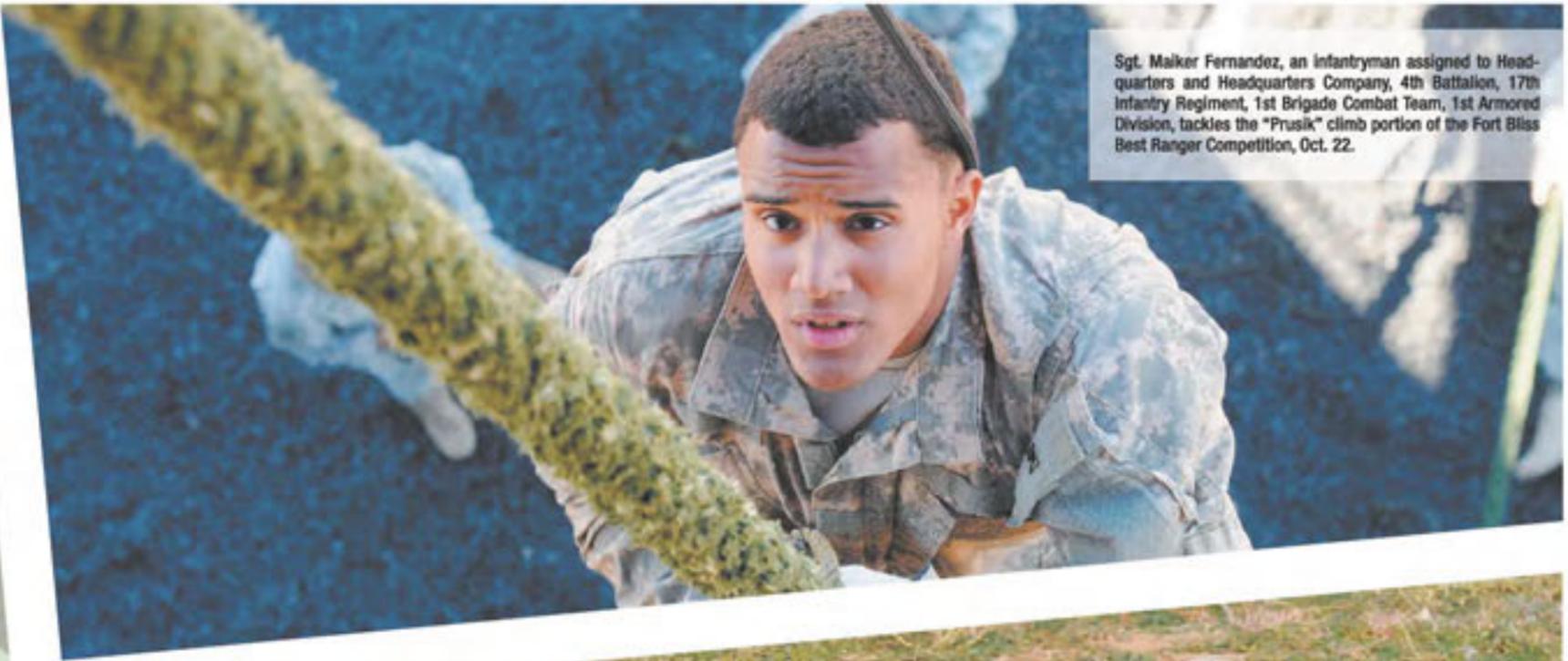
The winners will be paired to represent Fort Bliss at the U.S. Army Best Ranger Competition.

Second Lt. William Miller, Co. B, 4th Bn., 17th Inf. Regt., 1st BCT, 1st AD, tackles the log-crossing portion of the Fort Bliss Best Ranger Competition, Oct. 22.



First Lt. Martin Jimenez, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, fills out a range card during the Ranger Stakes portion of the Fort Bliss Best Ranger Competition, Oct. 23.





Sgt. Maiker Fernandez, an infantryman assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, tackles the "Prusik" climb portion of the Fort Bliss Best Ranger Competition, Oct. 22.



Sgt. 1st Class Marquez Daniels, a recruiter assigned to the Special Forces Recruiting Battalion, places a Claymore mine at a simulated enemy position during the Ranger Stakes portion of the Fort Bliss Best Ranger Competition, Oct. 23.



First Lt. Stephen Wilson, Company B, 4th Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, demonstrates the proper use of an AT-4, a light anti-tank weapon during the Ranger Stakes portion of the Fort Bliss Best Ranger Competition, Oct. 23.



First Lt. Stephen Wilson, Co. B, 4th Bn., 17th Inf. Regt., 1st BCT, 1st AD, participates in the combat water survival portion of the Fort Bliss Best Ranger Competition, Oct. 24.

# TF Cobra Soldiers compete for 'Best Cobra'

By 1st Lt. Jose Torres  
1-43 ADA

SOUTHWEST ASIA – First Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, known throughout the Central Command area of responsibility as “Task Force Cobra,” held a “Best Cobra Competition,” a grueling four-day event hosted by Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1-43 ADA at Isa Air Base, Bahrain.

Each unit within Task Force Cobra was represented by a team consisting of one officer, one noncommissioned officer, and an additional Soldier. The primary focus of the competition was to challenge the teams’ physical fitness and mental fortitude in a series of head-to-head challenges to determine who would take the title of best cobra warrior.

Competitors faced mental and physical tasks including ruck marching, urban orientation, litter carries, combat life saving techniques, weapons assembly, and various warrior tasks and drills. Teams were then placed before a board of senior officers and NCOs, to include the task force battalion executive officer, the battalion operations officer, the command sergeant major, the operations sergeant major, the battery commanders and first sergeants who asked test questions about military knowledge and its application in various situations. These events combined with physical training sessions and with little time for rest to push the participants to their breaking point.

The competition began with all teams setting up their tents as a team; they were timed and it was the sole occasion the teams worked together throughout the competition.

On day one, the competitors executed an Army Physical Fitness Test while wearing their Army Combat Uniform. Following the APFT, the competitors conducted Warrior Task Training under extreme adverse physical

conditions, Soldiers simultaneously executed 10 to 40 level tasks competing against both the other teams and the clock. Upon completion of the WTT events, Soldiers competed in the litter carrying race, a physically demanding task; each team was required to carry the average of their total team weight for a distance of 5 kilometers while racing against competing teams.

As night came on day one, teams were given a Defense Advanced Global Positioning System Receiver with 11 points to navigate around the base.

The next two days focused on events such as the “King Cobra” and the “Snake Bite Sprint.” These events focused on high stamina and cardiovascular fitness, but also demonstrated and exercised the abilities of Soldiers to think “outside of the box” to accomplish tasks as a unified, cohesive team.

The final day of the competition began with a 10-mile ruck march, with each participant carrying 30 pounds. The ruck march was unique because competitors were tied together with a single piece of “550 cord.” This event forced teams to coordinate each step during a 10-mile trek, a feat that would demonstrate a team’s tenacity and desire to win.

The culminating event of the Best Cobra Competition was the Best Cobra Board. The board wasn’t the standard Army Board – it tested Soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers. The board not only tested general military knowledge, but challenged each competitor with real life scenarios, where decisions and leadership played vital roles in the actions they chose to take.

Taking home the title of “Best Cobra” was Warrant Officer Christopher Shackelford and the defending champions from the previous Best Cobra Competition, Sgt. Valeria Romero and Pfc. Demetrio Cervantes from “Team Hyperion.”



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First Sgt. Marshall pushes a team to a strong finish during the BCC.



Alpha Battery Team perform during a Humvee pull challenge.

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Spc. Jesse Lee Bowlan, an early systems warning operator with 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, stands in front of a Sentinel short-range radar, one of the many assets being utilized and evaluated by the Air-space Management Environment, during the Network Integration Exercise 14.1. NIE 14.1 includes a month-long operational phase where equipment is used by Soldiers in a simulated combat environment and Soldiers make recommendations to improve the systems being tested and evaluated.

## 2nd BCT Soldiers take to the skies

By Sgt. Todd Robinson  
24th Press Camp Headquarters

Soldiers with 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, began evaluating a new system to aid them in the battlefield at Network Integration Evaluation 14.1 at Fort Bliss, Texas, near White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The Air Space Management Environment is a portable, low cost, low overhead system.

The system allows operators at brigade level to perform duties much like an air traffic controller, coordinating elements with Air Force early warning systems, Navy assets, artillery and mortars, air defense artillery and aviation assets.

Run from a standard laptop, it allows brigade elements responsible for maintaining critical airspaces of a battlefield to combine local units, as well as joint-service assets.

"The tactical Airspace Integration System

links us with our battalions, monitoring restricted operating zones we fire into," said Spc. Jesse Lee Bowlan, an early systems warning operator with 2nd BCT, 1st AD. "(The system) allows us to tell aircraft to not enter specific areas in case artillery is firing. You don't want aircraft in a restricted zone ... you don't want to hit friendly aircraft."

AME also allows realistic training by simulating the many facets of managing brigade airspace.

"Your cell relies heavily on managing airspace; this system simulates an aircraft flying ... allowing the operator to see the tracks on his screen," said Warrant Officer Brian C. Rachel, a command and control systems technician with 2nd BCT, 1st AD.

There are costs savings because new system testing does not require having to fly an aircraft, saving the Army money on fuel and equipment use.

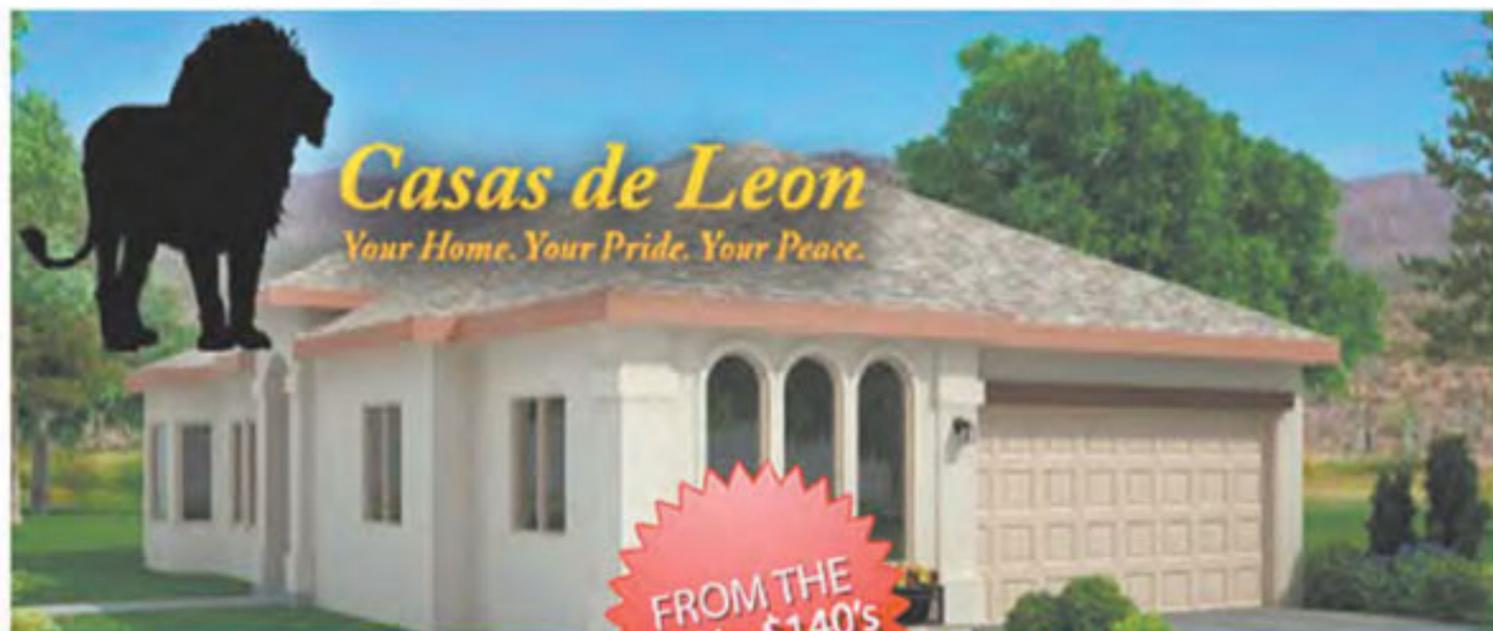


## >> TECH EXPO PROVIDES 'IN THE KNOW'

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(Top) Georgi P. Georgiev, center, Varonis senior sales engineer, explains how the patented technology gives organizations total visibility and control over their data, ensuring that only authorized users have access to the right data at all times at the technology expo held at Centennial Banquet and Conference Center, Nov. 1.

Technology Company Rohde & Schwarz brought mobile tracking devices to help sweep and locate improvised explosive devices at the technology expo held at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center, Nov. 1. By approaching the signal source, this device makes locating extremely weak signals in difficult terrain more possible.



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**>> FORSCOM 4-STAR VISITS CAB**

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Gen. James D. Thurman, former commanding general of United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/United States Forces-Korea, spent time with the Combat Aviation Brigade and the unit's leaders during the general's visit to Fort Bliss, Oct. 29. While at the CAB, the former Army aviator toured the flight simulators, walked through the hangar of 2nd Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, CAB, 1st AD, and took time to speak to a class of redeployed Soldiers. Gen. Thurman told the Soldiers his career as a general officer was because of the hard work of the privates and sergeants he worked with, and he emphasized doing the best at the task given and taking advantage of the educational opportunities the Army affords.

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Soldier is working to make Soldiers energy self-sufficient.

During a briefing on rucksacks, Odierno learned that PEO Soldier is collaborating with the Marine Corps on redistributing weight from shoulders to the hips. This is similar to hiking backpacks that use a waist belt to lighten the load on shoulder straps.

Soldier Warrior also informed Odierno of its efforts to leverage existing advanced technology to provide Soldiers new capabilities more quickly and at lower cost.

During his visit, Odierno also closely examined the fruit of Army efforts to provide improved equipment for female Soldiers, who make up about 14 percent of Army personnel.

The general examined the Generation III Improved Outer Tactical Vest which provides ballistic protection and comes in variants for male and female Soldiers. He also inspected the Enhanced Combat Helmet, as well as other helmets.



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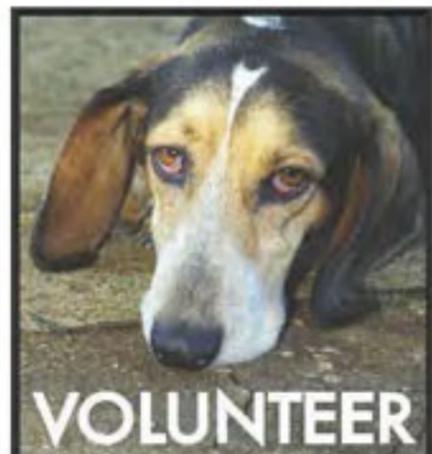
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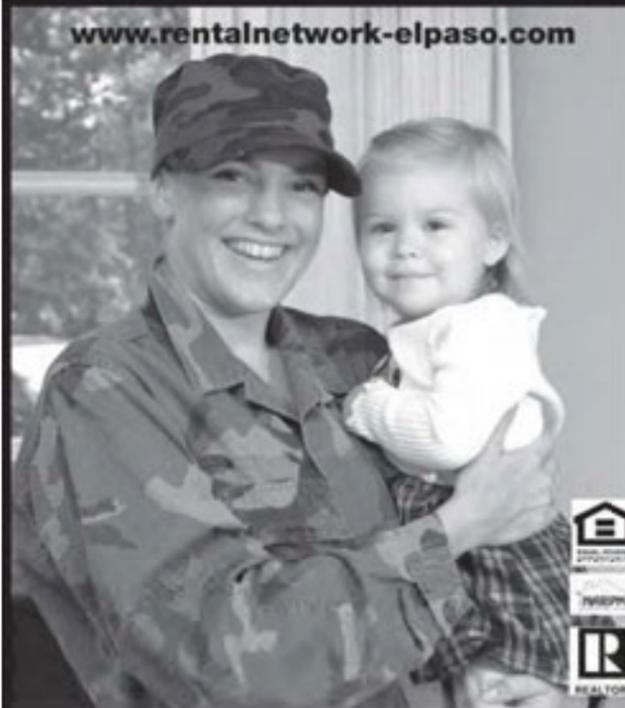
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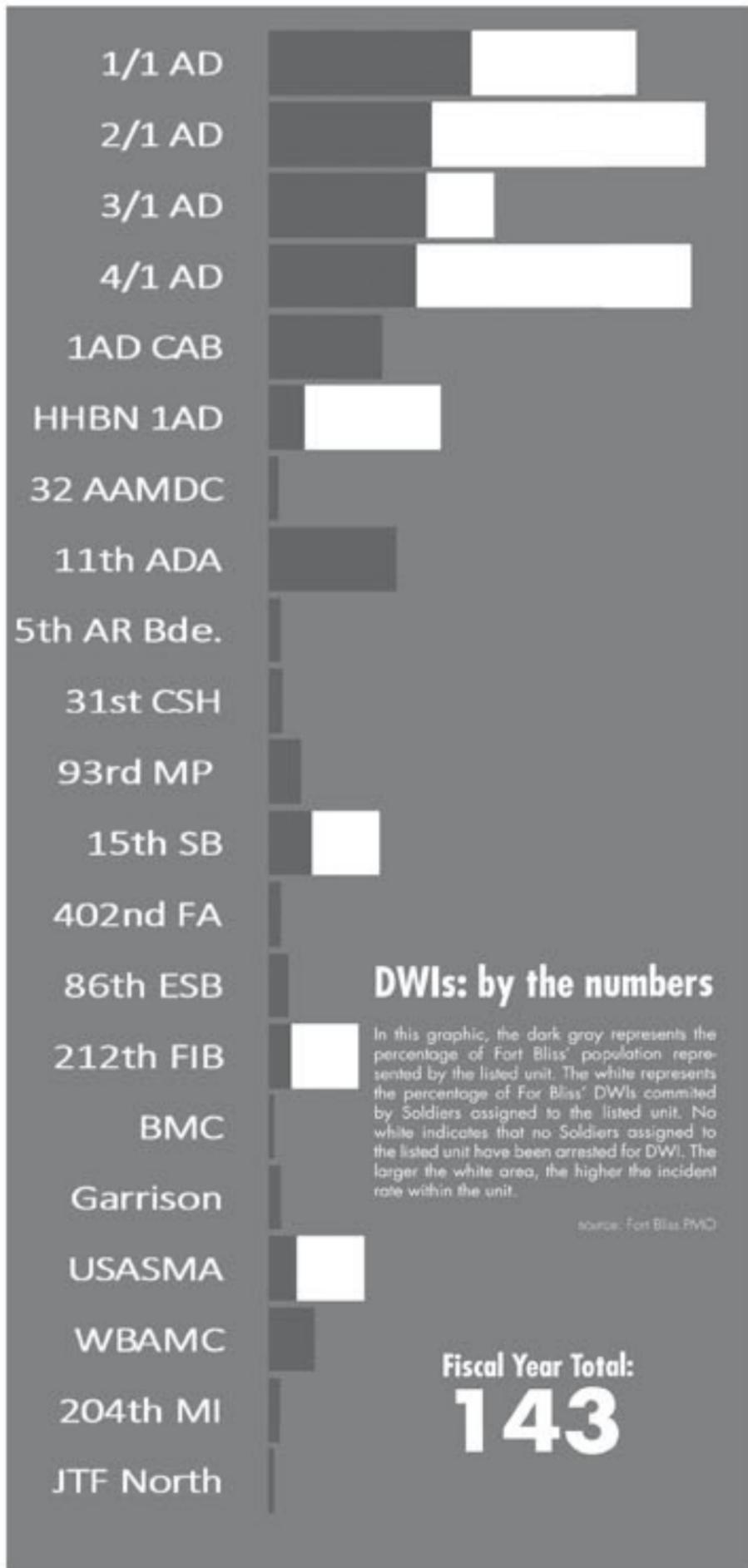
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# CSM Sellers assumes top enlisted slot at WSMR

WSMR Public Affairs

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. – White Sands Missile Range welcomed a new installation command sergeant major with a ceremony held Oct. 17.

