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Hall of remembrance opens at Fort Hood

The survivor outreach services center here officially opened the Hall



of Remembrance Jan. 11 to honor all those affiliated with Fort Hood and surrounding Texas communities who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the nation. A private opening, featuring the photos of fallen heroes displayed across a wall, was held

Dec. 22, with 189 family members of the fallen in attendance. The first opening, with a roll call of all the servicemembers on the wall, was for honoring and healing, officials said. The public opening, they explained, was to promote awareness of the survivor outreach services program -- known as SOS -- and to acknowledge the community's support in making both the hall and SOS headquarters possible, said Janet Lopez, SOS program manager. "This is the result of a commitment to keep a promise," said Lt. Gen. Robert W. Cone, commanding general of III Corps and Fort Hood. He quoted from President Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address, which explains that promise: "Let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan." ▶ [Article](#)

Conserving energy more important today than ever

Energy conservation. It's always been important, but never more so



than now, as we struggle with budget constrictions. At the Installation Management Command garrison commanders' conference held in November, Installation Management Command Commanding General Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch said he has seen installation energy bills triple in recent years - a clear signal that employees must take new and different actions that affect both today and the long term. Lynch said he stresses energy conservation within IMCOM because, "It's right for the environment, and it's

the right way for us to manage installations. Let's be an impetus for a conservation culture in the United States." ▶ [Article](#)

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Force protection news

When dealing with deliveries...

- Never accept parcel from an unknown sender
- Check all items carefully before accepting
- Give clear instructions to family members regarding deliveries

...Be Aware

Seven Soldiers make Team USA for Olympic Winter Games

Seven current and former members of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program have earned spots on Team USA for the XXI Olympic Winter Games, scheduled for Feb. 12-28 in Vancouver and Whistler, British Columbia, Canada. Five current and former WCAP bobsledders, along with U.S. men's assistant



bobsled coach Sgt. Bill Tavares, will tackle one of the world's fastest tracks in Whistler, site of the bobsleigh competition Feb. 20 through 27. WCAP biathlete Sgt. Jeremy Teela earned a spot on his third consecutive U.S. Olympic Team in biathlon, a combination of cross-country ski racing and rifle shooting from standing and prone positions. Five men's biathlon races of different distances will be staged Feb. 14 through 26 in Whistler, site of the best performance of Teela's career last year. Four of the six U.S. men's and women's bobsled pilots learned the tricks of their trade while serving in WCAP under the tutelage of five-time Olympian Tavares, who will assist U.S. men's bobsled head coach Brian Shimer. WCAP Sgt. John Napier of Lake Placid, N.Y., will drive Team USA II's four-man sled. His WCAP teammate, 1st Lt. Chris Fogt of Alpine, Utah, will be among that crew, joined by Chuck Berkley of Clayton, Calif., and Steve Langton of Melrose, Mass. ▶ [Article](#)

Haiti native heads home to help

Sgt. Maj. Jean Chouloute was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and lived in Saint-Marc until he was about 11. Although he moved away, he still has family living in Port-au-Prince, and like the rest of the world, the events that have unfolded in Haiti have held his rapt attention. For the last five months, Chouloute has served here as the command sergeant major for the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command Joint Operations



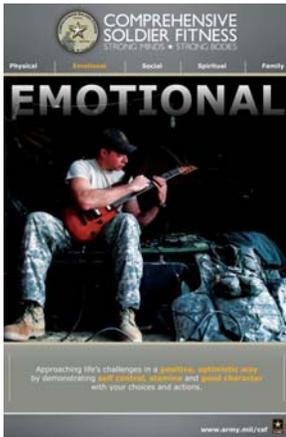
Center, responsible for the health and welfare of everyone who works there. Now, he is embarking on a completely different mission. He is heading to the 82nd Airborne Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team at Fort Bragg, N.C., and then on to Haiti, where he will be among those helping the victims of the Jan. 12 earthquake. Although his family in Haiti had damage to their house and are now living in a local church, they made it through OK, Chouloute said. Many had it a lot worse, he noted -- all 10 members of the family next door were killed. But it's not concern for his family that's pulling him out of Afghanistan. When he gets there, he said, he will use his language skills while patrolling, delivering food and working with other troops to provide hope to the Haitian people. ▶ [Article](#)

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Personal friend of Dr. King speaks at observance

For 20 years, the Fort Lee community has paused together to



remember the life of Martin Luther King Jr. Members of Team Lee gathered at Memorial Chapel Jan. 14 to celebrate the life and work of King and to recognize community members who embody the philosophy of equal rights for all. Anna Thweatt, Equal Employment Opportunity director, welcomed participants to the combined program by sharing a few undertakings from the activist's life. "He has become a human rights icon," Thweatt said. "We know he was a man of unyielding faith, who walked the walk and talked the talk he believed in. Through today's program we will celebrate the

accomplishments and memory of, and pay homage to the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr." Thweatt explained the theme for MLK holiday is Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not a Day Off. The theme is the national theme for the King Day celebration every year. ▶ [Article](#)

Objectives lay groundwork to reduce fatalities, grow safety culture

Fort McCoy will support the 2010 Armywide objective to reduce off-



duty accidents while pursuing its 2010 objectives to be proactive about providing information and support to help keep the installation work force and Soldiers training at the installation safe, said Randy Eddy, Installation Safety Manager. Staff

with the Installation Safety Office (ISO) will help reduce the risk of off-duty accidents by taking advantage of opportunities to reach Soldiers and members of the civilian work force through installation-sponsored events, training initiatives and commander's calls, Eddy said. "The endorsement of the garrison commander in this process is critical," Eddy said. "In his memorandum supporting the program, he said, 'These objectives provide the groundwork for achieving continued success in reducing accidental fatalities and provides your organization with the guidance to develop and grow your safety culture.'" Because of the small garrison population, the ISO will sponsor themed safety days in conjunction with several installation events to provide safety information to the Fort McCoy community, he said. ▶ [Article](#)