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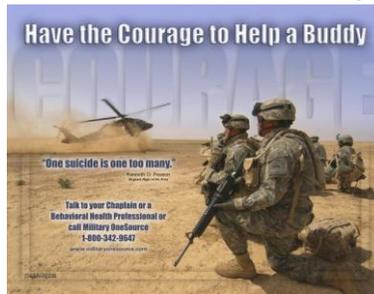
IMCOM wins Army Lean Six Sigma award

Installation Management Command was recognized Nov. 24 at the Pentagon for continued successful Lean Six Sigma implementation. IMCOM received the Organizational Deployment Award as part of the 2009 Army Lean Six Sigma Excellence Awards Program, which highlights Army organizations and project teams that earn distinction while employing LSS methodologies. John Nerger, executive director of IMCOM, proudly accepted the award plaque, coins and certificate, which will forever serve as reminders of the dedication and accomplishments of the IMCOM team. "This is great recognition for IMCOM's hard-working team but, more importantly, it shows this command's commitment to delivering services for Soldiers, Families and Commanders better, smarter and more economically," Nerger said. Examples of the evaluated processes, which comprise the LSS Deployment Maturity Model, include organizational capability, leadership and measurement - as well as efforts by the organization within the previous year to enhance maturity. ▶ [Article](#)



Army approves suicide-intervention training for leaders

Suicide-intervention training is now available for Army leaders and other key personnel who are on the front lines of suicide prevention across the service. The Army has approved two-day and five-day workshops on Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, known as ASIST. The workshops are produced by Living Works Education, Inc., at locations across the country. The five-day ASIST workshop is a "train the trainers" course that will certify key Army personnel, who upon completion will be qualified to conduct the two-day ASIST course throughout the Army. "We would never deploy Soldiers without first training them to accomplish their anticipated mission -- why should suicide prevention be any different?" asked Brig. Gen. Colleen McGuire, director of the Army Suicide Prevention Task Force. "When you go to the emergency room with a physical injury, you're right to expect the nurses and doctors are well-trained and can get you the care you need." McGuire said. ▶ [Article](#)



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Chief of Staff makes first visit to Fort Huachuca

Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. made his first visit to Fort Huachuca Tuesday and Wednesday to receive briefings from the U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence and U.S. Enterprise Technology Command/9th Signal Command. While here, he also visited the Warrior Transition Unit and the Unmanned Aerial Systems Training



Battalion. "The innovation going on in our intelligence center, to better prepare our Soldiers and leaders to operate the intelligence systems in Iraq and Afghanistan, is striking," Casey said. "We have clearly learned, adapted and are institutionalizing the lessons of the current fight," he added, noting that some of the things he saw during his time in Iraq are now part of the standard teaching instruction for intelligence Soldiers at Fort Huachuca. ► [Article](#)

Fort Stewart breaks a second prescribed burning record

The prescribed burn program at Fort Stewart, Ga., set a North



American record for a growing season in 2008, clearing 80,433 acres between March 1 and Sept. 30. The total exceeded a record set by Fort Stewart in 2005 and surpassed the installation's Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan goal for the first time. "They not only broke their own long standing record of acreage burned, but are thought to be the

world's first or second largest prescribed burning program," says Clint Cross, the Fuels Program Manager with the U.S. Forest Service in Atlanta. The Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division, Forestry Branch maintains a proactive prescribed burning program renowned by national fire experts. ► [From AEC's Environmental Update](#) ► [Archive](#)

Beating Navy is without question top priority

As 2009 comes to a close, the stage has been set for the 110th



annual Army-Navy Game at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, Pa., at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. The game will be the only Division I football game to be played the entire day, which will surely have graduate, service members and average football fans throughout the world tuning in to see some of the future leaders of the

military put it all on-the-line for three hours on national television for themselves and, more importantly, service pride. "As I look at the season and scheduling, it is appropriate that this game should have its own place," head football coach Rich Ellerson said. "It is unique enough and special enough to have it (on its own day) and deserves it." ► [Article](#)

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Force protection news

Who are terrorists?

- No such thing as a typical terrorist
- Terrorists are of all races, genders, nationalities and religions
- Terrorists blend into normal life
- Terrorists target all races, genders, nationalities and religions
- Terrorists are somebody's neighbor, son, daughter, friend

Report suspicious activity!!