Command Sgt. Maj. Jimmy J. Sellers arrived from Grafenwoehr, Germany, where he served as the 31st Commandant for the 7th Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy. Sellers, originally from Columbus, Ga.,

has served in the Army since 1990 and has graduated from every level of the Noncommissioned Officer Education system. Sellers' awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal.

**“We’re extremely proud and excited to be a part of this team.”**

>> Command Sgt. Maj. Jimmy J. Sellers

“What a true hard act to follow,” Sellers said of outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Felipe Paul.

“We’re extremely proud and excited to be a part of this team,” Sellers said.

Paul’s retirement from the Army after more than 31 years of service was also commemorated during the ceremony. Paul, who served at WSMR for three years, will be moving to Florida with his wife, Cornelia.

“I’ve been doing a lot of reflecting and I cannot believe it ... it went by so fast,” Paul said. “It has been a remarkable experience ... you just can’t put a value on it.”



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WSMR Commander, Brig. Gen. Gwen Bingham, passes the Noncommissioned Officers sword to incoming Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Jimmy J. Sellers to symbolize the acceptance of his new role. Sellers, who has served for more than 23 years, will now be serving as WSMR’s Command Sergeant Major. Outgoing Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Felipe Paul retired from the Army after more than 31 years of service.



## >> ‘MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY’

Photos by Armando Carrasco / IIF-N Public Affairs

Joint Task Force North staff members volunteered to provide much needed painting support at the El Paso del Norte Region, Young Women’s Christian Association center, located at 10712 Sam Snead Drive, Oct. 26. The volunteer group of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Air Force civilian employees painted several classrooms at the YWCA’s Mabee Early Learning Center. The center provides pre-kinder education and care for children ages birth to 12 years.

JTF North plans officer, Army Maj. Christopher De Los Santos, carefully details the wall leading to a classroom ceiling. The east El Paso center provides pre-kinder education and care for children ages birth to 12 years.



Air Force Capt. Joanna McDonald, JTF North air operations officer, paints the wall surrounding a paper towel dispenser during Fort Bliss’ annual Make A Difference Day community outreach program.



JTF North volunteers, Navy Personnel Petty Officer 1st Class Marcus Lee, left, and Army Spec. Angel Anderson, paint the Young Women’s Christian Association Mabee Early Learning Center during Fort Bliss’ annual Make A Difference Day program.



JTF North volunteer co-coordinator and logistics support officer, Army Maj. Robert Overgaard, prepares an electrical outlet for painting at the Young Women’s Christian Association center, located at 10712 Sam Snead Drive.

# IPT smart system pitches in 'empowering' NIE 14.1

By Staff Sgt. George F. Gutierrez  
24th Press Camp Headquarters

With Network Integration Evaluation 14.1 in full swing here, the Soldiers with 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, are evaluating a power generator that will allow the Army to save fuel and be more tactical.

According to the DRASH website, the manufacturer of the Intelligent Power Technology generator, "The IPT is an advanced smart system enabling users to connect several digital trailer-mounted generators together to form a networked power grid."

For Soldiers of 2nd BCT, 1st AD, the system allows them to keep and maintain power to the tactical operations center.

The generators "talk to each other" through a digital smart system, enabling a (power) load share.

"The IPT is capable of load sharing to preserve fuel by letting the generators distribute the load evenly by coming on only when necessary and shutting down when not needed," said Spc. Daniel Sanders, an infantryman with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd BCT, 1st AD.

According to Tim Taets, director of federal programs for DRASH's IPT, the new generators can be monitored through a computer system inside the TOC. This allows the Army to have Soldiers work on other aspects of their mission.

When compared to the current Army generators, the IPT device provides substantial advantages.

"The stand-alone generators, or analog generators, start up and run at maximum potential at all times," said Taets.

"IPT is digital; so instead of running five, six or seven generators that are analog and consuming all that fuel, we can run one or two generators in a power grid and save substantial amounts of fuel, have a decrease in noise and have the ability to be more efficient on how you use power."

The IPT also is designed to be a reliable workhorse that won't "conk out" on the user when needed the most, avoiding Murphy's Law.

"IPT is a fail-safe (generator) that ensures no brown outs occur and that power is consistent twenty-four seven," said Taets.



Staff Sgt. George F. Gutierrez / 24th Press Camp Headquarters  
Spc. Daniel Sanders, an infantryman with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, explains how Intelligent Power Technology generators are synced together with a digital smart system to create an agile power grid during Network Integration Evaluation 14.1, Oct. 28.

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Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, evaluate the generator during Network Integration Evaluation 14.1, Oct. 29. The Flex-Fuel Man-Portable 1 kW generator can run on these fuels: diesel, ethanol and gasoline.

(Right) A Soldier from 1st Bn., 35th AR, 2nd BCT, 1st AD, evaluates the generator.



# 'Be quiet,' the cavalry is flexing their clout

By Spc. Adam Garlington  
24th Press Camp Headquarters

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, evaluated the Flex-Fuel Man-Portable 1 kW generator during Network Integration Evaluation 14.1, Oct. 29.

The U.S. military mandates that all power systems operate on a common fuel, known as JP8. Small power systems have trouble burning such fuel, and the military has been looking for alternative fuels to power small generators that run on diesel, said Shailesh Shah in an interview with Defense News, August 2012.

Shah is a fuel-cell technology team lead at the Communi-

cations-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center.

The U.S. Army is evaluating a new portable generator that can run on fuels such as diesel, ethanol and gasoline.

According to Sgt. Aric Irby, cavalry scout platoon team leader, 1st Bn., 35th Armor Regt., 2nd BCT, 1st AD, the Flex-Fuel Man-Portable generator allows his unit to charge batteries for their equipment in the field and decrease the frequency of their silhouette.

"For my job as a scout, we have to be quiet and hide. You can put this generator on quiet mode, and we can still hide and keep our silhouette small," said Irby.

"We can set up in an outpost and be very quiet while

charging batteries away from our vehicles."

Irby also said the portable generator increases his platoon's effectiveness because they don't have to depend on another company to bring them charged batteries.

"Most people don't think about it, but batteries are one of the most important things we need. We're such a high-technology Army. (The portable generator) helps us stay that way while we're in the field," said Irby.

NIE 14.1 is used to establish an integrated network, successfully test and evaluate capability solutions addressed by formal systems under test and systems under evaluation, to provide proper assessments and recommendations.

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# 1-361st Eng. Bn. Soldiers earn FORSCOM 'SEA'

By 1st Lt. Vanessa Dudley  
1st Bn., 361st Eng. Regt., 5th AR, First Army Division West

MCGREGOR RANGE, N.M. – First Battalion, 361st Engineer Regiment, 5th Armored Brigade, has been awarded the U.S. Forces Command Supply Excellence Award. The Chief of Staff Army Supply Excellence Award Program was created in 1984, when the Army was looking to recognize supply excellence at all organizational levels.



Sgt. 1st Class Edward Martinez

The nomination for 1st Bn., 361st Eng. Regt., TF Redhawk, started with an initial inspection from 5th Armored Bde. supply personnel, who deemed TF Redhawk worthy of competing and receiving an inspection from the Fort Lee V.A. SEA program examiners.

"This task force has always excelled at property accountability and logistics operations, so it wasn't a shock when we found out that TF Red Hawk's packet had made its way into the FORSCOM inspection," said Maj. Krista Soria, 5th Armored Bde., logistics officer.

The program seeks nominations from units who have achieved supply excellence. Units are divided and placed in several different categories based on mission and type. Sgt. 1st Class Edward Martinez, the supply noncommissioned officer-in-charge for TF Redhawk, had a three-Soldier team working to get ready for the FORSCOM inspection.

Martinez, who has served for more than 20 years, has only been with TF Redhawk for a year. He and his three-Soldier team have managed to take their vast experience and knowledge and apply it to the battalion's supply system. This year will be the second time a unit Martinez was assigned to won. His first was awarded when he was a sergeant with 2nd Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, out of Friedberg, Germany.

"I didn't expect to win because we are such a unique unit in that we are very small," said Martinez. "Knowing that we won in a competition that also evaluates much larger units made the award all the more special."

The inspectors from the SEA Program are chosen from an unbiased unit and use a grading rubric based off the Command Supply Discipline Program, Army Regulation 720-2. After inspection, the paperwork and grading rubric is submitted to the SEA Program at Fort Lee. Lt. Col. Patrick Hogeboom, the battalion commander for TF Redhawk, will be recognized along with Martinez for contributions to the battalion supply system.

"My focus was to build a team dedicated to improving internal systems while also providing the command with purpose, direction and motivation," said Hogeboom. "Our CSDP priorities were logical and sound, which I think ultimately led to our battalion receiving this award."

Martinez hopes he can maintain the standard he has set for his battalion and brigade. Martinez said he can't help but be proud of the work his team put forth to win the award.

## Western Tech to honor active military, veteran students, staff at luncheon

By Donna Villarreal  
EPN, West Technical College Public Affairs

Western Technical College will host its annual Veterans Luncheon in honor of Veterans Day for active military and veteran students and staff. The luncheon will be held Friday, at both the college campuses from noon to 1:30 pm.

"This luncheon is just one small way that we can show active military and veterans our appreciation for what they have sacrificed for all of us. We are proud to employ over twenty veterans at Western Tech," said Allan Sharpe, president of Western Technical College.

WTC is also continuing to offer active duty and reserve service members, honorably discharged veterans or National Guard members, and their dependants, a 10 percent reduction on tuition. A copy of the DD214

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WTC has been named for the fifth consecutive year to the 2014 Military Friendly Schools list by Victory Media, which honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and career colleges in the U.S. doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans and spouses as students ensuring their success. Additionally, according to Military Times Edge Magazine, Western Technical College is ranked 12th in the nation for technical and career colleges which are geared towards military, veterans and their dependants' success.

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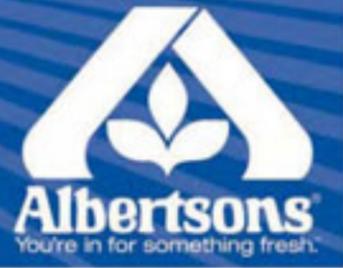
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## Dayley's Update ...

By Col. Brant V. Dayley  
Garrison Commander

Today is the last day of the Army Family Action Plan here on Fort Bliss. I want to thank the many people we had representing the demographics of the Fort Bliss community; Active-Duty, National



Col. Brant V. Dayley

Guard and Reserve Soldiers - both single and married; single-parent Soldiers; dual military families; retirees; Department of the Army civilians; teenagers; and, for the

first time, survivors.

These many individuals came together and worked to identify the top issues and concerns facing our community.

The AFAP is a way for all the members of our community to have a voice about the things that are and are not working and about the ways they think things could best be fixed or improved. Through the process, many improvements have been made to the installation and to the Army as a whole. The process has evolved to become one of the best tools Army leaders have to communicate with the many members of our communities.

This year, the team began the week with more than 90 issues that they were tasked into whittling down to the top ten. They made these determinations using a variety of criteria chief among them being how to best affect the largest number of people.

Today, after several days of hard work, the team will be briefing Fort Bliss leadership on the top issues and concerns facing the Fort Bliss community. Depending on the scope of the issues, some will need to be sent farther up the chain for review and consideration, but many will be addressed here, at the installation level.

For those issues that stay here at Fort Bliss, every effort will be made to implement changes that will have positive benefits for the entire community.

Again, I thank all those involved for their hard work and look forward to hearing all the great ideas and suggestions. Stay safe and have a great week.

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A member of the crew attempts to cross over an obstacle at Fort Bliss' Leadership Reaction Course Sunday.

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## Bliss welcomes youth to LRC

By Daniela Vestal  
Garrison Public Affairs

Fort Bliss hosted eight young adults from Venture Crew #2248 at the Leadership Reaction Course Sunday.

Venture Crews are a co-ed youth development program under the umbrella of the Boy Scouts of America. The crews are very much youth driven and open to those aged 13 through 20. The crews operate with the idea to build character, develop citizenship and foster personal fitness.

"The crew is totally different than the Boy Scouts because the crew is run by the youth," said John Stone Sr., senior adult advisor to the Fort Bliss Venture Crew #2248. "They vote in a president, two vice presidents and then they have activity people and stuff like that."

Stone said, as an adult associated with the crew, his only role to ensure the safety in all of the activities the group chooses to do.

Sponsored by the United States Sergeants Major Academy chapel, the Fort Bliss crew is only a few years old, making it one of the youngest crews in the area. It is also one of the most active doing something as a group at least every month if not more frequently said Tony Karl, the group's president.

"It's about just being able to get out here and experience new things with a lot of interesting people and have a lot of fun," Stone said.

The LRC was not new for Karl who had previously attended with his JROTC class, but it was still fun for him and a good experience for the tight-knit Venture Crew.

"(We came to the LRC) to help us work better as a team; get to know each other better; spend time with each other and just do an activity because the more you experience as a youth, the more well rounded you are later in life," Stone said.

For those interested in joining the Fort Bliss Venture Crew, call 231-6016.



Three members of the Venture Crew work to lift a ladder over an obstruction at the Leadership Reaction Course Sunday.



Several members of Venture Crew #2248 work to negotiate an ammo case across an obstacle at the Leadership Reaction Course Sunday.

## Things to do ...

**Veterans Day specials:** Numerous establishments, retail stores and restaurants are offering discounts, free meals and more to all veterans beginning tomorrow. Visit [http://fortblissbugle.com/handbooks/veterans\\_deals\\_2013.pdf](http://fortblissbugle.com/handbooks/veterans_deals_2013.pdf)

**Veterans Day Gala:** The 1st AD will sponsor a Veterans Day Gala today, 6 p.m., Centennial Banquet and Conference Center. The celebration is a semi-formal event and includes a buffet style meal, entertainment, guest speaker and a raffle. The cost is \$30 per person. Reservations, 240-8104, JohnCeb@msn.com. Tickets will be sold at the door during the event.

