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Presidential inaugural parade

Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George Casey Jr., flanked by President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, salutes as our nation's colors pass the reviewing stand during the 2009 presidential inaugural parade in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20, 2009. More than 5,000 men and women in uniform provided military ceremonial support to the presidential inauguration, a tradition dating back to George Washington's 1789 inauguration. ▶ [Photo](#)

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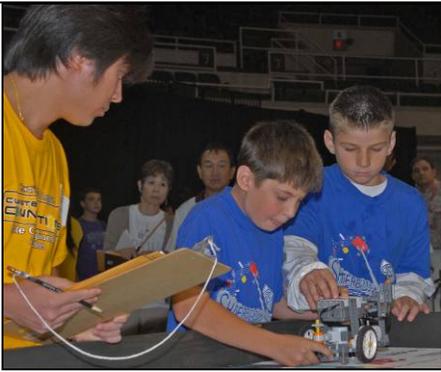
Soldiers in Germany remember Martin Luther King Jr.

More than 350 Kaiserslautern military community members participated in the U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration commemorative march Jan. 15 on Vogelweh and Kapaun Air Station. The march was 1.3 miles and is the second for the garrison. The event also showcased presentations from the Kaiserslautern High School Drama Club and Step Team, and guest speaker Willie Day, USAG Heidelberg Equal Employment Opportunity specialist. ▶ [Article](#)



New Fort Lewis child development center officially opens

Ten children from Madigan Child Development Center sang 'Grand Old Flag' during the CDC dedication ceremony of the Eileen Beaulieu Infant Toddler Center Jan. 14. Darcy Eoff, Child and Program assistant, helps the children with their song. ▶ [Article](#)



Shafter Elementary first in innovation at state robotics competition

Fort Shafter Elementary's Scott Greene, 11 (left) and Kyle Bender, 10 (right) make adjustments to their robot as a judge looks on during the Hawai'i FIRST LEGO® League State Championship Tournament held at the Neal S. Blaisdell Arena in Honolulu. [▶Article](#)



591st Medical Logistics Company receives a warm welcome home at Fort Sam
Staff Sgt. Jorge Perez Sr., gets a big hug from his son, Jorge Jr., 3 years old at the welcome home ceremony for the 591st Medical Logistics Company. [▶Article \(p. 12\)](#)



Military ohana develops talent at the Schofield Barracks Arts & Crafts Center
Art student Erin Rakes studies still life to complete her oil painting during an adult oil painting class. Painting from still life offers students a greater understanding of depth, according to art instructor Nikki Mizak. [▶Article](#)

Habitat ReStore salvages old housing at Fort Leavenworth

As new housing is being constructed around post, old housing is being deconstructed. Kansas City-based Habitat ReStore, a non-profit organization linked to Habitat for Humanity, is deconstructing Fort Leavenworth's Kickapoo Village. The organization's mission is to support the construction of houses by Kansas City Habitat for Humanity through the collection and sale of new and used building materials diverted from the waste stream, keeping them out of our landfills and in circulation where they can benefit the Kansas City community. [▶Article](#)



Fort Riley: Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard helps welcome new president

Fourteen of the 1st Infantry Division's noncommissioned officers and Soldiers, most of whom had never been to Washington D.C., much less to a presidential inauguration, honored the nation's new commander in chief Jan. 20 by marching in the afternoon parade. The Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard was the only mounted Army unit to participate in the inaugural parade and was by far one of the largest events most of the color guard's Soldiers had participated in. However, three of the horses - Trooper, Cyclone and Chicote - had marched the route in previous inaugural parades. [▶Article](#)

Wiesbaden: Pilot program prepares youths for kindergarten

U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden Child Development Centers introduced a new program Jan. 5 aimed at helping children better prepare for school. Wiesbaden was selected as one of the overseas pilot sites to offer the new program.



The pilot program, "Strong Beginnings Pre-K," focuses on youngsters' social, emotional and physical development while equipping them with the basic academics and "kindergarten etiquette" skills to enhance school readiness, said Cecilia Kandler, USAG Wiesbaden Child, Youth and School Services coordinator. [▶Article](#)



New year, new training for 2/69 Armor

New year brings new training - Private Jeffery French, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, tosses a grenade into a simulated enemy location Jan. 6 at the Malone Range complex at Fort Benning, Ga. The company used the range as part of their training schedule for 2009.



