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Area firefighters burn to learn

FORT SILL, Okla. - Sometimes you have to fight fire with fire. That's the strategy about 200 firefighters from Southwestern Oklahoma put

into practice Saturday and Sunday as the first Destry Horton Wildland and Emergency Medical Service Regional Fire School... [Read more...](#)



Fort Bragg MP patrol cars go high-tech

FORT BRAGG, N.C. - Information is essential to keep the public safe here at Fort Bragg. A military police officer receiving... [Read more...](#)



Net Zero becoming a reality at JBLM

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. - "They said, 'we like those big, aggressive goals,'" said Terry Austin, sustainability coordinator. [Read more...](#)



Author shares strategies

FORT CARSON, Colo. - An award-winning children's author and illustrator visited Fort Carson students Feb. 15-18 during his "With You... [Read more...](#)



Medics educate students on Army

Fort Carson Soldiers joined Sierra High School students in discussing the various jobs and roles servicemembers play in the military.

Several Soldiers from the Mountain Post and the Colorado Springs Recruiting Company spoke to high school students Feb. 17 about the many opportunities the Army offers. [Read more...](#)

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Business leaders hone shooting skills at Picatinny

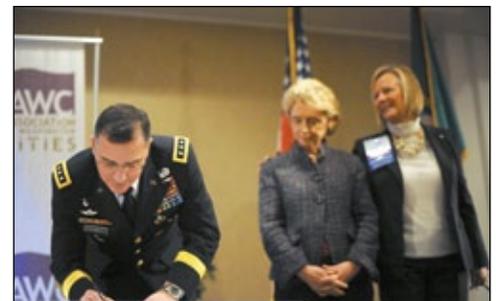
PICATINNY ARSENAL, N.J. - A group of 30 members of the Morris County Chamber of Commerce "Leadership Morris" program got a

taste of military history, research, development and weapons during a visit to Picatinny Arsenal Feb. 24. [Read more...](#)



Chaplain speaks at prayer luncheon

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. - Using the biblical story of Jacob from the Old Testament as an allegory for humankind's relationship with God, Chaplain (Col.) Steven... [Read more...](#)



Armed Forces Community Covenant

Civilian and military community leaders marked Feb. 16 an important day as 281 cities and towns across Washington signed the Armed Forces Community Covenant... [Read more...](#)



Spouses get to know each other

FORT RILEY, Kan. - Communication is key in relationships. Army Community Service showed couples how well they... [Read more...](#)



Herschel Walker speaks on seeking help

FORT WAINWRIGHT, Alaska - Herschel Walker, the 1982 Heisman Trophy winner and famous professional football... [Read more...](#)



Fort Riley fighters go 5-0 at UFF event

FORT RILEY, Kan. - Fort Riley wasn't a very cordial host to its visitors during the post's first mixed martial event. All five Fort Riley fighters

who competed in the 11-fight event sent their opponents home with a loss.

About 800 fans attended the... [Read more...](#)



Duo keeps hi-tech range on target

FORT SILL, Okla. - Two civilians keep a sophisticated training range ready for Basic Combat Training target practice.

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Army Recreation Employee of Year named

FORT MCCOY, Wis. - Daryl Budda, FMWR director at Fort McCoy, was honored for his innovations and contributions.

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Fort Rucker hosts advanced K-9 training

FORT RUCKER, Ala. - Military working dog handlers from across the area participated in the Advanced Decoy Seminar hosted on Fort Rucker, Feb. 16-18. The seminar was designed to make handlers and dogs more effective teams. Both dogs and handlers improved confidence during the event.

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Tooth Fairy makes Fort Jackson flight

FORT JACKSON, S.C. - Fort Jackson's very own Tooth Fairy has taken flight the last few weeks, visiting the post's various Child Development Centers and homes to teach children about proper oral hygiene. On her days "off," the Tooth Fairy, Cynthia Good, is a dental therapy assistant at the Caldwell Dental Clinic.

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ACS: How are we doing? Tell IMCOM CG

Lt. Gen. Rick and Sarah Lynch met with Families from Joint Base San Antonio.

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Twenty-three days...a point in time

WATERVLIET ARSENAL, N.Y. - There are points in everyone's life that are so significant that they truly define who they...

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Culinary arts: Program forges history

Army chefs earn respect after more than three decades of competition.

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Social media lends voice to citizen issues

HEIDELBERG, Germany - The open forum of social media has made a difference in town hall meetings, at least at the one held Feb. 16 in Heidelberg. Residents voiced their opinions on the U.S. Army Garrison's Baden-Wuerttemberg Facebook page and in the command's virtual town on myBWNnow.ning.com. [Read more...](#)

Lt. Gen. Lynch visits Fort Lee, talks ACS

FORT LEE, Va. - Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, the commander of Installation Management Command, and his wife, Sarah, came to Fort Lee Feb. 17 to visit various facilities on post and meet with military families, installation employees and organizational leaders. A key event was the ACS Transformation focus group. [Read more...](#)