**Old Fort Bliss Days:** Celebrate Old Fort Bliss Days Friday and Saturday. Events kick off with a flag retirement ceremony at 5 p.m. tomorrow. Learn about proper flag etiquette, and bring flags that need to be disposed of so they can be taken care of in the proper manner. Saturday activities will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and are dependent upon volunteer participation. Volunteers are needed to help make the event a success - if you're interested in being a part of living history. Old Fort Bliss is located at Bldg. 5054, at the corner of Pershing and Pleasonton roads. 588-8482

### Veterans Day parades

- The Downtown El Paso parade, "2013: Year of the Veteran," begins at 10:45 a.m. Saturday. The 1.3-mile parade, sponsored by the United American Veterans Organization, starts at Myrtle and Florence streets and circles San Jacinto Plaza. This year's Grand Marshal is retired Lt. Col. Robert Eugene "Bob" Chisolm. 541-4050
- The 20th annual Northeast Veterans Parade is 10:30 a.m. Monday at Stahala and Hondo Pass and ending at Old Glory Memorial at Diana and Gateway North for ceremony. Refreshments to be served after the ceremony. 549-5031
- The annual Las Cruces Veterans Day parade is 9 a.m. Saturday beginning and ending at Loretto Towne Center. Route follows Church Street past City Hall and back on Hadley Avenue. Grand Marshals are World War II veterans Dan Sosa and Milton Buls. 621-7002
- 17th Annual San Elizario Veterans Day Parade and Celebration, this weekend. The parade starts at 9 a.m., Saturday, starting at Thompson and Socorro roads and ending at Veterans Memorial Plaza in front of the San Elizario Church. Five veterans will be honored for their military service. Numerous food, arts and crafts vendors, live music and fun for the kids are part of the celebration. Sunday, from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**Veterans open house:** The Benavidez-Patterson "All Airborne" Chapter, 82th Airborne Division Association will host a Veteran Day Open House Saturday after the veteran's parade. The open house will begin at 1 p.m. The event is at 2608 Fort Blvd. This event is free. 240-8104

**America Legion Open House:** The American Legion Post 598, 141 Ellsworth Dr., Horizon City, invites Soldiers, veterans, and their families to an Open House Saturday at 7 p.m. There will be snacks and live music. 852-4823

**Holiday Festival Antiques:** Collectibles, arts and crafts and western memorabilia show and sale, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The El Maida Shrine Auditorium, 6331 Alabama Street. Over 70 vendors, 180 tables antique firearms, coins, knives, antique toys, sports and action figures, RC helicopters, outdoor recycled furniture, jewelry and more. 443-0824

# Wells Fargo employees challenge LRC

By Spc. Lorenzo Abanilla  
24th Press Camp Headquarters

Employees from Wells Fargo of El Paso, Rio Grande Valley district, challenged themselves at the Leadership Reaction Course Oct. 30, here.

The LRC is used to focus on team building exercises, decision-making process and helps leaders conduct informed and decisive actions, which at any point anyone can be designated as the group leader.

"I think it was a great team building day," said Martha Rochford, Wells Fargo business banking president. "We have confidence in our team to do the task we ask of them. The LRC also gives us an opportunity to think outside the box."

The participants found out quickly how challenging the course was, not just mentally but physically. They learned to listen and communicate with the leader of the group.

"The LRC was fun and scary, but the team building event was the best," said Jake Huey, senior business relationship manager. "Coming in I had some real fears and concerns, but we have a good team that has been together for a long time."

The men and women who participated in the event agreed the LRC gave them some knowledge of what Soldiers go through, and how they train to serve the country.

"At the end of the day our business is people," said Col. Brant V. Daley, Fort Bliss Garrison commander. "It has been a real privilege to have Wells Fargo train here."



Photos by Spc. Lorenzo Abanilla / 24th Press Camp Headquarters

(Top) Fort Bliss Garrison Commander Col. Brant V. Daley and the Wells Fargo employees pose for a photo at the Leadership Reaction Course Oct. 30.

(Far right) Employees from Wells Fargo help a co-worker overcome an obstacle at the Leadership Reaction Course Oct. 30.

(Right) Fort Bliss Garrison Commander, Col. Brant V. Daley, observes Wells Fargo employees navigate an obstacle at the Leadership Reaction Course Oct. 30.



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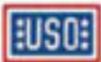
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# Taps flow at the Sam Adams Pub

By Maj. Randall G. Baucom  
24th Press Camp Headquarters

More than 60 Fort Bliss residents and Soldiers turned out for the grand opening of the Samuel Adams Pub at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center Friday.

The event, hosted by the Executive Officer for Installation Operations, Lt. Col. Larry Sanders, marked the end of a three-year project designed to create a new casual dining option and an adult-themed entertainment venue for east Fort Bliss residents.

The \$275,000 pub funded through non-appropriated funds, is the second sponsored by the Boston Beer Company to open on a military installation. The first opened on Fort Irwin in 2012.

The look and feel of the pub surprised Maj. Terrence Kelley, the executive officer of the 24th Press Camp.

"It looks like the kind of place you would see downtown," said Kelley. "It's not something you would normally imagine for a military base. I will definitely come back."

The Fort Bliss Samuel Adams Pub is a full-service beer, wine and appetizer venue. Along with a variety of Samuel Adams beer, the pub's menu includes food inspired by Sam Adams-infused recipes. The new menu includes, Old Bay seasoned beer-batter crab cakes, beer brats, fried calamari, beer-marinated hamburgers, fried pickles and fried Oreo cookies for desert.

According to the Centennial Club's Food and Beverage Program Manager, Tianna Bowden, the new pub is different from the usual places Soldiers go to after work, because it allows them to experience "craft" beer.

"The bar has a libations book, which was created by the Boston Beer Company, that

**"It looks like the kind of place you would see downtown. It's not something you would normally imagine for a military base. I will definitely come back."**

>> Maj. Terrence Kelley

goes into detail about what goes into the beer, and really teaches people about beer," said Bowden.

In addition to a rustic venue inside, the pub offers an outdoor patio area with a bar, complete with natural gas fire pits. The atmosphere will surely make the Samuel Adams Pub a prime venue for unit functions, promotion parties and other celebrations.

The pub's operating hours will be from 5 to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 5 to 10 p.m., Saturdays.

(Top right) Staff prepare for the grand opening of the Samuel Adams Pub Friday at the Centennial Banquet and Conference Center.

(Right) From left: Lt. Col. Larry Sanders, executive officer for Installation Operations, Carissa Sweigart, Boston Beer Company national account manager, Tianna Bowden, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation food and beverage program manager, Tabitha Bohn, Centennial business manager, and Anthony Lovett, interim director of FMWR, cut the ribbon at the Samuel Adams Pub grand opening Friday.



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# Silent heros

By Gilbert Telles Jr.  
Garrison Public Affairs

The generation that lived through the events of World War II is known in modern history as the "Greatest Generation" as penned by Tom Brokaw in his book by the same title.

This is the story of one man, representative of so many of that sad, but heroic period of world history. Private Clarence D. Neighbors, known as "Red" to his close friends and fellow prisoners of war, a man of few words as recalled by his daughter and son-in-law, Linda and David Anderson.

Neighbors enlisted in the Army Nov. 17, 1939, and attended basic training at Fort Bliss. He was assigned to Biggs Army Airfield for his Advanced Individual Training as an airplane armorer for medium and heavy bombers in the U.S. Army Air Corps, he was then assigned overseas to the Philippine Islands.

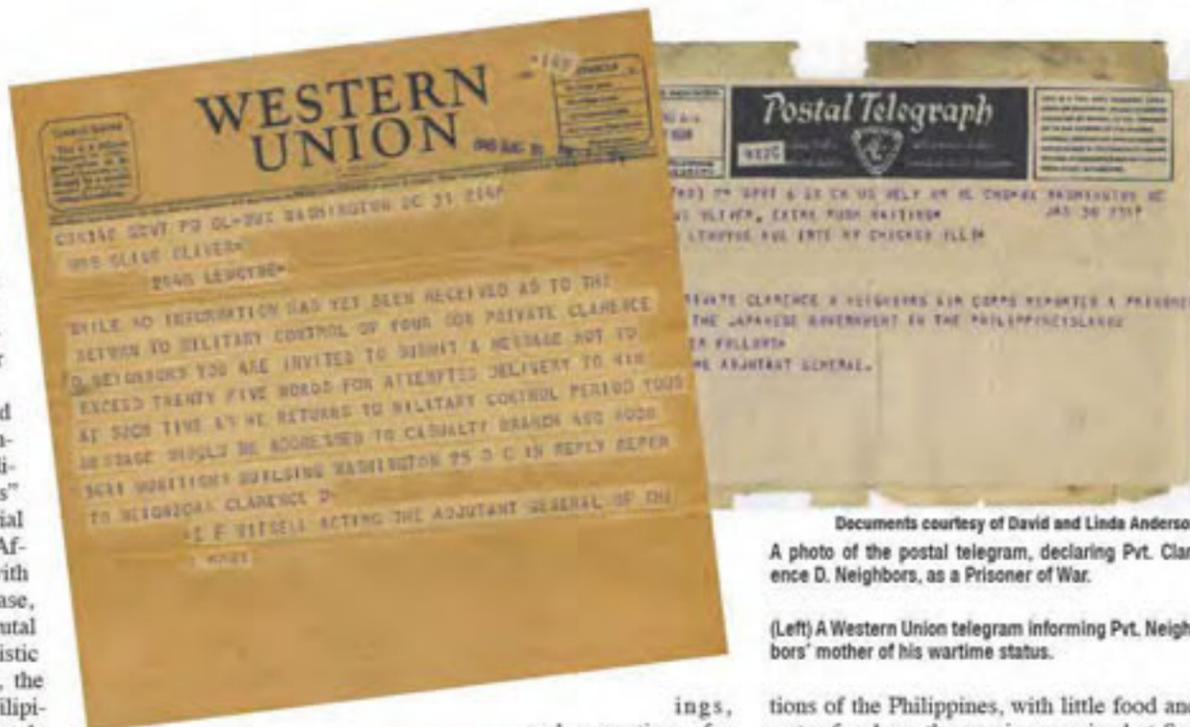
While stationed at Clark Army Air Base, Neighbors flew routine flights as a gunner from the Philippines to Borneo and Australia.

In early January 1942, the bomber that Neighbors was in, was shot down by Imperial Japanese forces during their invasion of the Philippines. He and his aircrew survived the crash and evaded the invaders

for weeks, but even with help from sympathetic Filipino citizens, starvation and disease forced him and his fellow survivors to surrender to the Japanese.

Neighbors and his crewmen endured harsh conditions as "guests" of the Imperial Japanese Army. After struggling with starvation, disease, and regular brutal beatings by sadistic Japanese guards, the American and Filipino Soldiers were taken on one of the most infamous journeys of WWII, the Bataan Death march.

On April 10, 1942, approximately 78,000 prisoners of war, 12,000 American and 66,000 Filipino soldiers, were force-marched under extreme conditions of stifling tropical heat, thirst, starvation, sickness, injury, beat-



Documents courtesy of David and Linda Anderson  
A photo of the postal telegram, declaring Pvt. Clarence D. Neighbors, as a Prisoner of War.

(Left) A Western Union telegram informing Pvt. Neighbors' mother of his wartime status.

ings, and executions for approximately 65 miles. Those too weak to continue or who broke ranks to get water, from stagnant puddles or water buffalo troughs were shot, bayoneted, or beheaded as were sympathetic Filipino citizens trying to give water to the prisoners along the route. The bodies were most often left on the road. After enduring the harsh tropical condi-

tions of the Philippines, with little food and water for days, the survivors arrived at San Fernando. The POWs were loaded onto narrow-gauge railroad box cars (smaller in size than modern box cars), capable of carrying only 30 to 40 men at a time. The POWs were broken down into groups of approximately 100 individuals and crammed into the cars

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which had no openings for ventilation. The crowded conditions were enough to suffocate many of the prisoners; others gave in to the extreme heat. More prisoners died on this leg of the journey to Camp O'Donnell. The prisoners were once again force-marched the remaining seven to nine miles to the camp at Capas. For many this would not be their final destination.

David Anderson remembers his father-in-law recounting experiences and the scars captivity left behind. "He did have a bayonet mark, here," he said while pointing at his navel. According to his father-in-law "(The bayonet is) a pretty convincing tool to get you to do what they want" said David Anderson. Both his daughter and son-in-law agreed that Neighbors never said why he had been bayoneted. Though they both said many times he would stop to help his lieutenant from falling out of ranks, and suffering the fate of so many others, he saved his lieutenant from certain death.

"They were given little forms, and they signed them. It had questions: Do you know how to work on cars? Have you ever worked with electricity? Do you know how to make shoes? They wanted to know what areas of expertise everyone had, so that way they would go ahead and designate from there where they would go" said Linda Anderson.

With Neighbors' experience as an aircraft armorer, he was taken from Camp O'Donnell to Cabanatuan in the Philippines to board what would be called a "hell ship," the Tottori Maru. Nearly 1,500 POWs were loaded into the unsanitary cargo holds of the ship destined for Pusan, Korea. Buckets were used in the overcrowded holds for latrines. More sickness and death followed on this and other "hell ships" destined for the work camps in mainland China. A few of these ships were torpedoed and strafed by U.S. Forces, as the Japanese did not identify the ships as POW vessels.

The Tottori Maru escaped this fate, but nearly did get torpedoed. "Mr. Griffith (a survivor of Camp Mukden) and one of the other men saw a submarine missile (torpedo) in the water. They started to scream at the captain and officers...and finally they realized what they were saying, and they did veer the boat missing it by feet," said Linda Anderson.

Upon disembarking at Pusan, Korea on Nov. 11, 1942, the men "were completely stripped...a hose was brought out. They sprayed them down, and disinfected them all at the same time, for lice and whatever else might be a problem and then they were given clothes, not towels to dry off, they gave them a pair of boots, jackets, and a pair of pants. From there they were put on trains, there were about 1,500 men, American men," said Linda Anderson.

"When they did arrive at Mukden (present day Shenyang, China), they were each issued five blankets, but it was 40 degrees below", said David Anderson. Neighbors and the rest of his fellow POWs suffered



Photos courtesy of David and Linda Anderson  
A young Pvt. Clarence D. Neighbors prior to being shipped off Philippines.

even more viciousness from their new Japanese guards. He was pressed to work in a Mitsubishi plant, which had been an old Ford automotive plant in pre-war China. When the Japanese invaded China in the late 1930's, it was refitted to make parts for the "Zero" and other enemy aircraft. Neighbors and others continued to fight their captors; now through subversion and sabotage. As machinist, they would make parts that were slightly too large or too small to fit on the enemy aircraft.

In a last great act of defiance at the Mukden Camp, Neighbors and other men dumped most of the machinist tools and machines into a floor that was scheduled to be paved. When the Japanese found out the tools had been buried under cement, the men were brutally punished. As a last ditch effort to subdue their un-repentant defiance, they were shipped to Kamioka, Japan in 1944, to work in the harsh environment of the Japanese lead mines.

Mukden was eventually liberated in mid August of 1945, first there were six men from the Office of Special Services known as the "Cardinal Mission," to reconnoiter and evaluate the area. A few days later the Soviet Red Army arrived and assisted in the repatriation of the men from Camp Mukden. Neighbors and his fellow captives at Kamioka were liberated in late September 1945.

This is the story of one man, but he is an example of the bravery and indomitable spirit of our American military men and women. There is so much more to this story that it would not be possible to write down all that Neighbors and his fellow captives experienced and accomplished during their captivity.

Let not the opportunity pass to ask these members of the "Greatest Generation" about their knowledge during this period of history.

For more information on the Mukden and Kamioka POW story visit these websites: [www.us-japandialogueonpows.org/MukdenPOWcamp.htm](http://www.us-japandialogueonpows.org/MukdenPOWcamp.htm), [www.mukdenpows.org/Story%20of%20Mukden/SOM3\\_From-WhenceTheyCame.htm](http://www.mukdenpows.org/Story%20of%20Mukden/SOM3_From-WhenceTheyCame.htm)

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# You put the pie where?

Remember the turducken? Piecakes are the next big thing - literally - in holiday mega foods

By Daniela Garcia  
Content that Works

After one Thanksgiving jam-packed with desserts, Charles Phoenix took it upon himself to create what has since been dubbed the turducken of holiday desserts.

"A year and a half ago, I was looking at the pile of trash filled with all these baked goods and thought, 'we need to be more green, we're wasting too many plates'," says Phoenix, an author and pop-culture humorist with a taste for all things Americana. "So I ended up baking our pies into the cakes and so that was how the cherpumpple was born."

What exactly is the cherpumpple, you ask? It's Phoenix's three-layer piecake, which is made of an apple pie baked into a spice cake, a pumpkin pie in a yellow cake and a cherry pie in a white cake and covered in whipped cream frosting.

The super-dessert is as gigantic as it sounds, and at his family's next Thanksgiving dinner, Phoenix presented it to his family. Their reaction? "They loved it, of course," he says. "At first, they were a little horrified, but they realized it was delicious,

and then it was completely gone."

Since then, Phoenix's triple-layer phenomenon has caught on, with fans sending in photos and videos of their own attempts at baking the cherpumpple. "The craziest one was a couple of pastry chefs who made versions that were absolutely beautiful, like picture perfect," Phoenix says. "My version is a little drunk, a little 'I Love Lucy'-style."

One professional bakery that's also picked up on the piecake trend is Three Brothers Bakery in Houston. Janice Jucker, co-owner of the bakery with husband and fifth-generation baker Bobby Jucker, explains that they were approached by Greg Morago, an editor at the Houston Chronicle, to create Phoenix's dessert with a slight modification.

"We were named best mail-order pecan pie before Thanksgiving last year by Country Living [magazine]," Jucker explains. "Greg had heard about the cherpumpple and thought that pumpkin, apple and pecan would be the best combination instead and came to us. Things just kind of spiraled from there."

While Bobby sat down and worked out the baking logistics, Janice helped smooth out a new name for their piecake: the pumpecapple. Coming in at a foot tall and weighing anywhere upward of 25 pounds, the first version was cut into large slices with the use of a machete. The Juckers also used a cream cheese frosting, drizzled the piecake in cara-



Photo courtesy of Three Brother's Bakery

mel and trimmed it with pecans. The article about the creation of the pumpecapple ran a few days before Thanksgiving last year.

"It was really just a joke to us," Jucker explains. "But we sold 15 in a day, and it was the day before Thanksgiving."

A few months later, Three Brothers Bakery were featured on The Food Network's "Outrageous Food" and have since added the pumpecapple to their list of regular baked goods. The Juckers are anticipating quite a few orders for the holidays. "For now, we're trying to figure out how to ship them out," Jucker says. "People from all over try to order it."

