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Fort Campbell, 101st welcomes Campbell

About 13,000 Soldiers stood in formation on the division parade field to welcome Maj. Gen. John F. Campbell as he took command of the 101st Airborne Division and Fort Campbell from Maj. Gen. Jeffrey J. Schloesser. "I'm truly honored and humbled. It's a great honor to follow Jeff Schloesser," Campbell said. "I'm honored to have the opportunity to continue to serve. It's a fantastic day." Campbell graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1979 in the infantry branch. He since has served in Germany, at Fort Bragg, Schoefield Barracks, Fort Hood and the Pentagon. ▶ [Article](#)



Heidelberg golf course hosting tourney in support of breast cancer awareness

The Heidelberg golf course will host the annual Rally for the Cure tournament Aug. 29. The day-long outing, which includes the popular "best-dressed-man-in-pink" competition, begins at 7 a.m. with all proceeds from the Heidelberg Women's Golf Association event supporting Susan G. Komen foundations in Germany and the states through the Combined Federal Campaign. Thanks to the support of the Heidelberg community, last year's tournament raised more than \$14,000, said Cheryl Sweeney, Rally for the Cure chairperson. ▶ [Article](#)



Fort Irwin: Rock-steady symbol unveiled at Painted Rocks

Two Blackhorse Soldiers' weeks of hard work came to fruition at the unveiling of the Year of the NCO Rock at the Painted Rocks at Fort Irwin, Calif., Aug. 7. More than a hundred fellow Soldiers and Family members joined the official unveiling of the rock that commemorates the Year of the Noncommissioned Officer. "We have a tradition at the National Training Center of painting rocks with unit patches and insignias; symbols of pride and allegiance," said Command Sgt. Maj. Victor Martinez, the Fort Irwin and National Training Center command sergeant major. "In celebrating one of America's greatest assets, the NCO corps, the backbone of the American Army, today we commemorate a painted rock to recognize 2009 as the Year of the Noncommissioned Officer." ▶ [Article](#)



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USAG Grafenwoehr: Stunt-like driving course helps Soldiers evade terrorism

The backdrop: A quaint German village is nestled snugly on a



hillside encircling an ancient Bavarian castle perched atop like some crown jewel of the region. Narrow cobblestone roads snake down the hill through the village. It's a beautiful sunny, summer day and a warm breeze causes the trees to sway slightly.

From afar, it's like looking at a painting. The screech of pavement burning through rubber disrupts the tranquil, serene setting. Sgt. Michael Lynch, a squad leader with the Headquarters Company from the U.S. Army Garrison in Belgium, is learning how to perform a 'J-turn' maneuver, a driving stunt designed to take a car in reverse and quickly spin it 180 degrees. ▶ [Article](#)

USAG Humphreys opens new education center

U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys opened its new education Center



with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a tour of the new facility on Aug. 6. The project took about 15 months to complete and cost approximately \$1 million to build and \$410,750 to design. The two-story, 41,732-square-foot facility features 12

multipurpose rooms, a computer classroom, a video-tele training room, a science lab, conference rooms, two testing rooms and offices for the staff. The facility's first occupants will be the teachers and students of the Humphreys Middle School and the new DoDs Pacific Virtual School Hub. Shown here are Dr. Irby Miller, new DoDDs Korea superintendent and Col. Joseph P. Moore, USAG Humphreys commander. ▶ [Article](#)

Fort Benning: Soldiers reflect on golden year

They still can't believe it. They can't believe it's been one year since



they did it, since they won Olympic Gold medals in the sport that has engulfed their lives practically forever. They can't believe how fast a year can go. The Soldiers dreamt of winning gold medals at the Olympics and sharing them with their Families and friends. Those dreams didn't include sharing them with the country. They didn't include meeting the

president and vice president. They didn't consist of throwing out the first pitch at a baseball game or jumping out of a plane. They didn't include becoming heroes to the nation's youth or a Soldier deployed in combat. ▶ [Article](#)





Schofield Barracks: Dog owners strut their stuff at premier event ▶ [Article](#)



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Year of the NCO news

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Fort Monmouth: Army's Best Warrior 09-10 NCO of the Year Competition ▶ [Article](#)

Fort Sill selects quarterly NCO ▶ [Article](#)

Guard, Reserve senior NCO selection lists coming ▶ [Article](#)

Force protection news

Protect official documents:

- [Identification cards](#) – Protect from unauthorized use. Report if lost or stolen.
- [DoD decals](#) – Inspect periodically. Remove from vehicles prior to sale.
- [Official documents](#) – Protect from unauthorized personnel.

