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Eighth Army major receives medal for Fort Hood response

YONGSAN GARRISON, South Korea -- An Eighth Army officer was awarded the Soldier's Medal Nov. 5 during a ceremony at Fort Hood, Texas, for his actions during the Nov. 5, 2009 shooting incident there that left 13 Soldiers dead and 32 wounded. Maj. Steven J. Richter, chief of medical logistics for Eighth Army, was assigned as the chief of operations and deployment medicine at Fort Hood when Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan is accused of opening fire at the Soldier Readiness Processing Center. Richter testified during Hasan's Article 32 hearing Oct. 20 via teleconference about his actions that day. Richter, who had been assigned to the processing center for 10 months, heard the shots in the building and at first thought it was a drill of some sort. "I thought I had been left out of the loop of a training exercise that was taking place," said Richter. "I called my boss and he told me that there was no scheduled training exercise." ▶ [Article](#)



Teenager donates \$1,000 to Soldiers and Families

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M., -- In a time where teenagers are continuously in the limelight for punishable actions, 14-year-old Sabrina Wicker is working to restore faith in teenagers. Wicker, a freshman in high school, has made many contributions to the Soldiers and Families of the 2nd Engineer Battalion, including a four figure donation that was gifted to her. "She's a typical teenager but she's very good, she's done a lot of good things for people," said Karen Wicker, Sabrina's mother. Sabrina attended last year's Oktoberfest where she won the grand prize of a \$1,000 travel voucher.



Instead of taking the trip of her lifetime, Sabrina decided to purchase 66 tickets for the following year's Oktoberfest and donated the tickets to the Soldiers of the 2nd Engineer Battalion. "We've moved around a lot already and have seen a lot of the country; I didn't really need to go anywhere else," Sabrina said. The tickets were donated anonymously by Sabrina's father, Garrison Commander Col. Christopher Wicker. "Who willingly wants to donate \$1,000?" Karen said. "In her mind it was a gift from the community." ▶ [Article](#)

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- Unusual or unknown place of origin
- No return address
- Excessive amount of postage
- Abnormal or unusual size or shape

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Wounded warrior rides bike across Israel

FORT LEE, Va. -- A Fort Lee employee had the opportunity of a lifetime recently when he traveled across Israel on his bike. Retired Army Sgt. Robert Laurent, now an operations specialist at Army Logistics University here, went on the October trip that was part of the Wounded Warrior Project and Soldier Ride program. "The Wounded Warrior Project does a lot of national bike rides to raise



awareness for wounded veterans," said Laurent. "When you get wounded, you're often discharged from the Army and you go your separate ways. The program fosters a bond to bring wounded warriors together." The WWP ride in Israel was a prime example of the spirit of brotherhood among wounded veterans. After a recent ride with wounded Israeli soldiers in the United States, a trip to their country was planned. The 10-day trip spanned nearly 400 miles and included urban and sparsely populated areas across the country. "This ride was really technical," said Laurent. "Most of the rides stateside are on roads, but over there we were on mountain bikes and there were a lot of technical parts and a lot of hills." ▶ [Article](#)

Fort Rucker All Saints Festival harvests Family fun

FORT RUCKER, Ala. -- Children and parents played games and shared knowledge of Bible stories and characters during the annual All Saints Festival at the Spirited Life Center here. The festival, billed as



an alternative to Halloween, featured games and activities set up in various rooms throughout the Spiritual Life Center. Children from ages 3 to 12 came dressed in costumes ranging from fictional characters to food items to participate in the activities. Spiritual Life Center staff and volunteers said one of their goals was to make sure there was something for everyone. "Sometimes Halloween can be too scary for children," said Nancy Jankoski, director of religious education.

"We tried to organize all our games around themes that would be common to all faith groups." Children and parents were able to stop at each room multiple times and play the games as many times as they wanted. The children were awarded prizes like trophies and candy for participating in order to help them "have a positive experience," Jankoski said. "The first time through, the children get a story-based prize that relates to the game they played. That will help them remember, not just the game, but the story associated with it," she said. "They get candy every time they play." CW2 Andy Druilhet and his wife, Kimmie, brought their children, Aaron and Kara, to the festival as a way to have a Family-oriented night out. ▶ [Article](#)



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BRAC Base Realignment and Closure

BRAC IS HERE -- ARE YOU READY?

The IMCOM Relocation Web site is your source for the news and information you need to stay abreast of the ongoing transition to San Antonio. The move has been steadily progressing for a year, but starting now, the pace will pick up considerably. We all need to get informed and plan for the very near future. The Web site is there to help. Whether you're relocating or not, the time has come for some informed decisions regarding BRAC and your future.

The IMCOM G1 has established the IMCOM G1 BRAC Assistance Office to specifically assist BRAC-impacted employees in understanding and using available career assistance tools. This office is partnering with multiple organizations to bring training to the IMCOM workforce. The goal is to assist you with your individual needs as you transition. These programs and resources will soon be featured prominently on the Relocation Web site.

Employees may contact the "IMCOM BRAC Placement Assistance" email box if they have questions, recommendations or desire career assistance as IMCOM transitions to San Antonio. Just look it up in the Global Address List.

Spouses of IMCOM employees relocating to Ft. Sam Houston may contact the "IMCOM Spouse Relocation" email box to request career assistance as they transition with their sponsor.

The DoD BRAC Web site (http://www.cpms.osd.mil/brac/brac_index.aspx) provides employees, managers, supervisors, and human resources specialists the latest information on BRAC, and the variety of transition assistance programs offered by the Department of Defense and other Federal agencies.

The Department of Defense BRAC Transition "Other Websites" (http://www.cpms.osd.mil/brac/Other_BRAC.aspx) also provides access to a number of electronic tools including the BRAC Coach, and Career One Stop.

To get to the Relocation page, just go to the IMCOM Web site, <http://www.imcom.army.mil/hq/> and click the Alamo in the upper right corner.

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