For those brave enough to try and make their own piecake at home, Phoenix suggests baking the pies in advance and letting them cool overnight. The tip also applies once the pies have been baked into the cakes. Also, Phoenix encourages bakers to use extra frosting, to help keep the layers from collapsing.

"It's a spectacle, a conversation piece," Phoenix explains. "When you serve this, be prepared for some people to turn up their noses. But trust me, they'll come to their senses within minutes and beg for a piece."

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Members of the William Beaumont Army Medical Center Emergency Department input medical information into the electronic medical record of patients being treated in the emergency department.

# Non-emergency use of the ER may delay care

Compiled by Jane Schillaci  
WBAMC Public Affairs

Because some patients lack medical insurance or adequate access to primary care services, emergency departments often serve as the main source of routine health care for a growing segment of the U.S. population.

Even at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, over half the ED visits are for non-urgent issues. It is understandable that when someone is ill, the inclination may be to visit the ED for care. However, the ED is a place to seek medical treatment in the event of a true emergency and is not to handle everyday illnesses. Most often, the patient's primary care clinic can more appropriately take care of the problem without unnecessary exposure to severe illness in the ED.

"The William Beaumont Army Medical Center Emergency Department staff is proud to provide 24/7 emergency care to the Fort Bliss community," said Lt. Col. Bruce Gleason, chief of emergency medicine at WBAMC.

Gleason said, the waiting area is often crowded with patients who are better served by their own health care providers in their assigned primary care clinics. The backlog of non-urgent patients in the ED can lead to longer wait times and a more frustrating experience for those who truly need emergency services.

Compounding longer wait times are the battery of medical tests the ED staff must perform in order to accurately diagnose your illness or injury. Because the ED staff does not know a patient's medical history, they must start their evaluation from scratch, sometimes performing more tests than your primary care team would need. If a patient

sees their primary care provider, with whom a relationship is already developed, more care that is efficient is assured.

Obviously, an emergency should not be ignored. If a situation seems life threatening, call 911 right away. If unsure, can the condition be treated by a regular doctor in his or her office? If so, this is probably the better option.

Another good reason to visit assigned primary care clinics is that WBAMC is undergoing an exciting transformation by embracing the Patient-Centered Medical Home model of care.

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# Rio Bravo Medical Home opens in East El Paso

By Julia Yubeta  
WBAMC Public Affairs

William Beaumont Army Medical Center's first community medical home opened Friday with a ribbon-cutting and grand opening ceremony hosted by Col. Michael S. Heimall, WBAMC commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Matthew K. Cyr, WBAMC command sergeant major.

The ceremony officially heralded the home's permanent location at 10460 Vista Del Sol. Also in attendance were 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Sean B. MacFarland and Command Sgt. Maj. Ronnie Kelley, 1AD and Fort Bliss command sergeant major. Other dignitaries included government, business and community leaders.

In his remarks, Col. Michael S. Heimall, WBAMC commander, said the medical home was designed to practice primary care in the 21st century.

He explained the home was built on the Patient Centered Medical Home model, which gets back to the basics of primary care delivery.

"This concept of care is a model that has been prevalent and growing in the civilian world for the past twenty years," Heimall said. "This same concept of care is used in eight other primary care clinics within the Fort Bliss community."

The National Committee has certified three clinics for Quality Assurance, a nonprofit health care organization dedicated to improving health care quality.

Under the PCMH model, each patient collaborates with a team of healthcare providers, physicians, nurses, behavioral health professionals, pharmacists, and others to develop a comprehensive, personal health care plan. That team works with each patient over time to take care of health issues as they arise, ensure delivery of prevention screening and services, manage chronic conditions, and promote a spirit of health, wellness and trust.

MacFarland in his remarks lauded the medical home as a great innovation by Army Medical Services to reach out to two important customer base - family members and retirees.

"These groups are very deserving of this support - and needful as well," he said, "As our Fort Bliss population grows so will the retiree population in El Paso."

During the ceremony, Rep. Naomi R. Gonzalez, Texas House District 76, read a proclamation issued on behalf of the State of Texas commemorating the opening of the RBMH. She also acknowledged the immense sacrifices of



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From left, Command Sgt. Maj. Ronnie Kelley, 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss command sergeant major, Maj. Gen. Sean B. MacFarland, 1AD and Fort Bliss commanding general, Rep. Naomi R. Gonzalez, Texas House District 76, Col. Marc Caouette, commander of Primary Care and Soldier Readiness Command, Maj. (Dr.) Scott Osborn, medical director of Rio Bravo Medical Home, Col. Michael Heimall, William Beaumont Army Medical Center commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Matthew K. Cyr, WBAMC command sergeant major, cut the ribbon Friday to officially open the Rio Bravo Medical Home, located at 10460 Vista Del Sol in El Paso.

the family members who keep the home fires burning while their Soldiers are deployed.

Maj. Scott Osborn, medical director, RBMH feels that PCMH is where all primary care providers want to go. "We feel this model takes the best care of the patient," he said. "We are happier to do more for patients. The staff is very committed - this is their home as well."

"Health care delivery under PCMH is more personal," said Carol Osteke, a nurse practitioner at RBMH. "We know the names of our patients and their families."

Emily Neumann, also a nurse practitioner at RBMH, explained that the initial appointment with patients is slotted for one hour.

"We take complete patient histories, ask them to bring in their medications, and a list of questions and concerns," she said. Neumann said the nurse practitioners also spend a great deal of time on education and health maintenance.

Michelle Sitze, wife of of Spc. Logan Sitze, of 2nd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division was the first family member to be seen at the Vista Del Sol location.

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Protestant Service	10 a.m.	USASMA Memorial Chapel (Bldg. 11275)
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WBAMC Hospital Chapel	10 a.m.	
LDS Service	3 p.m.	1AD Chapel E. Bliss (Bldg. 11272)
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Fort Bliss Gospel Chapel Children's Church (Bldg. 11272)	9 a.m.	

<b>Tuesday</b>		
Good News Club (children's Ministry) Bldg 449	3:30-4:30 p.m.	
Navigators Leader Bible Study (HOPE Chapel- Bldg. 2498)	6:30 p.m.	
Fort Bliss Gospel Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Bldg. 11272)	6:30 p.m.	
Navigators 1/1 AD Bible Study (Bldg. 21200, Room 4105)	6:30 p.m.	

<b>Wednesday</b>		
PWOC (Bldg. 449)	9:30 a.m.	
Fort Bliss Gospel Chapel Bible Study	11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.	
USASMA Adult Bible Study (Annex)	7 p.m.	

<b>Thursday</b>		
Navigators Soto Gym & SAC East Ft. Bliss	6:30 p.m.	

<b>Saturday</b>		
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Saturdays, Chapel Two (Bldg. 1542)	4 p.m.	
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<b>Masses</b>		
Saturday, Chapel Two (Bldg. 1542)	5 p.m.	
Saturday, WBAMC	5 p.m.	
Sunday, Chapel Two (Bldg. 1542)	8 a.m.	
Sunday, WBAMC	8:30 and 11:30 a.m.	
Sunday, 1 AD Chapel	11:15 a.m.	
Sunday, Chapel Five (German)	10 a.m.	

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<b>Thursday</b>		
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<b>Friday</b>		
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<b>Friday</b>		
Jummuh (Islamic Service) Prayer room (Bldg. 11272)	12:30 p.m. MST; 1:30 DST	

<b>Sunday</b>		
Ta'aleem (Islamic Teaching) Prayer room (Bldg. 11272)	12:30 to 2 p.m.	

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# Power of your words

By Chaplain (Capt.) Jae Y. Chang

4-17 Inf. Bn., 1st BCT, 1st AD

Our words have power! Words have power to encourage, heal and comfort; or on the other hand, they have the power to dehumanize, destroy and kill. Words can restore or break relationships.

The book of Proverbs tells us, "The tongue has the power of life and death and those who love it will eat its fruit."

Our words are powerful and can bring immense good or immense hurt to both others and ourselves. What we say can truly "make or break" people. A foul tongue can be our demise or a false tongue can be the death of others. Conversely, the tongue can save our lives or bring about the comfort of it through a prudently gentle tongue or the tongue can save the lives of others through a reasonable testimony or intercession.

As the verse continues to state, our tongues yield fruit that we will eat. If our words produce good fruit, we will eat of life. However, if we produce bad fruit, we will eat death. That is, we will literally be eating our own words. We will be judged by the affections

(originating from the heart) with which we speak.

In the book of Matthew, it says, "For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of." If our hearts are full of good, such as, love, joy or kindness then our words will flow out and affect others positively and encouragingly. Whereas, if our hearts are full of resentment, jealousy or bitterness, our words will evidently cut, and be sarcastic or belittling.

Since what we say brings into existence the edification or destruction of others, or ourselves, we must be intentional and deliberate with what we say.

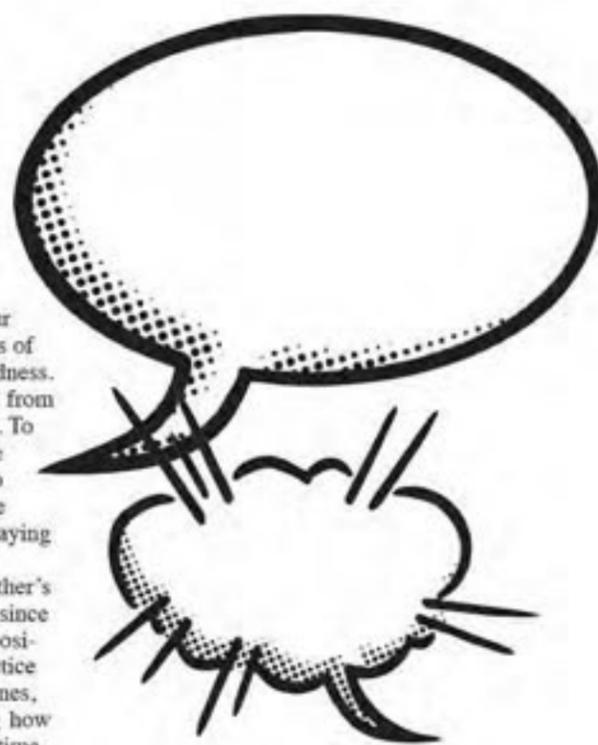
For example, if we were to offer negative criticism to a spouse, family member, friend, or co-worker, he or she may not initially believe it. However, if we were to persist being critical a couple or several more times, the individual may experience a despairing or discouraging moment, which could lead to the validity of the negativity. Yet, one simple encouragement or thoughtful word can brighten or even save a person who may be experiencing great depression. Thus, our words speak into existence life or death as

the proverb claims.

This scripture verse yields nuggets of wisdom. One can see the character of others through what comes from their mouths. Take special care to listen and reflect on an individual's words. They will reveal the person's heart.

As our hearts are what fuel our tongues, we must change the contents of our hearts by filling them with goodness. Filling them with goodness comes from filling our minds with good thoughts. To fill our minds with good thoughts, we must be careful with what we allow to come into our minds through what we see and what we hear—just like the saying goes: "Garbage in; garbage out."

So, let us be sensitive to each other's needs and selective of our words since both will affect our loved ones positively and negatively. Why not practice speaking kind words to your loved ones, friends or co-workers by expressing how much you care...one kind word at-a-time.



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# How bazaar

By Staff Sgt. Kristen Duus  
1st BCT, 1st AD Public Affairs

The Fort Bliss Chapter of the NCO Wives Club hosted their annual bazaar last weekend at the Old Trading Post here.

The event, which has been yearly for more than 20 years, is lead by chairperson Sue Gonzales.

"It's a two day event that gets great participation," said Gonzales. "We generally have about 2,000 to 3,000 visitors."

From knit hats to salsa, trinkets to jewelry, children and adults alike were able to enjoy what the bazaar had to offer.

Jill Sharp, owner and designer of America Sew Proud, sews handmade gifts and makes her own salsa.

"It was slow yesterday, but it's really picking up today," said Sharp.

Nearly 140 vendors from around the southwest attended the event to sell their items to eager customers. With the holiday season just around the corner, many of the vendors were selling Christmas themed goodies.

"The most popular type of vendors are the ones who have Christmas things because it's starting to get cooler and people start to think about Christmas," said Gonzales. "A lot of people come here to buy Christmas presents."

Admission money collected by the NCO Wives Club goes toward a scholarship fund they encourage their members and families to apply for.

"We just try to improve the morale and welfare of the NCOs here on Fort Bliss," said Gonzales.

Also available at the bazaar were raffles, a play area for children and a visit with Santa, as well as free samples of vendors' tasty treats.

"I'm looking forward to continuing this for another 22 years," said Gonzales. "It really is a win-win situation. People come and have a good time and they get some bargains back there. And then the money goes back to the community."



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Jennie Hanson, owner of Pepper Springs/ Out West, sells seasoned dip mixes to a customer during a bazaar hosted by the NCO Wives Club at The Old Trading Post here, Friday. Hanson and her husband travel the local area selling their homemade mixes.

(Right) A vendor for Pampered Chef discusses items in a catalog with customers during a bazaar hosted by the NCO Wives Club at The Old Trading Post on Fort Bliss, Sunday. The two-day event brings in vendors from around the southwest, showcasing and selling their products.

(Far right) Jill Sharp, a vendor at a bazaar hosted by the NCO Wives Club, tries to get customers to sample her fire hot salsa at The Old Trading Post here Sunday. Sharp makes homemade salsas and sews handmade gifts.





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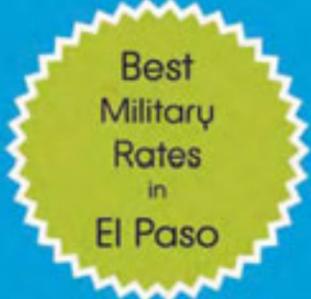
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Spc. David Dickens, left, infantryman and volunteer with 3rd Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division, and Rick Deprew, prevention coordinator for Army Substance Abuse Program, helps answer questions about the importance of saying no to drugs, Oct. 30.

(Right) Students at Logan Elementary take the pledge to remain drug-free for Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 30. Students learned the importance of staying drug, alcohol and tobacco free to live long and healthy lives.



# Logan Elementary celebrates Red Ribbon Week

By Sgt. Betty Y. Boomer  
24th Press Camp Headquarters

Logan Elementary School celebrated Red Ribbon Week in an effort to educate students and parents on the effects of using drugs and to encourage them to live a drug-free lifestyle, Oct. 30.

"A healthy me, is drug free," was the theme for the 2013 campaign nationwide, reminding students and parents that in order to be healthy, being drug free plays a major role.

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug-free campaign in the United States and is celebrated the last week in October.

"I contacted the Fort Bliss Army Substance Abuse Program to come out and to talk to our third through fifth graders be-

cause it's important to educate the students on what types of drugs are out there," said Tracy Beach, military family liaison. "The kids are so influential at this age, and we just wanted to make them aware."

Most Red Ribbon campaigns across the nation are geared toward middle and high school students. With the creation of new and synthetic drugs, members of the El Paso and Fort Bliss community felt the inclusion of the elementary school was a good idea.

"I love getting out and educating these young children about the dangers in society whether it's drugs, alcohol or tobacco," said Rick Deprew, prevention coordinator for ASAP. "It's important that we talk to our kids."

Other elementary schools in the commu-

nity celebrated Red Ribbon Week to include: Park, Vista Hills, Scottsdale and Hillside, all with the same thoughts of "never too early to learn about drugs."

Red Ribbon Week commemorates the ultimate sacrifice made by DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who died at the hands of drug traffickers in Mexico while fighting the battle against illegal drugs.

In honor of Camarena's memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear red badges of satin.

After the ceremony, teachers and students from Logan Elementary took a pledge to live a drug-free life. The pledge was recited as follows:

As parents and citizens, we will talk to our children and the children in our lives about

the dangers of drug abuse.

We will set clear rules for our children about not using drugs.

We will set a good example for our children by not using illegal drugs or medicine without a prescription.

We will monitor our children's behavior and enforce appropriate consequences, so that our rules are respected.

We will encourage family and friends to follow the same guidelines to keep children safe from substance abuse.

I pledge to set guidelines to help children grow up safe, healthy and drug-free.

To learn more about Red Ribbon week and to take the pledge, visit [www.redribbon.org/pledge](http://www.redribbon.org/pledge).

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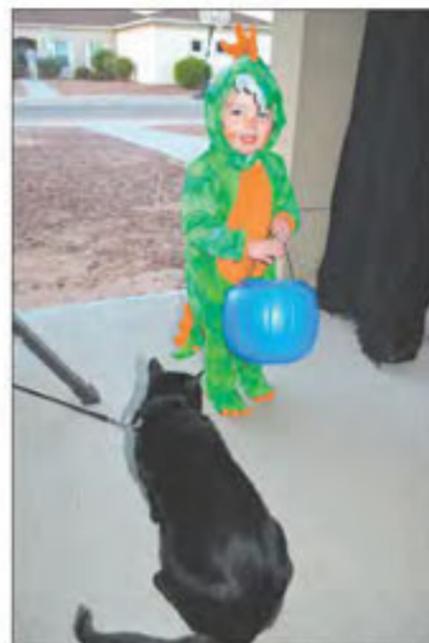
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(Clockwise from top)

A group of trick-or-treaters leave one Aero Vista resident's house, happy with their haul of candy Oct. 31. Trick-or-treaters stayed safe with the help of older siblings and parents who escorted them, Soldier patrols on the streets and the Fort Bliss Military Police restricting vehicular traffic on neighborhood streets.

Fort Bliss family member, 2-year-old, Dawson Adcock, takes a break from trick-or-treating on Fort Bliss' Aero Vista housing Oct. 31, to pet a black cat on one resident's porch. During trick-or-treating hours, some streets were blocked off and roving patrols of Soldiers helped keep the neighborhoods safe.