Fort Bragg takes over Pope Air Force

FORT BRAGG, N.C. - Fort Bragg's rich heritage will get a lift Monday as Pope Air Force Base becomes Pope Field, an Army operated facility supporting Air Force operations and merging the post's growing Army and joint force community. During a 10 a.m., ceremony to be held at Pope AFB's Hangar 4, the base will... [Read more...](#)

Father, daughter donate blood together

FORT RILEY, Kan. - Amanda Smith, a military spouse, and her father, Jerry West, took turns giving blood Feb. 15 at Army Community Service during Fort Riley's quarterly American Red Cross Blood Drive. Fifty-three units of blood were collected during the drive, Feb. 15 and 16. [Read more...](#)

Fitness center manager leads by example

FORT SILL, Okla. - Appearing sleek and fit as if Father Time decided to let time run backward for a decade, Otis Gentry leads by example as the manager of Goldner Fitness Center. "To have good customer service, you have to spend time with your patrons," he said. "The fitness center staff is here for them." [Read more...](#)

ACS offers Military Saves Week advice

FORT RUCKER, Ala. - Army Community Service's Financial Readiness office offered Soldiers and Families a host of advice during Military Saves Week Feb. 20-27. Military Saves is a social marketing campaign to persuade, motivate and encourage military Families to save money every month, and to convince leaders and organizations to be aggressive in promoting automatic savings, according to the organization's Web site. Mike Kozlowski, ACS Financial Readiness specialist, said Soldiers and their Families should save money year 'round. [Read more...](#)

Fort McCoy works for Net Zero status

FORT McCOY, Wis. - Fort McCoy has implemented aggressive conservation/reduction programs for energy, water and waste-stream resources. The efforts seek to protect and extend, and, whenever possible, recycle or reuse those resources, said Fort McCoy water and energy program managers. [Read more...](#)

Picatiny exceeds energy reduction goal

PICATINNY ARSENAL, N.J. - The energy management team at Picatiny Arsenal recently surpassed the Army-wide goal to reduce energy consumption by 30 percent five years ahead of schedule. The Army's time table for all installations to achieve this goal is slated for... [Read more...](#)

Teen Job Fair offers opportunities

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. - As adults vie for jobs in a competitive job market, teens may wonder if they will be able to land a part-time or summer job. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics at the Department of Labor, the unemployment rate for the county is currently 6.3... [Read more...](#)

Teens prepare for deployment

FORT WAINWRIGHT, Alaska - Wainwright teens recently took advantage of a unique opportunity to prepare for their parents' upcoming deployment and have some fun in conjunction with a Strong Bonds retreat just for them. While Strong Bonds, a unit-based, chaplain-led program designed to assist... [Read more...](#)

Fort McCoy to try new Enhanced 911

FORT McCOY, Wis. - The addition of a new Enhanced 911 system has improved emergency-response services at Fort McCoy. Joe Clemens, the Fort McCoy Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) 911 supervisor, said the equipment will be used for calls handled by both the installation police and fire departments. [Read more...](#)

In financial pinch, AER helps Soldiers

STUTTGART, Germany - Bewildered and struggling to pay down debt, Spc. Lakeshia Dennis fell behind in her rent last fall and wasn't sure where to turn for assistance in regaining her financial footing. Dennis, assigned to the 554th Military Police Company, found help through Army Emergency Relief. AER provides emergency financial assistance to active duty and retired Soldiers, their family members, surviving spouses and orphans. Dennis was one of nearly 60 local Soldiers and families who received more than \$85,000 in emergency assistance. [Read more...](#)

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External Media Report

DoD Looking Out For Families

TUCSON CITIZEN, MARCH 2
There are days when I am simply stunned at how much truly genuine care is emanating from our Armed Forces for the families of soldiers, sailors and Marines. With my involvement in retreats for combat veterans transitioning to civilian life, I know full well the near unbearable stress of multiple tours on the... [Read more...](#)

Major Site Work for Fort Hood

OHS MAGAZINE, MARCH 1
A project that is expected to employ a thousand construction workers at its height is under way at the Fort Hood Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center in Killeen, Texas, with construction starting in earnest next month on a new \$534 million hospital. Contractors have begun excavating for fiber optic cables and... [Read more...](#)

Merger with Pope makes Fort

ARMY TIMES, MARCH 1
FORT BRAGG, N.C. - One of the nation's largest military bases is about to get even bigger. A ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday at Pope Air Force Base marking the facility's merger with nearby Fort Bragg. The Army is assuming responsibility for the base, which will be renamed... [Read more...](#)

BRAC facilities 'LEED' post

INSIDE NOVA, MARCH 4
FORT BELVOIR, Va. - Fort Belvoir, along with the rest of the Army's installations, has embarked on an initiative to reach an equalizing balance between the usage and production of resources on the installation. The difference between what energy is produced, reused or saved cannot be greater than what... [Read more...](#)

Solar energy power at WSMR

LAS CRUCES SUN NEWS, FEB. 21
White Sands Missile Range will be installing solar panels to help power installation facilities with the ultimate goal of making the range energy self-sufficient. As part of an energy efficiency program, WSMR plans to begin the installation of solar panels to generate power on the installation, as well as... [Read more...](#)