Safety news



Winter safety campaign begins ▶ [Article](#)

Ability, not disability, takes center stage

America's People, America's talent and America's strength" was the



theme of the 26th Annual Disabilities Awards luncheon at Gibbs Hall, Nov. 5. Cheryl Maloney, who works at the CECOM LCMC Software Engineering Center at Fort Belvoir, Va., was named Disabled Employee of the Year. Linda Camp of the Fort

Monmouth Garrison Equal Employment Opportunity office was also recognized for her 31 years of service as she announced her planned retirement for early 2010. Guest speaker Jeffrey Klare, chief executive officer with Hire Disability Solutions, LLC, was the guest speaker for the event. "Today, with the aid of technology, people with disabilities can accomplish so much," said Klare. Klare, who grew up on the streets of the Bronx with dreams of playing for the New York Giants football team, instead found himself working in Human Resources. He had a high performance rating and was set to be promoted when he discovered and revealed to his supervisor that he had a disability. The promotion never came. Another employee with a lower performance rating was selected instead. The event made a lasting impression on Klare, leading him to dedicate his work to empowering the disabled. ▶ [Article](#)

Spiritual resiliency helps Soldiers weather life's traumas

People who have spiritual resiliency have a greater chance to



weather life's traumas and even use them as events to improve their lives than people who don't have great spiritual resiliency, said Chap. Ray Woolridge. Woolridge, the assistant chief of chaplains for mobilization and readiness, was the guest speaker at a Fort

McCoy Prayer Luncheon Dec. 3. The luncheon was the second in a series about Comprehensive Soldier Fitness/Suicide Awareness training. The first luncheon dealt with stress management and the physical aspect of CSF. CSF also includes mental, social and family dimensions. "Everyone here is going to face a trauma at some time in their lives; it may be financial, health-related, or relationships," Woolridge said. "A study (by Dr. Harold Koenig, Duke University Medical Center) showed people who have greater spiritual resilience have greater well-being, happiness, meaning, purpose and hope." Soldiers are facing trauma by serving in Afghanistan and Iraq during a time of the third longest war since the country was founded. Woolridge noted it was the longest period of war without a draft. ▶ [Article](#)



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Transformation Quiz 32

Once a relocating employee gets orders to move, the first orders of business are to arrange for housing and all the personal issues involved with moving. But 45 days before the move, it's time to think about transferring the working files and email archives on your computer. Which of the following is NOT a player in helping your computer information to make the transition?

1. IMCOM IT Transition Help Desk at Ft. Sam Houston
2. IMCOM move team in the National Capital Region
3. AKO Help Desk
4. HQ IMCOM IMO
5. IMCEN Help Desk and NETOPS

Answers will appear weekly on the IMCOM Transformation Web page, [click here](#). This one is taken from the IMCOM Data Migrations SOP under IT PCS Procedures on the Transformation Web site. While you're there, check out the other PCS instructions and San Antonio information links, all under the Relocating section.

Installation paper of the week



Fort Leavenworth Lamp ▶ [Current Issue](#)

Army undersecretary visits Fort Eustis WTU, hears Soldiers' concerns

Dr. Joseph J. Westphal, under secretary of the Army, spoke with and listened to the concerns and thoughts of wounded warriors during a visit to the Fort Eustis Warrior Transition Unit Monday. Westphal was accompanied by Matt Flavin, director, White House Office of Veterans and Wounded Warrior Policy; Michelle Jones, special assistant to Defense Secretary Robert Gates; and Joe Bowker, assistant to the under secretary. Following a briefing at the WTU and a tour of the unit facilities, Westphal and his entourage met with several wounded warriors at the Fort Eustis Club for a sensing session. After introducing his team, Westphal requested that WTU leaders leave the room to provide an uninhibited environment for the Soldiers to air any grievances or share any positive remarks regarding the WTU and the wounded warrior program. ▶ [Article](#)



Miss USA visits Fort Drum Soldiers, Families

During the Thanksgiving break, Fort Drum Soldiers were not only treated like VIPs, and they were served by one as well. Miss USA visited the Fort Drum community last week to help boost the morale of those who could not go home for the holiday. "It is an honor to come spend time with the Soldiers and Families here at Fort Drum," said Kristen Dalton, Miss USA 2009. "Now that it is Thanksgiving, I think it is the perfect time of year to give back and to give thanks. I love being involved in, and volunteering with, the USO. "I am so excited to be here and meet the military members and their Families, listen to their stories and show my appreciation," she added. "I couldn't think of a better way to spend my Thanksgiving." ▶ [Article](#)



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