Spc. Ronny Torres, a Soldier assigned to Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, paints the face of a child during the North Star Elementary School Zombie Dance Oct. 31.

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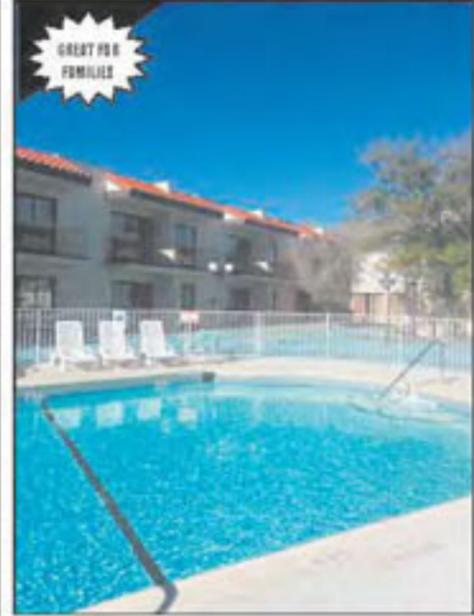
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# Bulldog Brigade incites stampede

By Spc. Christopher Smythers  
3rd BCT, 1st AD Public Affairs

When people imagine a stampede, the common scene is a herd of large animals running, panicked and trampling anything in their path.

Another definition provided by the New Oxford American Dictionary, which is more applicable to this situation, is, "A sudden rapid movement or reaction of a mass of people in response to a particular circumstance or stimulus."

In this case, the mass of people received a stimulus meant to motivate them to champion a serious cause.

Soldiers and families of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, along with members of the El Paso community, participated in an event supporting Sexual Harassment /Assault Response and Prevention program, the SHARP Stampede, Oct. 24, on Bulldog Field.

The Bulldog Brigade organized the event to raise awareness.

A function of SHARP is to effect a cultural change, which will lead to a zero-tolerance attitude toward the precursors of sexual misconduct.

The program targets behavior such as sexually themed jokes and innuendo. Popular culture considers such behavior as harmless, but it often leads to more violent transgressions.

"The intent of the SHARP Stampede is to bring awareness, empowerment and resources to the Soldiers, families and friends of the Bulldog Brigade," said Sgt. 1st Class Rena Key, brigade's equal opportunity advisor.

"The key to the prevention of sexual violence is awareness," she said. "When you empower a person with the knowledge of what's right, what's wrong and how to take care of the situation; the battle is being won."

The Army's approach to sexual misconduct is proactive. Prevention is preferable to punishment, and Soldiers should not allow

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>> Sgt. 1st Class Rena Key

sexual misconduct to take place. By familiarizing people with signs leading to egregious conduct, society will stop violators before an assault occurs.

The brigade commander compared sexual misconduct to the dangers of combat.

"It's just like with an insider threat or [roadside bomb]," said Col. Christopher LaNeve, Bulldog Brigade commander. "You have to get left of the boom, and that's what we're trying to do. We're trying to prevent an issue before it happens."

LaNeve went on to say, "This isn't just a problem in the Army. It's a problem inside and outside the post. We need to raise awareness in everybody and fight this as a team to have a greater effect. It's also important for those inside and outside our organization to see our commitment and see the resources that are available."

Several El Paso support agencies attended. Angel Zubia, a licensed social worker with Sexual Trauma and Assault Response Services, said there are many avenues toward treatment and education. The locally based organization links clients with appropriate services. "We encourage that," said Zubia. "Every-

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Soldiers representing Fort Bliss Fight House, demonstrate self-defense techniques during the SHARP Stampede



Colonel Christopher LaNeve, commander of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, leads the Bulldog Brigade across the finish line during the SHARP Stampede, Oct. 24 on Bulldog Field.

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Members of 3rd Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, dance during the SHARP Stampede.

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Members of 3rd Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, participate in tug-of-war.



A Soldier in 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, pushes his daughter during the run.

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"We're doing our best to strengthen the bonds between the military and the rest of the community here in El Paso," said Key. "We can stand against sexual misconduct of any kind, while improving our organization and society if we do it together."

"We're hoping this SHARP Stampede

will show a unified front is needed to reach zero tolerance," Key said.

"It's our moral obligation and our duty to lead this fight," said LaNeve. "Sexual assault and sexual harassment are not in line with the Army values or Bulldog values."

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# Sisters in Arms hold self defense training course

By Sgt. Adam Hinman  
15th Sust. Bde. Public Affairs

The 15th Sustainment Brigade Sisters in Arms, held a training course for sexual assault self-defense at Joshua W. Soto Physical Fitness Center, Oct. 29.

The training was organized by 1st Sgt. Jessica Taylor, 261st Signal Company, 15th Sust. Bde., and the El Paso Police Department.

El Paso Police Officer, Joe Lopez was the principle trainer for the event. The focus was on the physical aspects of self-defense, rather

**"We want them to leave the class with the ability, or at least the confidence, to stand up to attackers."**

>> Joe Lopez

than the verbal.

Rhonda Russ, the 15th Sust. Bde. victims advocate for Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program, assisted Lopez during the training. Russ is a 21-year veteran of the El Paso Police Department.

"There are many approaches to dealing with sexual assault situations," said Lopez. "I get to teach them the fun stuff."

The goal was to give Soldiers the tools to fight off an attack.

"It's another tool in your belts," said Lopez.

Lopez demonstrated defense-fighting stances, followed by each corresponding action. The mechanics of each move, and the affect the defense strategy had on potential attackers, was explained. Soldiers then practiced the defensive positions on each other, in an attempt to ward off an attack.

"The Sisters in Arms program is all about empowerment," said Taylor.

The class intended to show Soldiers there is a way to escape.

"We want them to leave the class with the ability, or at least the confidence, to stand up to attackers," said Lopez.



Photos by Sgt. Adam Hinman / 15th SB Public Affairs

"I liked it. I think it is useful," said Staff Sgt. Shadiva Tillman, an internal control analyst with 4th Financial Service Support Unit, 15th Sust. Bde.

"In the Army, we can end up in situations like this," Tillman added.

"We recommend victims report to their unit's representative," said Russ.

If a victim wishes to speak with someone they do not already know, the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response Prevention program hotline is 800-656-HOPE and it is available 24/7, 365-days a year.

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The 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, "Dream Chasers," receive the 1st place trophy after the Commander's Cup Flag Football championship game at the Omar Bradley Softball Complex, Oct. 24. The final score was 21-18.

## Air defense edges by Support Hospital, 21-18

By Sgt. Jarred Woods  
16th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

The 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade's flag football team, the "Dream Chasers," slid past the 31st Combat Support Hospital's "Archangels," 21-18, with a last-minute touchdown at the Commander's Cup Flag Football championship in the Omar Bradley Softball Complex, Oct. 24.

A quick turnover to the Dream Chasers occurred late in the second half when running back, Donald Eason caught a 30-plus yard pass in the end zone for the final touchdown, then for the last few minutes the Dream Chasers' defense shut down any chance of an Archangels' comeback and secured the ADA's undefeated season.

"We just try to run the ball, complete passes and really focus on defense," said Oscar Franco, quarterback for the Dream Chasers. "As long as we can keep ourselves out of our heads, we're alright."

The Archangels came out hard and fast early in the game when quarterback, Justin Barbara completed a 25-yard pass to wide receiver, Terrell Pinckney in the end zone for the first touchdown of the game.

The Dream Chasers answered right back with a touchdown of their own in the next set of downs as quarterback, Franco completed a pass to receiver, Kendre Fletcher in the end zone, but unlike the Archangels, they were able to bring in the extra point to get ahead 7-6.

Both teams fought tenaciously throughout the remainder of the first half. Yet, each defense held each goal line impenetrable to leave the Archangels trailing by a point at the half-time whistle.

"We only had a few mishaps in the first half," said David Edwards, running back for the Archangels. "We just tried to work on defense and putting pressure on the quarterback in the second half."

The Archangels came in hard as center, Jerry Portesano ran approximately 20 yards to bring in a quick touchdown early in the second half. Once again, the Dream Chasers denied the extra point, making the score 12-7.

Minutes later, running back, Donald Eason evaded the Archangels' defense, running more than 30 yards for a touchdown. The Dream Chasers once again made the extra point to bring the score 14-12.

Later in the half, tight end, Stephon McIntosh ran in a 20 yard reception pass from Bar-



bara for what would be their last touchdown. Yet again, the Dream Chasers' defense was too much to score the extra point, leaving the Support Hospital with an 18-14 lead.

The hard fighting teams went back and forth throughout the remaining second half until Eason's game-winning touchdown. The Dream Chasers' victory was in no small part owed to their quarterback, whose ferocious demeanor kept the team going throughout the back-and-forth game.

"Motivation and execution were the key," said Franco. "We kept pushing forward and we kept our heads up."

Both teams ended the season with respectable records: the Dream Chasers finished with 16-0 and the Archangels ended at 9-5.

The 31st Combat Support Hospital "Archangels," come together for motivation during half time of the Commander's Cup Flag Football championship game at the Omar Bradley Softball Complex, Oct. 24.

(Right) The 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade "Dream Chasers" quarterback, Oscar Franco, runs the ball during the Commander's Cup Flag Football championship game.



## Sports briefs

**Golf Tournament:** Red Hawk Golf Club is hosting the second annual Military Appreciation Day Tournament Nov. 10. Registration deadline is today. The tournament is a four-person team scramble. Following the tournament, Red Hawk Golf Club will host an evening of live music and a dinner reception, special contests, prizes and awards for participants. Discounts for military. 575-373-8100.

**5K Turkey Trot:** The annual Fort Bliss 5K Turkey Trot and Half Marathon will take place Nov. 16 at Soto PFC. The Half Marathon begins at 7:30 a.m., Turkey Trot at 8:30 a.m. The run is open to all. Early registration is under way and closes Nov. 13. Register in person at Stout or Soto PFC snack bars or online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). [blissmwr.com/intramurals](http://blissmwr.com/intramurals), 744-5794

**Military Night at UTEP:** Military night at UTEP is at 6 p.m., Nov. 16, Sun Bowl Stadium. Free tickets can be obtained at the SAC and Freedom Crossing ITRs and through CSM channels. Free football tickets can also be used for free admission to the women's basketball game, starting at 2 p.m., Memorial Gym. 744-8434

**Commander's tournament:** Get into the swing of things with the Commander's Open golf tournament Nov. 22 at Underwood Golf Complex. Hosted by Family and MWR and Garrison Command, the Commander's Open is open to all. Bring your friends to compete in this four-person scramble tournament, or register on your own and get teamed with other players. Entry costs \$45 per player and includes green fees, cart rental, range balls and lunch. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places, and closest to the pin. Play will begin with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. on the Sunrise Course. Underwood Golf Complex is located at Bldg. 3200 Coe Avenue in the Logan Heights housing area. 568-1059

**Turkey shoot:** The Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club's Turkey Shoot is back! The shoot begins at 9:30 a.m., Nov. 23. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and is open to all. 565-4867

**Crossfit 915 and Team RWB:** Saturday, 9 a.m., WOD for Warriors, Crossfit 915, and 1st BN, 364th Eng. Regt., TF Rampant, 5th AR, will be conducting a crossfit workout of the day at 11444 Rojas, Ste. C-15. Anyone at any fitness level can participate and honor veterans for Veteran's Day weekend. [crossfit915.com](http://crossfit915.com)

**Redskins Fans Club:** The El Paso Burgundy and Gold Redskins Fan Club invites Washington fans to join the club on Sundays, during this NFL season, at 3 Pints Pub and Grill, 10710 Gateway North Suite A-1. 626-6871

**WTB golf outing:** The Warrior Transition Battalion invites all to attend their Fall Golf Outing at the Fort Bliss Underwood Golf complex today and tomorrow. The golf outing will start with a clinic offered by the National University Golf Academy today from 4-6 p.m. and tomorrow from 8-9:30 a.m. followed by shotgun start at 10 a.m. 861-5836

**Rod and Gun survey:** The Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club wants to know what you think! The facility is conducting a customer survey to find out what you like about the Rod and Gun Club, and what you think needs improvement. Completed surveys will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Rod and Gun Club Pro Shop gift certificate. Complete the survey in person at the Rod and Gun Club, or online at [blissmwr.com](http://blissmwr.com). Let your voice be heard today – the survey closes Nov. 30.



Photos by 2nd Lt. Justin Stone / UTEP ROTC

The 2013 University of Texas at El Paso Reserve Officer Training Corp Army Ten Miler male and female teams and their primary Military Science Instructor, far right, Lt. Col. Alfred Roach, pose after finishing the race. The male team finished 6th out of 65 teams and the female team was the first from UTEP to participate.

## Army Ten Miler 2013

By Ashley M. Alameda  
DoM&D Public Affairs

Fort Bliss and Reserve Officer Training Corps from University of Texas at El Paso traveled to participate in the 29th Annual Army Ten Miler held in Washington, D. C., in October.

Fort Bliss male and female teams both placed third in this year's event. UTEP ROTCs male team placed sixth.

This was the second year Maj. Joseph P. Buccino, deputy public affairs officer of 1st Armored Division, participated as part of the Fort Bliss team.

"I was on the Fort Bliss team last year, but let's just say I have participated several times in the past," said Buccino. "I wanted to participate in the event to represent my family, Fort Bliss, the great city of El Paso, the United States, and Jean Offutt (the Fort Bliss Garrison Public Affairs Officer) with dignity."

This was also Cadet Michael Martinez's second year participating in the ATM as this year's male-team captain.

"My favorite part of the race is probably at the end when you see the Pentagon. A jump of joy runs through your body since the race is almost done and it motivates me to push harder in order for our team to be successful," said Martinez. The UTEP Senior completed the race in 1 hour, 1 minute, and 51 seconds.

UTEP made university history by introducing the program's first female team. UTEP senior, Cadet Bianca Marquez, wanted to participate in the ATM as a junior, but



UTEP Cadet, Kristian Alegado, is the first to finish the Army Ten Miler for the UTEP male team, at 57 minutes, 50 seconds. The UTEP male team finished sixth out of 65 teams.

there was only an all-male team.

"As a (senior), I jumped at the opportunity to have an all female team. It was not easy, but well worth it to make a change within the program," Marquez said, noting the team practiced six times a week for almost four months. "Finishing the race brought out a mixture of emotions. It was exhilarating, feeling the sense of pride that we accomplished the mission as a team."

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Staff Sgt. Bobby Sommers waves the Garrison colors as the sun rises during the Garrison run held Friday morning.

## Fort Bliss Garrison holds esprit de corps Run

By Ashley M. Alameda  
DoMaD Public Affairs

Garrison Commander Col. Brant Dayley led the Garrison Headquarters and the Directorate of Mobilization and Deployment on a morale run to strengthen unit cohesion and improve endurance Friday morning.

The 2.4-mile fun run began before sunrise at Memorial Circle. The formation ran to the Army Community Center and back, calling cadences and raising unit colors overhead for other units to see.

After the run, Col. Dayley thanked his staff for their hard work, ensuring Garrison operations runs smoothly, and taking care of Soldiers.

He also mentioned alternative reasons for holding the morning run.

"This is a tough mission," said Dayley. "This is enduring. It does not stop and I worry about your resiliency. I want to make sure you are okay all the time and that you have good teammates watching out for you. We are an Army and we are family!"

Dayley also noted the different components gathered on the field. DoMaD is a melting pot of Army Reserve, National Guard and Active Duty Soldiers, while Gar-



The Directorate of Mobilization and Deployment participate in Friday morning's Garrison run, led by Security Officer in Charge, Capt. Orlando Rivera. Holding the Directorate guidon is Administration Deputy Officer in Charge, Capt. Dawne Divine.

arrison is made up of all active component. "We are an Army," said Dayley. "I do not care where you come from or where you are going home. You are a Soldier at Fort Bliss today and you are a member of our Garrison and I am really proud of what you do."



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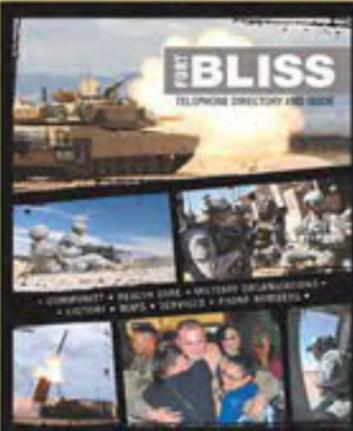
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# THE MOVIE REVIEW

by Sergeant Cinema



## 'Bad Grandpa' (R, 1:33)

Hollywood has given us movies about Bad Boys, Bad Lieutenants, Bad Santas, Bad Teachers and even an individual Bad man (with a Good man and an Ugly man thrown in for good measure). All the movies I just referenced turned a profit and they are just the tip of the "Bad" iceberg. I guess Bad can be pretty good, at least for a movie studio's bottom line. It should come as no surprise that Tinseltown has chosen to give us a film about a Subpar Patriarch.

"Bad Grandpa" is in a sense a spinoff of a spinoff (or, you could say, this "Grandpa" is a grand-SON, of sorts). After Johnny Knoxville and his band of merry masochists gained an audience torturing themselves (and each other) for your amusement in their 2000-2002 MTV show, "Jackass," they began making feature-length movies full of their dangerous stunts and gross-out gags. One of the characters they created in order to set up some of their jokes was an "old" man named Irving Zisman. When Knoxville and his writing partners figured out a way to make Zisman's antics into a feature film, a highly inappropriate grandfather figure was born.

"Bad Grandpa" is part "Jackass" and part "Borat." As I already mentioned, this film is part of the evolution of the "Jackass" franchise, but it has two things the films, videos and TV shows that preceded it do not – a plot, and actual humor.