Partners formalize security agreement

USAG Yongsan Commander Col. Dave Hall shakes hands with Republic of Korea Army Col. Jung Sang-bae, 218th Homeland Reserve Regiment commander at a Jan. 16 joint-security ceremony. [▶Article](#)



Carlisle Barracks' teen AFAP symposium gives voice to post youth

Teens Kayla Roules and Kaylena Spears laugh while discussing topics at the Teen Army Family Action Plan conference Jan. 17. AFAP was designed to give servicemembers, Department of the Army civilians, spouses, family members and retirees a chance to voice concerns they have about their quality of life. [▶Article](#)

Donated light bulbs to improve energy conservation at McCoy

Buildings at Fort McCoy, Wis., will become more energy-efficient through a donation of 10,000 new compact fluorescent light bulbs. Greg Shattuck, a planner/estimator for the McCoy Public Works Joint Venture, said the installation received the light bulbs from



the Focus on Energy organization. "I worked out a request to get 10,000 light bulbs," Shattuck said. "Figuring a cost in the \$2-\$3 range, that saved us about \$20,000 to \$30,000." [▶Article](#)

Foreign delegates observe Fort Polk's public affairs program

From birth, human beings learn the skills needed to interact with each other and convey information. Communicating well is a complex skill filled with nuances and subtleties that can be practiced, organized and perfected. All that's needed is a will to learn and a little help from your friends. That's why delegates from the countries of Tajikistan, on the border of China and Afghanistan, and Kazakhstan, on the border of Russia, visited the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk Jan. 13-15 for a public affairs information exchange. [▶Article](#)

Fort Riley NCO earns master's while deployed

When Staff Sgt. Michael K. Lima received deployment orders with the 1st Infantry Division's Combat Aviation Brigade in 2007, he already had a plan for whatever spare time he would have in Iraq. The ammunition specialist had enrolled in graduate school online just a few months earlier through Fort Riley's Education Services. He found a program offered by Baker College that would help him earn a master's degree in business administration, with a concentration in human resources management. [▶Article](#)

High speed: Fort Bragg sisters share passion for running



Anyone who lives on or has business with an Army installation is familiar with this early-morning scene. It's around 6:30 a.m., maybe earlier in some places, you're trying to make your way across post and everywhere you go there are Soldiers on the streets calling cadences, keeping up, catching up, falling out, and sometimes, making the most memorable grimaces as they push through the pain and strain of a hard morning's run. Unlike Soldiers, Lauren Stephenson and her younger sister, Kristen, are not subject to the Army's

physical fitness regulations as laid out in Field Manual 21-20. So why do Lauren, 17, and Kristen, 14, take part in a regimen that's every bit as rigorous? They run because they enjoy it. [▶Article](#)

Force protection news

Army antiterrorism conference to focus on awareness, 'tempering the weapon'

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Exercise, exercise! Fort Dix checks emergency ops, plans

In the short space of eight hours, Fort Dix, N.J., was faced with a huge range fire, the deaths of two employees due to an unexploded ordnance incident, two fatal traffic accidents, a terrorist hostage crisis and the threat of additional terrorist attacks -- all on paper. ▶ [Article](#)

Safety news

Fort Campbell: Close call post barracks fire prompts candle advisory ▶ [Article](#)

Fort Lewis security a complex task ▶ [Article](#)

Fort McCoy: Super Bowl, drinking, driving don't mix ▶ [Article](#)

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Kaiserslautern: Chimney sweepers keep holiday tradition alive

Schornsteinfeger (chimney sweeper) Thomas Scharwitz isn't sure if it has been 28 or 29 years that he has been a part of the New Year's reception in Kaiserslautern, but thanks to his 17-year-old daughter, Kim, he knows this "good-luck" tradition will continue for years to come. More than 350 German and American military and community members attended the event co-hosted by the 21st TSC Commanding General Maj. Gen. Yves Fontaine and his wife, Kathy, and Kaiserslautern Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Mechelle Hale and her husband, Ricky Martin. After guests greeted the hosts, they received a "happy cent" or Euro cent from Thomas, and a hand shake and good wishes for the New Year from Kim. ▶ [Article](#)



Koreans set to celebrate Lunar New Year

After the celebration of the New Year on Jan. 1, East Asian cultures are preparing for a different kind of New Year celebration with Families Jan. 24-27. The Korean Lunar New Year is based on cycles of the moon phase. Koreans start a massive movement to the homes of their eldest brother, who is responsible for the Family ceremony coordination. "All of our father-side Family members gather up in our house and perform an ancestor memorial service called Charye," said Cpl. Park Ji-min, a Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldier. ▶ [Article](#)



Fort Bragg's retreat helps single Soldiers build healthy relationships

Relationship problems can cause emotional, physical and mental stress, which in turn can distract Soldiers from their mission and ultimately degrade their overall readiness. Thanks to the Strong Bonds lecture series presented by military chaplains, Soldiers can receive training and advice for establishing positive relationships and stress management. "Soldiers will have an easier time remaining calm and balanced in stressful situations when they learn how to use both their heart and their head when making decisions," Chaplain (Capt.) Edward A. Coy said. ▶ [Article](#)