Training helps Soldiers keep Europe's roads safe from hazardous materials

Thick black smoke billowed from the fire. Water didn't help. It actually fed the inferno. The more water the Soldier sprayed, the higher the flames licked toward the sky. It was a grease fire. Spc. William B. Clapp, a driver with the 66th Transportation Company, and 24 other Soldiers learned this important lesson at the Joint Multinational Training Command's Combined Arms Training Center's Hazardous Material 11 Course: it takes a fire extinguisher to put out a grease fire. "It was very hot in there," Clapp said. "This training was excellent and it's definitely helped me and other Soldiers learn how to put out a fire of that magnitude." ▶ [Article](#)



USARPAC Civilians exercise their health, wellness

Dozens of Department of Army Civilians and Soldiers gathered at historic Palm Circle for a 2.5 mile walk to kick off the third U.S. Army, Pacific Civilian Health and Wellness Fair on Aug. 7. The Health and Wellness Fair is part of the Civilian Fitness Program, a Department of the Army-approved venture in which DA Civilians are encouraged to engage in a regular program of exercise and other healthy habits. "We have a large civilian community, and we want to help them with their health and fitness," said lead coordinator Master Sgt. Aubrey Gaines, medical operations non-commissioned officer, USARPAC Surgeon's office. "It's important that we take care of our Civilians, just like we do with our Soldiers. We are all one team." ▶ [Article](#)



Rocky Mountain Arsenal cleanup recognized for safety

One of the Army's largest environmental cleanup programs can claim a spot among the safest workplaces of its kind with recognition from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The U.S. Army program manager for Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Colo., received the OSHA Voluntary Protection Program Star Award for Workplace Safety and Health Excellence based on its safety management system. "Recognition by OSHA as a VPP Star site reflects an unparalleled commitment to safety and occupational health by the entire Arsenal team," said Tad Davis, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health. ▶ [From AEC's Environmental Update](#) ▶ [Archive](#)



Safety news

Fort Rucker: Safety courses move to Army Learning Management System ▶ [Article](#)



BOSS activities promote safety ▶ [Article](#)

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Gearing up for flu season ▶ [Article](#)



New Belvoir hospital to help replace Walter Reed ▶ [Article](#)

Transformation Quiz 15

One of the three main drivers of IMCOM's current changes is the 2005 BRAC law, which mandated all of the following EXCEPT:

- a) Combining Northwest and Southwest Regions to form a single West Region
- b) Moving the Headquarters to Fort Sam Houston
- c) Collocating Southeast and Northeast Regions at Fort Eustis
- d) Combining Korea and Pacific Regions into a single region based in Alaska

Answers will appear weekly on the IMCOM Transformation Web page: [Click here.](#)

This answer can be found in the Transformation White Paper or in the new Implementation Guide due in September.

Installation paper of the week

The screenshot shows the 'Pointer View' website interface. At the top, it says 'POINTER VIEW' and 'Serving the community of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point'. Below the header, there are navigation tabs for Home, News, Sports, and Events. A sidebar on the left contains a 'Big Brothers Big Sisters' logo and a 'Find out how to receive a resident call or link here!' button. The main content area features a news article titled 'West Point gets RCI Resident Survey results' by Eileen Kazanin, RCI Community Relations Specialist. The article text includes: 'Preliminary results have been received from the recent Residential Communities Initiative Resident Survey. Thirty-three percent (275 of 820 possible resident surveys) were completed. Garrison Commander Col. Dan Briano and the RCI staff extend their thanks to the community for participating. Community feedback is important and will serve as a baseline for improving resident programs and services. Early results show that respondents generally are not pleased with the RCI program Satisfaction was assessed using 14 factors.' Below the article, there is a 'Sports' section with a headline: 'Football practice begins, Elerson impressed'.

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Military Long Drive: Heidelberg Soldier wins regional competition

Staff Sgt. Tafuna Oney, U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg operations, qualified for the finals of the 2009 Military Long Drive Championship to be held in Mesquite, Nev., later this year by winning the regional event for Europe at the Heidelberg Golf Club Aug. 8. Oney, who also won the long drive contest at the Heidelberg Open last month, fired his best shot 346 yards to win by 10 yards over his closest



competitor, Sgt. Bryan King of Stuttgart. Jordan Albers of Ramstein was third with 319 yards. "Although the turnout was small, those who participated really gave it their all, and competed with determination and spirit," said Lamar Porter, Heidelberg Golf Club assistant manager, of the four total competitors. ▶ [Article](#)

Fort Polk's CYSS opens new development center

Soldiers and their Families can take advantage of the modern, state-of-the-art facilities found at Fort Polk's Child, Youth and School Services new Child Development Center. The fully-furnished facility holds 120 students, 20 per classroom and each room provides access to age-appropriate playgrounds. Other amenities in the new building include a homework room/computer lab and a gym so children aren't cooped up all day if the weather takes a turn for the worse. Everything is shiny, clean and in tip-top shape for ongoing summer camps and upcoming school programs. "We have new parents coming into programs all the time and there are several here today for orientation. There's no fee to register. The only requirement is that children be registered with CYSS," said John Stromberg, facility director for the new CDC. ▶ [Article](#)



BRAC brings upheaval, opportunity to San Antonio

Construction on the Installation Management Command campus at Fort Sam Houston is raising the dust with four buildings under complete renovation, one getting an addition, two being built from the ground up and 2,400 people moving into new offices during the next two years. "It's been a year-long process to get all the building plans developed and the approvals granted for all of these projects," IMCOM Transformation Office Program Manager Roy "R.J." Holley said. With one of the buildings half completed, and contracts being awarded for the rest, Fort Sam, as it is colloquially known, continues to grow. ▶ [Article](#)