In this film, Irving is an 86-year-old man whose wife dies and whose daughter is going to jail, forcing Irving to drive his eight year-old grandson, Billy (Jackson Nicoll) from Nebraska to North Carolina so he can be cared for by his father, a man whose lifestyle looks destined to land him in the Big House someday too.

On their road trip, Irving and Billy interact with ordinary people in some very

extraordinary ways and get themselves into some pretty unusual (and hilarious) situations. That's where "Borat: Cultural Learning" comes in. Most of the people with which Irving and Billy interact are real people whose actions and reactions are captured on hidden camera, and who don't find out it's all a set-up until afterwards. Now, I won't say any more about the film's situations, set-ups and sight gags for two reasons:

1. If you've seen the trailer, you know many (but not all) of the funniest bits already and I wouldn't want to deprive you of any more surprises.

2. If you haven't seen the trailer, you're in for a real treat.

This is a VERY funny movie! The plot gives a necessary structure to the humor and the gags are rarely as disgusting, painful or cringe-inducing as in the previous incarnations of "Jackass." Now, we can debate the propriety of involving a child actor in some of this adult-oriented humor, but moviegoers have enjoyed similar humor (sometimes involving children) in "Borat," "A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas," "National Lampoon's Vacation" and countless other comedies, many of which are revered to this day.

No children were physically harmed in the making of this movie and I think that little Jackson Nicoll will survive the trauma of participating in a movie, which includes adult humor, while making millions of people laugh until they can hardly breathe. Although a few of the gags do fall flat, and as a father, I did think some of them went a bit too far, I found "Bad Grandpa" almost as funny as the trailer and much more entertaining than Knoxville's earlier efforts, earning from me, a solid "B+."

## 'Free Birds' (PG, 1:30)

For an animated feature film to be good, it has to have four things: An engaging story, excellent animation, entertaining voice work and humor that works for both kids and adults. "Free Birds" has none of these.

Time Travelling Turkeys Turn the Tables on Thanksgiving. That pretty much sums up the plot. Reggie (voiced by Owen Wilson) is a turkey who just doesn't fit in (a well-worn theme in animated movies). He's the only smart turkey on the modern-day farm that he calls home. When the other turkeys throw him out of the barn, he's snatched up and ends up becoming the turkey the president (looking like Rick Perry and sounding like Bill Clinton) "pardons" as part of a long-standing Thanksgiving tradition.

His good luck lands him in the lap of luxury. He's loving life, until Jake (Woody Harrelson) who is following instructions he received in a vision from something called "The Great Turkey," shows up to take Reggie back in time to the first Thanksgiving to change history, specifically "to get turkeys off the menu."

The two turkeys hijack a time machine about to be tested in front of the president and viola – they're in 1621. Reggie and Jake work to gain the trust and assistance of the turkeys living near Plymouth Plan-

tation. Meanwhile, Jake is butting heads with a 17th century version of himself and Reggie is falling in love with Jenny (Amy Poehler) the daughter of Chief Broadbeak (Keith David). As Reggie and Jake try to execute their plan, an evil Myles Standish, who works for a fat and selfish Governor Bradford, pursues them. Historical accuracy is not a concern here, nor, apparently, is quality family entertainment.

Before I get accused of not liking animation or reviewing this movie unfairly because it's a kids' movie and I'm an adult, I'd like to mention I loved and praised "Finding Nemo," "Cars" and "Tangled" and this year I reviewed "Monsters University," "Smurfs 2" and "Despicable Me 2" VERY positively.

This animated turkey can't hold a feather to any of those films. Its animation is technically strong, but the visuals are uninspired and unoriginal. The voicing is joyless and uninspired, the humor is rarely funny and seldom even amusing, and the story makes no sense and is full of plot holes that even a child could spot.

"Free Birds" throws together ideas that have been used often (and better) in both animated and live action movies of the past and, as presented here, seem random and result in a movie that is just plain dumb. Since this movie achieved none of the four things that I feel a good animated movie must achieve, the grade it deserves is the fourth letter of the alphabet... minus. Kids deserve better, and so do their parents.

## 'Last Vegas' (PG-13, 1:30)

I've heard this movie described as "the Hangover with senior citizens" and the film's four stars as "the Mount Rushmore of Acting." Both descriptions are apt.

"Last Vegas" brings together four men (Michael Douglas, Robert De Niro, Morgan Freeman and Kevin Kline) whose average age is 71. Combined they have 300 movie and TV credits to their names over careers totaling nearly 200 years and who, as a group, have racked up 28 Golden Globe nominations (with six wins) and 15 Oscar nominations (with another six wins).

These actors have starred in such iconic films as "Wall Street," "The Godfather, Part II," "Driving Miss Daisy," "A Fish Called Wanda," "Fatal Attraction," "Taxi Driver," "Independence Day" and "Sophie's Choice," as well as underappreciated gems like "The Game," "A Bronx Tale," "Seven" and "Grand Canyon." These men deserve our attention, but does their film deserve your hard-earned dollars?

In "Last Vegas," four childhood friends get together in Las Vegas to throw a bachelor party for the ladies' man of the group, the last of them to finally get around to getting married. The set-up is similar to this past summer's "The World's End," complete with one attendee who, due to an old grudge, had to be tricked into joining their little reunion.

As the four men air their grievances, remember the past and worry about the future, they're working their way through a weekend in Vegas in which they make new friends (of varying ages) and figure out how to party "like it's 1959," even though the calendar is working against them. When the good times are done rolling, the main characters learn various lessons about commitment, sacrifice, living life to the fullest and, of course, friendship.

These four acting legends (ably supported by Mary Steenburgen, Michael Ealy, Romany Malco and Roger Bart) probably won't add any awards to their mantles with their latest effort, but the movie is a good bit of fun. Jokes about aging abound in the film's first act, but as those gags are just about to go stale, the film shifts gears to focus more on the drama that developed among these four men, yet still manages to work in a few more laughs here and there.

It's a pleasure to see these four superstars share the screen and it's obvious they're having a great time playing these characters. There are a couple interesting plot twists along the way, which culminate in predictable resolution, but heartfelt. "Last Vegas" is funny, but could have been funnier, interesting, but could have been more interesting and well-acted, but not award-worthy, earning, from me, a "B."

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## Bliss Briefs

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**ALR unit funds:** Active-duty units and mobilized Guard and Reserve units deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) or Operation Iraqi Freedom (Iraq), or troops deployed to Haiti and in support of homeland security while serving

in remote areas, are authorized unit funds through the Army Level Requirements (ALR) Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation unit fund program. Units will receive \$2 per Soldier per month beginning the month of deployment. 568-4444 to receive an ALR information package.

**Unit funds applications:** Attention, all permanent units on Fort Bliss: It's that time of year again ... if you haven't used your MWR funds for the past fiscal year, please make sure to use them before you lose them. To receive fiscal 2014 funds, all units on Fort Bliss need to turn in the following items no later than Nov. 30: DA Form 1687 (signature card); assumption of command orders and a numbered alpha roster. Completed packets must be turned in to the Unit Funds office at the Roberto Loeza Soldier Activity Center, 20732 Constitution Ave. on East Fort Bliss. No incomplete packets will be accepted. 744-5105.

**Join the Air Force:** The Prior Service Program in the U.S. Air Force is a simple process open to certain former members of the military as well as those currently serving in the reserve and guard forces, who want to join the U.S. Air Force. A select number of applicants will fall into direct duty with no time in service requirements or retraining categories. Applicants not falling into the first direct duty category should refer to their local recruiter for the most recent Prior Service Matrix to determine their tentative eligibility. Members who do not qualify for one of the direct duty positions may be eligible to retrain (most common for sister service candidates). Applicants are accepted on a first come, first served basis. However, the total is subject to change based on the Air Force's needs. 577-0449-0448.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Debt collection notices:

This is a debt collection notice for **Command Sgt. Maj. Andre M. Johnson**. All services under Johnson's name should be put on hold. All those with debts to be collected under the name of Johnson or for information regarding collections, call Capt. Kevin F. Counce at 744-7333.

This is a debt collection notice for **Staff Sgt. Robert D. Karr**. All services under Karr's name should be put on hold. All those with debts to be collected under the name of Karr or information regarding collections, call 1st Lt. Courtney Franks at 568-1408.

**Legal Office closure:** The Fort Bliss Legal Assistance and Claims Offices, located on the first floor of Bldg 113, will be closed Friday and Monday, during the training holiday and federal holiday. It will reopen at 9 a.m. Nov. 12.

**Gate Name Changes:** The following gates have recently changed names as follows:

- Biggs Main Gate is now East Fort Bliss Sgt Major Blvd Gate
- Global Reach Gate changed to Old Ironsides Blvd Gate
- Robert E. Lee Gate is now Buffalo Soldiers Gate

**Street closures:** Leo Street in the Lindquist community and Sternberg Street in Upper Beaumont are scheduled to close from Nov. 4 through Dec. 30. The streets will be repaved, alternate routes to be determined. For more information, call 474-2420 or 494-7521.

**Veterans Affairs parking notice:** On Oct. 14, the El Paso Veterans Affairs Health Care System began installing new utility pipes. For your convenience, the third level of the William Beaumont Army Medical Center parking garage and the southwest parking lot (near the Alabama Street gate) will remain open during the project. The eight-week project will take place in three phases:

- Phase One: The north end of Piedras Street will be closed to traffic for two - three weeks. WBAMC staff parking and the open parking along the north end of Piedras will be closed.
- Phase Two: The WBAMC staff parking on the north end of WBAMC and the open parking on the north end of Piedras will reopen. Traffic will be re-routed through the East Open Parking area. Rodriguez Street will be closed east of the Piedras/Rodriguez intersection. Parking lot closure will include the Green Permit parking area, contractor parking area, WBAMC staff parking adjacent to the Green Permit area, two lanes of parking on the extreme eastern portion of the East Open Parking area, and portions of the VA Parking area adjacent to the East Open Parking area. Traffic will be re-routed through the East Open Parking area due to closure of Rodriguez Street just east of the Piedras/Rodriguez intersection.
- Phase Three: Green Permit Parking and contractor parking will reopen. In addition, pedestrians will be able to use crosswalks to access the east side of William Beaumont Army Medical Center and the EPVAHCS during the construction.

## DFMWR

**Tower Day:** Reach new heights during Tower Day at Biggs Park! Purchase a morning or afternoon ticket for just \$6 per person, and enjoy a morning or afternoon ticket for unlimited use of the tower Dec. 7. Tower Days run from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Tango Tower is a 50-foot tall, six-sided structure with over 20 different high elements, giving participants a multitude of choices. Tower Day is open to climbers ages 6 and older; no reservations are required. All needed equipment is provided. 744-1532.

**Bunco at Pershing Pub:** The Pershing Pub will host Bunco nights on select Thursdays. For just \$10, you get your Bunco buy-in with theme snacks included. You'll be playing for great prizes, too! The pub will host Bunco at 6 p.m. Nov. 14 and Dec. 12. Reservations are recommended. Pershing Pub is located inside Pace Hall at 243 Club Rd. 781-6809.

**Right Arm Night:** Show your "right arm" how much you appreciate their service during Right Arm Night, starting at 5 p.m. Nov. 15 at Pershing Pub. The event is hosted by Fort Bliss Garrison Command. Right Arm Night allows Soldiers to spend time together outside of the workplace. Show your "right arm" your appreciation, and enjoy a night of camaraderie, free snacks, drink specials and great music. Pershing Pub is located at 243 Club Rd. 568-6272.

**Thanksgiving dinner:** Gather around the table and enjoy an old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner at the Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club from 2 to 4 p.m. Nov. 16. After dinner, enjoy a reenactment of a Wild West shootout by the local black powder group. Dinner costs \$13 per adult, \$6.50 per child, ages 3 to 12 and is free for children 2 and under. Seating is limited and reservations are required. The Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club is located in northeast El Paso at 3730 Roy Johnson Ln. 568-2983.

**Date Night at Pershing Pub:** Are you in need of a date night, or just need a night filled with dinner and dancing? The Pershing Pub is hosting its first-ever Date Night at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 16. The night will begin with a delicious dinner, followed by dancing the night away with a professional instructor. Space is limited and reservations are required. Reservations cost \$30 for couples or \$16 per person. The Pershing Pub is located in the historic Pace Hall at 243 Club Rd. 781-6809.

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landmarks weathering away, McKittrick Canyon offers one of the best hikes in the Southwest. Join Southwest Adventure Nov. 23 and view the "Colors of Fall" when you travel to Guadalupe Mountains National Park for a guided hiking trip. The trip costs \$10 per person and includes transportation and guide services. Tickets must be purchased in advance and can be obtained at the Loeza Soldier Activity Center, 20732 Constitution Ave. [blissmwr.com/southwestadventure](http://blissmwr.com/southwestadventure), 744-1532

**Thanksgiving brunch:** Celebrate Turkey Day with Thanksgiving brunch at the Centennial Nov. 24. Seatings run from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. This holiday feast features a variety of flavors - check out breakfast classics, brunch favorites and, of course, turkey with all the trimmings. Enjoy the omelet bar and carving station, and indulge at the luscious dessert bar featuring a fun chocolate fountain. Don't forget the complimentary wine, champagne and mimosas! Thanksgiving brunch costs \$18.95 for adults. Pay half price for children ages 5-10. Children 4 and under eat free. Reservations are required. The Centennial is located at 11199 Sgt. E. Churchill St. on East Fort Bliss. 744-8427.

**Winter sports outings:** Hit the slopes at Ski Apache for skiing or snowboarding, or enjoy winter's quiet beauty as you navigate the Lincoln National Forest on snowshoes. The choice is yours when you travel with Southwest Adventure! Winter sports outings are scheduled for Nov. 30 and Dec. 28. Skiing and snowboarding cost \$50 each and include transportation and lift ticket. Equipment rental is available for an additional fee. Snowshoeing costs \$15 and includes transportation, equipment rental and guide services. Tickets must be purchased in advance and can be obtained at the Loeza Soldier Activity Center, 20732 Constitution Ave. [blissmwr.com/southwestadventure](http://blissmwr.com/southwestadventure), 744-1532.

**Desert "Oke Karaoke:** Are you ready to hit the stage with your best singing voice? Desert Strike Lanes hosts Desert "Oke Karaoke every Saturday from 8 p.m.-midnight. The event is open to all government ID card holders 18 and older. Desert Strike Lanes is located at 2949 Carter Rd. 568-6272.

**Experiencing Financial Challenges?:** The Financial Readiness Program at Army Community Service offer free confidential credit and debt management counseling. To schedule an appointment with a certified credit counselor, call 569-8376; walk-ins are accepted after 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. ACS is located at 2494 Ricker Rd.

**Single parent group:** Better Opportunities for Single Parents, a new program at Fort Bliss, hosts meetings the second Wednesday of every month at the Combat Aviation Brigade DFAC, Bldg. 11316 Staff Sgt. Sims St. Join the group and help BOSP build a program to enrich the lives of single parents. Bring your voice, and your concerns. Discuss issues, plan events and provide support to other single parents. The program is open to active-duty military, DoD/DA civilians and dual-military families who are in a single-parent situation due to TDY, deployment, separate duty stations or other reasons. 569-5500.

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**Child care providers needed:** Fort Bliss Child, Youth and School Services seeks child care providers to work from home as part of the Family Child Care program. FCC providers can earn \$26,000-\$40,000 per year. Earn income while staying home and develop a long-lasting, portable career. FCC training and experience are transferable to other installations and CYSS programs. Take advantage of opportunities for professional growth. FCC providers are supported by the FCC program in attaining their child development associate credential and National Association for Family Child Care accreditation. You can also earn monetary subsidies linked to types of care offered while you receive support from CYSS. 568-4198.

**Spouse employment orientation:** Are you a military spouse looking for employment? Attend the Employment Orientation at Army Community Service. The orientation will take approximately 1.5 hours and a lot of good information will be provided about free services available to you. Come learn how the Employment Readiness Program and Workforce Solutions Upper Rio Grande can assist you. We provide resume (civilian and federal) assistance and help you get ready for that dreaded interview. Orientations are held from 10-11:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday at ACS, located in Bldg. 2494 Ricker Rd. Advance registration is required. To minimize distractions, the Employment Readiness Program encourages clients to make child care arrangements with the Main CDC or Logan Heights CDC. ERP will provide you with a free voucher that will pay for the care of your children. 569-5838.

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## Go Youth

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**November Hodge Podge:** Have a teen who is bored during the holiday break? The YouthPlex will mix it up every day with their November Hodge Podge. From 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 25-27, sixth- through 12th-graders can race through Bobo's Family Fun Center, enjoy a movie day and bounce around at Jumpland. Permission slips are required for all registered youths. Register at the YouthPlex, located at 195 Chaffee Rd. 568-5437.

**MYAC Giving-thanks Feast:** Do you have something to be grateful for this year? The students at Milam Youth Activity Center do, and it is you! The teens would like to prepare and serve a Thanksgiving feast to the Fort Bliss community to show their appreciation from 1-3 p.m., Nov. 27 at the MYAC. The feast is open to all, and reservations are required by Nov. 22. MYAC is located at 10960 Haan Rd. 744-2449.

**Teen Book Club:** Do you have a teen who loves to read? Mickelsen Library has just the club for them! Starting at 4:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month, teens will head on over to the purple couch, nibble on snacks and share their thoughts about the various books read and how they played into the month's theme. The book club is free and open to all teenage participants. Mickelsen Library is located at 2E Sheridan Rd. blissmwr.com/library, 568-6156.

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**Range safety:** The Fort Bliss Rod and Gun Club offers a range safety course for children ages 6-17. The class is held at 1 p.m. every second and fourth Saturday on a monthly basis. The class is held at the Rod and Gun Club and is free of charge. Children must complete this course before being allowed outside on the ranges. Participation is limited to 25 youth, and advance registration is required. 565-4867.

**Parent Central training closures:** Both the main Parent Central Services office in Bldg. 1743 and the satellite Parent Central Services office in Bldg. 503B will close for training from 10-11:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month. 568-4374.

**Flamenco dance with SKIES:** Flamenco dance is a traditional and emotionally expressive dance originating in Spain. In this

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**Saturday Bliss Youth:** Every Saturday

is "Hang Hour" We meet from 3-4 p.m. in Bldg. 195 (the youth center) and hang out with our youth. Join the youth center for a time of games, fellowship, fun and meeting new Fort Bliss youth. www.Blissyouth.org, 568-4334.

**Battle Cry & Bliss Youth:** Are you new to Fort Bliss? Come and meet other youth at this exciting weekly event. We're dedicated to providing a place for students (6th -12th grades) to connect with God and ask the hard questions of everyday life. Experience a combination of music, games, Bible study, free food and most importantly, interact with other youth. We meet every Wednes-

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## Community

**Holiday Pie Mania:** No time for holiday baking or shopping this year? Follow the irresistible smell of warm pie to Holiday Pie Mania, 1-5 p.m., Nov. 16, at Builders Source Appliance Gallery, 6560-1 Montana Ave., where you can watch local chefs bake their signature pies, taste them all, and bid on your favorites, to be freshly baked in time for your own holiday tables and gift giving. Proceeds go to El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank. Holiday Pie Mania takes Chef and Culinary Instructor John Voltertsen will serve as "The Pie Piper," leading a lively auction of pies made by a roster of talented chefs. Admission: \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. [www.holidaypiemania.com](http://www.holidaypiemania.com).

**Society of Military Widows:** The Society of Military Widows Desert Sun Chapter 30, will hold their general meeting/luncheon today at 12:30 p.m., Centennial Banquet and Conference Center. Reservations are required membership open to Military Widows with valid military ID card. Guest speaker for the event is Doug Pullen, an entertainment editor for the *El Paso Times*. 755-5471.

**EPGMA Bratwurst Sale:** The El Paso Sergeants Major Association bratwurst and bake sale is Nov. 9, in front of the Fort Bliss Commissary from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The sale benefits their scholarship fund. Drive through service will be available; no need to park.

**Festival of Trees:** The El Paso Museum of History at 510 North Santa Fe St. will be celebrating the holiday season with a Festival of Trees Nov. 27. The museum is inviting local businesses, community associations and families to display a decorated holiday tree in the museum. To submit a participation request, call 351-3588, [alemanmg@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:alemanmg@elpasotexas.gov). Deadline to submit a participation request is Nov. 20.

**Free wedding gowns for military brides:** Brides Across America will give away free wedding gowns Nov. 11-18. In order to qualify, brides or their fiancé must be serving in the military; either currently deployed, have a future deployment, or have been deployed within the last five years to Iraq, Afghanistan, Middle East, Korea or Japan. Brides must pre-register for the event and bring proper identification along with deployment papers on the day of the event. [www.bridesacrossamerica.com](http://www.bridesacrossamerica.com).

**End Child Hunger:** Texas Land & Cattle CEO, Scott C. Smith is teaming up with Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry Campaign to help end childhood hunger in America. This November a donation of \$2 to the No Kid Hungry campaign at any Texas Land and Cattle restaurant gives you a \$5 discount on the next visit. This campaign will run from Nov. 1-Dec. 8. 214-718-4408.

**German Advent Bazaar 2013:** The German Air Force Charity Organization "Aid for the Needy" will host the German Advent Bazaar Dec. 1, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the German Community Center, Bldg. 5095 Robert E. Lee Rd. Enjoy German food, beer, cakes and Glühwein. All proceeds benefit underprivileged on both sides of the international border. 568-0259.

**Catholic Women of the Chapel:** The CWOC meet every Friday at 9 a.m. in Bldg. 449 on West Fort Bliss. Rosary/Prayer Shawl Makers meet every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. also in Bldg. 449. 867-2785, [dcatarroja@sc.rr.com](mailto:dcatarroja@sc.rr.com).

**America Recycles Day:** Shredder Day, Reuse Roundup & Can Good Donation is Nov. 15, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (or until the trucks fill up). The event offers shredding opportunity for unclassified and personal documents, gather household items that can be reused by military families, and can good drive to support Thanksgiving Dinner. The event is sponsored by the Fort Bliss Recycles Program, BOSS, Junior Enlisted Family Center, HHC 4th BCT, 1st AD FRG. Take your items to the Fort Bliss Recycling Center, Bldg. 1334 Marshall (behind the AAFES Shoppette on Marshall & Cassidy). 568-1537.

**Book Club:** The El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center will be having its Fall Book Club discussion Nov. 17 at 11 a.m. The Book Club events are becoming very popular events at the Museum and are highly attended. 351.0048 ext. 28, [www.elpasoholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.elpasoholocaustmuseum.org).

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**Siglo De Oro Art contest:** Friends Group for Chamizal National Memorial, invites all artists to enter their Siglo de Oro-themed artwork for cash prizes and the opportunity to showcase their work at the Memorial. First prize is \$1,000; second prize, \$600; and third prize, \$400. Artwork will be displayed at the Memorial during February and March. The subject matter must portray an aspect of the Golden Age of Spain, the Siglo de Oro. The work must also be reproducible as it will be the key feature in material promoting the 2014 International Siglo de Oro Drama Festival. The deadline to submit artwork is Dec. 16. [www.los-paisanos-chamizal.org/art-contest](http://www.los-paisanos-chamizal.org/art-contest), 585-0846.

**Gold Prospectors of El Paso:** The Gold Prospectors of El Paso meetings are held every second Tuesday of each month at the Skyline Optimist Youth Park, 5050 Yvette, at 7 p.m. Gold Prospecting outings are conducted on the last Saturday of every month. The GPEP is a chapter of the Gold Prospectors Association of America. They are a family of friends and acquaintances that come together to share the love of nature and the search for Gold through Recreational Gold Prospecting. Although there is very little gold in West Texas, we are within a few hours from many old mining districts in the state of New Mexico. We provide instructional demonstrations to all age groups interested in finding gold through placer mining using many different types of equipment. There is no charge or fee to attend the monthly meetings. [www.goldprospectorsofelpaso.com](http://www.goldprospectorsofelpaso.com).

**NAUS luncheon:** The National Association for Uniformed Services Bill Ryerson El Paso Area Chapter will hold its luncheon/election meeting, at 11 a.m., Saturday, at the Fort Bliss Golden Tee Golf Clubhouse, Bldg. 3191. Speaker for the event is retired Lt. Col. Daniel J. Schulte, past governor of the Rotary Club District 5520, Past President of two El Paso Rotary Clubs, former president of MOAA El Paso Chapter and present NAUS Chapter President. Reservation required. 755-3387.

**Provost Gun Show:** The Provost Gun Show is Nov. 16 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Nov. 17 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the El Maida Shrine, 6331 Alabama St. Children under 12 are free. A parent must accompany persons under

**25th Annual Thanksgiving Meal:** The Sacred Heart Church will host their 25th Annual Thanksgiving Meal Nov. 28 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The event is at the Sacred Heart Church Gym, 231 Father Rahm St. The event is free and open to all. The menu includes turkey and gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, waldorf salad, cranberry sauce, bread, dessert, a beverage, and exceptional table service. The community of Fort Bliss and El Paso are encouraged to volunteer or donate for the event. 603-8424, [jmartinez@sacredheartelpaso.org](mailto:jmartinez@sacredheartelpaso.org).

**Ladies invited:** Ladies you're invited to join the El Paso Sungold Sweet Adelines during the Christmas Season to sing and have fun. Rehearsal is Monday nights at 7 p.m., 500 McRae Blvd. 309-8415.

**Veteran's Day Parade San Elizario:** The historic town of San Elizario will be celebrating its 17th Annual Veterans Day Parade and Celebration, Saturday-Sunday. The parade starts at 9 a.m., Saturday, starting at Thompson and Socorro roads and ending at Veterans Memorial Plaza in front of the San Elizario Church, where celebration continues to midnight. Five veterans will be honored for their military service. Numerous food, arts and crafts vendors, live music and fun for the kids are part of the celebration. The celebration will continue on Sunday, from 1 p.m.-10 p.m.

**Holiday Festival Antiques:** Collectibles, arts and crafts and western memorabilia show and sale, Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the El Maida Shrine Auditorium, 6331 Alabama St. More than 70 vendors, 180 tables antique firearms, coins, knives, antique toys, sports and action figures, RC helicopters, antique furniture, outdoor recycled furniture, gems and jewelry and more. 443-0824.

**Opera for All:** Opera for All is Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Abraham Chavez Theatre. Fifty percent discounted tickets for military ID card holders. 581-5534, [epopera.org](http://epopera.org).



## Tips/alerts:

### Retailers will soon be shopping for you!

According to the National Retail Federation (NRF), retailers are expected to hire between 720,000 and 780,000 seasonal workers this holiday season. As job seekers start their search for those seasonal positions, Better Business Bureau recommends applicants apply early, research potential employers and be cautious of fraudulent job offers.

The holiday season can account for anywhere from 20 to 40 percent of a retailer's annual sales. With so much hanging on those numbers, retailers are likely to be choosy about which candidates they hire.

As a holiday job seeker, BBB offers the following tips to not only position you as an ideal candidate, but also to protect yourself from potential scams.

- Do research ahead of time. Find out which companies are offering seasonal employment opportunities, and whether that would be a place you would like to work. Then, use bbb.org to find additional information on the company including consumer complaints about the company, and other details.

- Be suspicious of online offers requesting money. Many consumers use online classifieds to search for local job openings. Unfortunately, scammers flock to these sites, posting fake jobs aimed at stealing money or the identities of job seekers. Never give your personal information without thoroughly researching the company first.

- Work where you shop. Employers want applicants that know their products well. So, if you shop at certain stores frequently, chances are you know a lot about the company and the merchandise they sell. This will make you an attractive choice because they may not have to spend as much time and money training you.

- Be available and flexible. Holiday hiring managers are drawn to candidates who will be available and have a flexible schedule. Seasonal employees will likely find themselves working long, inconvenient hours, and often on holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve.

- Put your best foot forward. Job hunters need to dress their best and be prepared for the interview. This includes being familiar with the company's brand and its products. Retail job hunters in particular need to focus on impressing potential employers with their customer service skill set — which is a must when dealing with stressed shoppers, long check-out lines and holiday returns.

### Jewelry top gift for holidays

Jewelry is on the wish lists of a quarter of respondents in a 2013 holiday survey by the National Retail Federation. Is it on yours?

Choices are many when it comes to gifting your guy or gal with necklaces, earrings or bracelets. If you're shopping for costume jewelry, there are no rules. This generally low-priced option allows you to pick pieces without being concerned about being ripped off.

But if you're shopping for real bling — diamonds, gemstones or pearls — you'll want to wade carefully into the jewelry aisles to be sure you're not taken for a ride. Start by doing your homework. Several websites outline differences between 24K gold and 14K gold, diamonds vs. cubic zirconia, natural gemstones vs. laboratory-created gemstones and cultured pearls vs. imitation pearls. Doing this research will also help you determine what you can reasonably afford.

Another key to buying the perfect piece of jewelry is to know what the recipient likes and wears. Does she wear mostly colorful and chunky costume jewelry? Or does she

opt for gemstone pendants? Does she (or he) wear studs or hoops? Does he prefer tungsten or copper?

When you're ready to shop in earnest, Better Business Bureau advises:

- Check out BBB Business Reviews for trustworthy jewelry stores. In addition to seeing the business's rating, you can check out customer reviews.

- Take a good look at the piece you intend to purchase. Give it the "snag" test by running it over your blouse, shirt or skin to ensure the prongs or other metal parts don't snag on skin on clothing.

- Ask about returns and guarantees. What if your loved one doesn't absolutely love the piece? Can it be returned for something different?

### BBB tips to help parents protect their children from identity thieves

Parents tend to take plenty of precautions when trick-or-treating with their child. However, Better Business Bureau of El Paso is urging parents to consider an aspect to their safety that isn't always seen — their identity.

A 2012 study by the Identity Theft Assistance Center found that 2.5 percent of U.S. households with children under age 18 experienced child identity fraud at some point during their child's lifetime. This Halloween BBB encourages parents to not only keep their children safe while trick-or-treating, but also to start monitoring their child's credit report to prevent devastating damage to their future.

Identity thieves often steal Social Security numbers, attach a different name and birth date to it, and proceed to open credit cards, secure auto loans, student loans and even home mortgages.

Children are easy targets because they typically do not start using their information until early adulthood when applying for college, loans or their first credit cards. And by that time, the damage is already done. Child identity fraud may be underreported by family members who may be linked to the fraud, because they often don't realize their child has become a victim until around 18 years old. That's why it's so important to start monitoring your child's credit report as early as possible.

As a parent, you can better protect your child's identity by:

- Safeguarding your child's personal information. Keep your child's personal identifiable information, such as his or her Social Security card, date of birth and birth certificate, in a secure spot.

- Monitoring your child's credit report. As soon as you get your child's Social Security card you should start monitoring his or her report at least once a year. Request a free credit report from [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com).

- Keeping anti-virus software updated. Some savvy thieves create viruses designed to search computers for documents containing your child's personal information. Make sure your computer is continually updated with the latest anti-virus software.

- Safely disposing of personal documents. Shred all papers that include your child's personal information before you throw them out and delete computer files that you no longer need.

If your child's credit report shows misused information, call each credit reporting company and ask that all accounts, inquiries and collection notices associated with your child's name and Social Security number be removed.



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# Keeping you in the know from StatePoint

## Retirement readiness checklist for savers

(StatePoint) Today, four out of five Americans are optimistic about their financial future, and of those who own retirement products, 97 percent agree that it feels good to know they are saving, according to a recent Lincoln Financial Group M.O.O.D. of America Study.

"One of the easiest ways people have to save for retirement is through their employer-sponsored retirement plan, like a 401(k) or 403(b) plan," says Chuck Cornelio, president of Retirement Plan Services for Lincoln Financial Group.

"It is critical that people receive the motivation and support they need to help them get on track and stay on track with their retirement savings goals."

Here are some simple ways to help you with retirement readiness:

- Sign up for a savings plan at work: If you're not enrolled in your plan, enroll today. Participation in an employer-sponsored retirement plan can help reduce your taxable income while building your savings. Contact your benefits administrator or human resources department with questions on how to get started. Enrollment can be the first step toward considering your own retirement savings goals and setting yourself up for a greater chance at success.

- Resist the temptation to borrow: We all know that things come up and that in the middle of an unexpected event, you may be tempted to borrow against your retirement plan savings. This is especially true during a down market. Resist the temptation. When you borrow against your plan, you may miss out on potential market gains.

- Save more as you make more: There are probably times in your life when you may receive extra cash from a tax refund, a bonus, a salary increase or some other pleasant surprise. Consider increasing your contribution every year if it's possible and saving any extras.

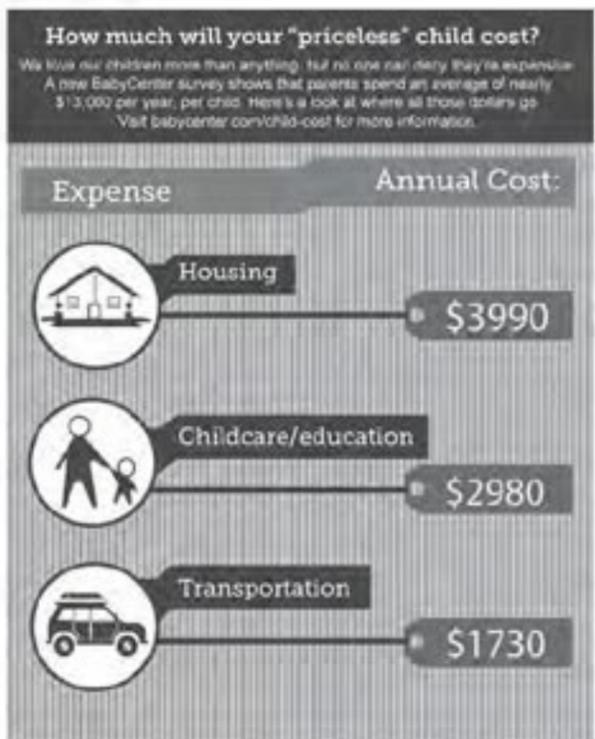
When you hit the maximum contribution level in your plan, a financial professional can help you find the right place to put additional savings.

- Save at least up to the company match: Many employers will match your contributions up to a certain percentage. Take advantage of these offers. Talk with your benefits administrator to learn more about what's available in your plan. When you don't take full advantage of a company match, you're leaving money on the table.

- Review investments with a financial professional: Schedule a retirement plan check-up at least once a year to assess where you stand against your personal retirement savings goals. It can help you stay on track and identify any changes that need to be made in order to achieve your savings goals.

"When it comes to saving for your retirement, don't hesitate," says Cornelio. "The sooner you start saving your money in an employer-sponsored plan or other retirement account, the better."

For more tips and retirement resources, visit [www.lincolnfinancial.com](http://www.lincolnfinancial.com).



## Are you financially prepared for parenthood?

(StatePoint) The cost of raising a child is on the rise, according to the "2013 U.S. Cost of Raising a Child" report, conducted by BabyCenter.com, the number one pregnancy and parenting mobile and web destination worldwide.

The report finds that parents spend an average of \$13,000 annually on their kids. And while about two-thirds of moms feel that parents are spending too much, the vast majority of them are very optimistic about their future — the number of moms worried about having enough money to raise their children has declined approximately 10 percent in the last year.

"Children are expensive, but couples aren't letting that hold them back from starting a family," says Carmen Wong Ulrich, a BabyCenter.com financial expert. "They're exploring different ways of saving, such as moving back in with their parents or accepting money from in-laws. These can be good short-term solutions for couples getting started."

To gain insight into their finances and take steps toward financial independence, parents can use a free budgeting tool, such as BabyCenter.com's Cost Calculator.

More information about the "Cost of Raising a Child" report is available at [www.BabyCenter.com/child-cost](http://www.BabyCenter.com/child-cost).

## Keep boredom at bay during long road trips this holiday season

(StatePoint) Setting out for a family road trip? While your destination promises memorable fun, simply "getting there" can be stressful.

In fact, 97 percent of parents dread spending more than an hour in the car with their kids, according to the results of a recent survey conducted by BabyCenter.com on behalf of VTech, a maker of age-appropriate and developmental stage-based electronic learning products for children.

"Most problems parents face while traveling with their kids stem from boredom," says Dr. Helen Boehm, psychologist and VTech consultant. "Kids are engaged during their school day where their minds are constantly active and soaking up knowledge. But the learning doesn't have to stop in the car."

It's all about engaging kids with fun and educational experiences, Boehm says.

To keep the boredom at bay and make family travel more enjoyable, try these fun tips on your next family road trip:

- Teach by observation: Look for landmarks along the way and discuss their history and importance. If the trip allows, stop at sites such as museums and aquariums. Look for license plates and talk about what each person knows about the state. Make a list of all the license plates spotted.

- Incorporate learning toys: Learning toys are a great way to help children stay mentally sharp during vacations, while also allowing them to explore and have fun. Look for an educational, developmental toy like VTech's InnoTab 3S Learning Tablet, which offers interactive game play and learning fun on such subjects as reading, math, social studies and science. With Wi-Fi, children can explore approved websites on the kid-safe web browser and use the "VTech Kid Connect" app to stay connected to their friends.

- Take time for rest stops: A quick break can alleviate the choruses of, "Are we there yet?" and also allow for teachable moments. If there are parks or nature walks along the way, kids can look for animals, collect interesting plants, leaves and stones and try to identify them.

- Pack a boredom bag: Parents can keep kids engaged with a fully stocked "boredom bag," complete with books on their favorite subjects. For example, VTech's Touch & Teach Word Book offers interactive touch pages that help children learn letters, music, sounds and more than 100 words.

A small notebook and pencil is great for drawing and lets kids explore their creative side. Pack small craft items like pipe cleaners and construction paper. Or use flashcards to introduce them to a variety of new topics, such as letters, numbers, colors and animals.

More tips for learning fun can be found at [www.vtech-kids.com/parenting](http://www.vtech-kids.com/parenting).

With some simple planning and prep, parents don't have to dread road trips and can enjoy not just the destination, but the journey as well.

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# Strange BUT TRUE

• It was the 40th president of the U.S., Ronald Wilson Reagan, who made the following sage observation: "Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards; if you disgrace yourself you can always write a book."

• If you're like 75 percent of Americans, you like to doodle.

• There was a shipwreck in 1664 that had only one survivor, one in 1785 that also resulted in all but one aboard being killed, and one in 1860 that likewise left a single person alive. Considering the fact that shipwrecks are not that uncommon - particularly in the heyday of ocean travel - you might not think this much of a coincidence. Think again, though; in each of those shipwrecks, the sole survivor was named Hugh Williams.

• In 1984, a woman named Deborah Martorano was shopping at Bloomingdale's in New York City, when one of the store's employees, a perfume demonstrator, sprayed her with scent. The experience evidently caused Martorano, who suffered from allergies and asthma, to spend 10 days in a hospital. This respiratory distress resulted in a \$75,000 settlement from the store.

Thought for the Day: "Irrationally held truths may be more harmful than reasoned errors." - Thomas H. Huxley

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<p><b>RENTALS</b></p> <p>Clean Eastside Home 3312 Nairn • 79925              3 Bdrm, 2 Ba, Carport, Den, Living/Dining Rm. Landscaped, Refrigerated Air. Close to Ft. Bliss \$995 Mth + Dep. 598-0661 or 726-0766</p> <p>Newly Renovated NORTHEAST El Paso Home, 4 bdrm, 3 ba, 2133 sq. ft., near Milagro Park &amp; Fort Bliss!! \$1050 mth. + dep. (972) 693-6406</p> <p>CIELO VISTA 2.6 Miles to Robert E. Lee Gatz 4 Bd., 2 Ba, dbl. Garage, Landscaped front/back, Sprinklers, Elect/Gas, Corner Lot, Plantation Shutters, Storage Shed, Patio, Basketball Court \$1375 Mth. + Dep. 915-497-3414</p> <p><b>PLEASE RECYCLE</b></p> <p>Clean Eastside Home 1208 Nautical • 79936              3 Bdrm, 1.75 Ba, Garage Living Rm, Landscaped Close to Ft. Bliss!! \$900 Mth + Dep. 598-0661 or 726-0766</p>	<p><b>RENTALS EAST</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>2849 Beachcomber B</td><td>2BD</td><td>\$685</td></tr> <tr><td>11540 Montana C15</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$750</td></tr> <tr><td>10629 Jetrock</td><td>2BD</td><td>\$750</td></tr> <tr><td>1644 Saint Clare</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$800</td></tr> <tr><td>10180 Bermuda</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$895</td></tr> <tr><td>11023 Oasis</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$900</td></tr> <tr><td>3425 Dundee</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$925</td></tr> <tr><td>11725 Riverstone</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$925</td></tr> <tr><td>12142 Elise Quail</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$950</td></tr> <tr><td>11680 Caballo Lake</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$950</td></tr> <tr><td>12246 Via Granada</td><td>4BD</td><td>\$950</td></tr> <tr><td>10704 Hitchcock</td><td>4BD</td><td>\$995</td></tr> <tr><td>1243 John Phelan</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$1050</td></tr> <tr><td>12732 Roberto Nunez</td><td>4BD</td><td>\$1125</td></tr> </table> <p><b>HORIZON</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>15332 North Port</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$900</td></tr> <tr><td>14505 Bryce</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$950</td></tr> <tr><td>472 South Shore</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$1200</td></tr> </table> <p><b>LOWER VALLEY</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>7328 Wilcox #2</td><td>2BD</td><td>\$850</td></tr> <tr><td>7328 Wilcox #1</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$950</td></tr> </table> <p><b>SAN ELIZARIO</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>564 Mayapan #1</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$700</td></tr> </table> <p><b>NORTHEAST</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>3905 Flory #9</td><td>1BD</td><td>\$400</td></tr> <tr><td>10504 Ponderosa</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$750</td></tr> <tr><td>5709 Sanders</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$750</td></tr> <tr><td>5711 Lexington</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$795</td></tr> <tr><td>5716 Kalpana Chavla</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$975</td></tr> <tr><td>11961 Mesquite Rock</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$995</td></tr> <tr><td>10441 Bon Aire</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$1050</td></tr> <tr><td>10233 Aggie</td><td>4BD</td><td>\$1050</td></tr> <tr><td>4428 Loma Diamante</td><td>4BD</td><td>\$1195</td></tr> <tr><td>11225 Northview</td><td>4BD</td><td>\$1300</td></tr> </table> <p><b>WEST</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>417 Ironside K</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$1050</td></tr> <tr><td>7963 Starry Night</td><td>3BD</td><td>\$1200</td></tr> <tr><td>6072 Los Siglos</td><td>4BD</td><td>\$1800</td></tr> </table> <p>DKD Associates, Inc. 727-3947</p>	2849 Beachcomber B	2BD	\$685	11540 Montana C15	3BD	\$750	10629 Jetrock	2BD	\$750	1644 Saint Clare	3BD	\$800	10180 Bermuda	3BD	\$895	11023 Oasis	3BD	\$900	3425 Dundee	3BD	\$925	11725 Riverstone	3BD	\$925	12142 Elise Quail	3BD	\$950	11680 Caballo Lake	3BD	\$950	12246 Via Granada	4BD	\$950	10704 Hitchcock	4BD	\$995	1243 John Phelan	3BD	\$1050	12732 Roberto Nunez	4BD	\$1125	15332 North Port	3BD	\$900	14505 Bryce	3BD	\$950	472 South Shore	3BD	\$1200	7328 Wilcox #2	2BD	\$850	7328 Wilcox #1	3BD	\$950	564 Mayapan #1	3BD	\$700	3905 Flory #9	1BD	\$400	10504 Ponderosa	3BD	\$750	5709 Sanders	3BD	\$750	5711 Lexington	3BD	\$795	5716 Kalpana Chavla	3BD	\$975	11961 Mesquite Rock	3BD	\$995	10441 Bon Aire	3BD	\$1050	10233 Aggie	4BD	\$1050	4428 Loma Diamante	4BD	\$1195	11225 Northview	4BD	\$1300	417 Ironside K	3BD	\$1050	7963 Starry Night	3BD	\$1200	6072 Los Siglos	4BD	\$1800	<p>564 Ridgemoor - 79912              3 Bdrm, 2 Ba, Livingrm, Den &amp; Playroom \$1150 mth. + dep. \$1100 mth. w/Military Discount (915) 637-9015</p> <p><b>Piano Lessons</b>              Pre-K through Adult Betty Bassuk BS Degree MTNA Membership 821-8070 • 525-3056</p>	<p><b>Hill's Automotive Center</b>              "Quality Workmanship since 1967" Founder SFC Grady L. Hill              FULL SERVICE AUTOMOTIVE CENTER              MILITARY DISCOUNT              ASE Certified Technicians • State Inspections/Emission Repairs              7735 Alabama St. (915) 755-1681              dhillshopdog13@yahoo.com</p>	<p><b>Precision Clock Repair</b>              585-8900 or 920-8898              (Welcome Grand Business)              Cuckoo, Grandfather, Wall, Mantle Clock Repairs              1 hr warranty on Labor              MILITARY DISCOUNT              We Buy Clocks • By Appt. 9227 Snowflights Ct.</p>
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## Furniture

Large armour \$150; 3-pc wall unit \$150; desk \$30; patio tables &  
chairs \$30 each set. 740-4983.

Bedroom set - queen mattress set, \$300; captain's twin bed w/  
mattresses & chest of drawers, \$150. 598-5643.

## Homes for sale or rent

NE 10632 Quartz St., 1275sqft, 3 bdrm, 1.5 ba, single car garage,  
large patio, \$850 mth, \$850 dep., pet fee \$300 per pet non-refund-  
able. 575-302-1776.

Eastside, 4 bdrm, 2 ba, 2 story, 2 car garage, 15 min to post, great  
neighborhood, close to schools/shopping, \$1100 mth, \$900 dep.  
760-7701.

Room for rent, NE, in 3 bdrm, 2 ba house, central air, washer/dryer,  
private bathroom, room has ref/freezer, microwave, futon, dresser,  
bookshelf, \$450 mth. 345-9670.

Cozy 2 bdrm, 1 ba, very close to Ft. Bliss/WBAMC, private yard.  
873-6454.

Upper North Hills, 4 bdrm, 2.5 ba, 2414sqft, pool, new carpet,  
custom tile, close to park w/walking & bike trails, new hot wa-  
ter heater, dishwasher, ref. & upper evaporative cooler, \$228,000.  
479-2318.

NE, 3 bdrm, 2 ba, near Ft. Bliss, easy access to McGregor Range,  
Holoman AFB, White Sands Missile Range, schools, shopping,  
church, parks, pets ok, \$950 mth + dep. 751-0600.

NE, 6322 Arch Bridge Rd, 3 bdrm, 2 ba, nice backyard, gas heating/  
ac, 1-car garage, w/d hookups, full appl., \$995 mth. 633-6166.

Rent - 3 bdrm, 2 ba, living room, den, large back yard, quiet neigh-  
borhood, close to schools, shopping, easy access to freeway, 9548  
Japonica. 433-4962.

Westside, 3 bdrm, 1300sqft, 2 ba, wash rm, formal dining rm,  
breakfast area, ceiling fans, central heat, Mastercool evap cooler,  
near elementary school, shopping centers, grocery stores, sale  
\$110,000 or \$990 mth rent. 920-3240.

3711 McConnell, 3 bdrm, 2 ba, large living room, den with f/p,  
garage, updated kitchen, \$850 mth, \$600 dep. 740-4983.

Eastside, 4 bdrm, brick, 1 block to Pebble Hills Elementary, big yard  
1.75 ba, 1 car garage, front rock landscaped, \$830 mth, \$700 dep.  
588-8415.

Eastside, near Rich Beem & Pebble Hills, 3 bdrm, 2 ba, lg master  
suite, refrigerated a/c, several upgrades, about 1700 sq ft, built 2010,  
quick drive to Ft. Bliss, \$130,000. 881-7591.

4 bdrm, ceramic tile, f/p, xeriscape yard, 2-car garage, large trees,  
brick grill, fountain, patio, brick/iron fence, less than 1 block to  
elementary school. 701-330-2797.

2010 mobile home, 2 bdrm, 2 ba, all appl, ref. air, \$33,000. 637-  
6382.

3 bdrm, 2 ba, den with f/p, living rm, dbl garage, tile floor through-  
out, near Ft. Bliss/WBAMC. 667-1586.

9948 Agena, 3 bdrm, 2 ba, formal living rm, dining rm, den with  
f/p, 2 car garage, patio cover, fence front/back, ceramic tile, \$995  
mth + dep, pets ok with pet dep, 5 min to Ft. Bliss. 480-772-8815.

Las Cruces, NM, 3 bdrm, newly remodeled, \$108,000. 575-644-  
8210.

NE, 4 bdrm, 2 ba, eat-in kitchen, living rm, play rm, \$855 mth.  
217-8356.

3 bdrm, close to Ft. Bliss, \$750 mth, \$400 dep. 258-0817.

## Miscellaneous

2 wheelchairs \$50 ea; metal security door \$40; medical shower  
chair, new, \$25; medical shower bench, new, \$35. 929-9294.

Living/dining rm area rug 9.5'x11.5', good cond., \$75. 751-2578.

Dashmat, gray velour, fits '05-'07 custom floor mats front, rear &  
cargo, \$110/lot, handbag organizer insert, medium sunglasses case,  
makeup case, luxury travel tote, leopard print, new, \$110. All items  
obo. 383-0767.

Framed oil paintings & framed prints, \$5 to \$50; 3 white water  
saving elongated toilets, good cond., American Standard, \$40 ea;  
George Foreman stand up grill \$75. 713-594-1238.

Heavy duty electric welding machine, 1 1/2 boxes of mild steel  
rods, 2 welding helmets, pair of leather sleeves, \$175. 598-5643.

4 tires, excel. cond., Bridgestone P235/60R18-102H M+S. 594-  
2808.

4-pc, full size comforter set \$30; Flavor Wave deluxe oven \$75; 2  
garment travel bags \$10 ea; ball caps \$5 ea; camp stove w/table  
\$60; Coleman air compressor \$75. 235-1374.

## Pets

Male Husky, 2 weeks old, light brown. 274-3421.

German Shepherd mix (large), 2 years old, excellent watch dog.  
328-8231.

Horse, quar/Arab, 10 years old, w/saddle, \$1,500. 637-6382.

## Photo &amp; electronics

Panasonic fax/phone machine \$70; Inagelab slide & negative  
scanner \$65; Polaroid camera \$15; 27" Sharp TV w/cabinet \$300;  
5560 color printer \$50. 235-1374.

## Sporting goods

Bikes, big & small Trek Giant ect \$22-\$333; bike rack \$88; kid  
trailer combo stroller \$88; helmets, pedals. 731-9426.

## Vehicles

'10 Honda Civic LX-S 4dr, A/C, CD player, cruise, ps, pw, pl, 47k,  
\$12,795. 751-1662.

'82 Lincoln Towncar, 4 dr, needs transmission work, \$500. 500-  
1170.

'03 Harley-Davidson Sportster XL 1200C Custom, 100th Ann-  
iversary, black & silver, windscreen, sissybar w/padded backrest,  
Screamin' Eagle II exhaust, excel running cond, 9k, \$6,999. 433-  
4115.

'99 Coachman Catalina 24' fifth wheel, great cond., \$14,500 obo.  
Everything goes with it. 526-3032.

2-wheel enclosed trailer, Wells Cargo mdl. TW101, white, \$2,499.  
497-9142.

Harley Davidson Heritage Classic 100th anniversary model, silver/  
black, VH big shot pipes, Lindby engine guards, extra chrome, lug-  
gage rack, mint condition, \$15,000. 755-0607.

Tow bar for motor home, \$225; portable waste tank, 30 gal \$75;  
awning weights for RV \$10; Flojet portable RV waste pump, new,  
\$190. 235-1374.

## Yard sales

Nov. 9, 8am-3pm, 10761 Lemonade St. 79924. Christmas items,  
far Eastern, electronics, appliances, TVs, furniture, tools, much  
more.

Nov. 9, 10453 Ponderosa off McCombs/Blackhawk near circle K,  
jeans, desk, storage items, locks, toys.

Nov. 9, 7am-noon, 3401 Cribbe Place near Logan CDC, diaper  
changing mat, diaper pail, booster chair, clothes, dishes, bedding,  
printer/scanner, much more.

Nov. 9, Eastside, 3524 Proud Eagle, furniture: dbl bed w/mattress,  
box spring & dresser w/mirror, microwave, much more.

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