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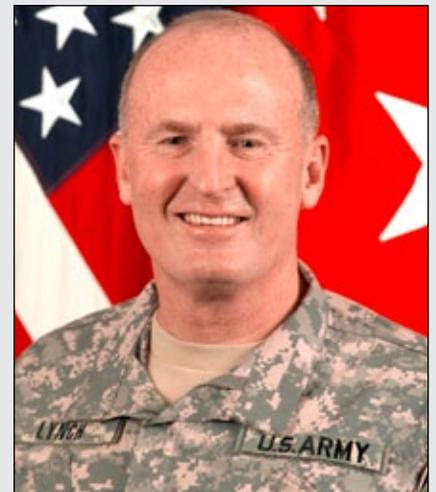


Photographers expand horizons at contest

ALEXANDRIA, Va. --- Brenda Walker strolled upon "one of those right places at the right time" alongside East Fork Indian Creek River when

she photographed "Morning Serenity" on Fort Campbell, Ky...

Retired Col. Richard Pugh... [Read more...](#)



AFAP solves quality-of-life issues

ARLINGTON, Va. --- I often say you can read about history or make history. This year, the voices of Soldiers, Civilians and Families that have contributed to the Army Family Action Plan process were heard and history was made at the recent AFAP General Officer Steering Committee held the first week of February.

Senior Army leaders and program representatives from across the Army resolved 17 of 40 quality-of-life issues making great strides in support of our Wounded Warriors and Families. These issues originally identified by AFAP representatives at the unit or installation level will make life better for Soldiers, their Families and Civilians for years to come.

Qualified Wounded Warrior job applicants now receive... [Read more...](#)



Trailblazers: Iraqi police visit installation

FORT JACKSON, S.C. --- On the day Fort Jackson celebrated women's history, a group of history-making female officers... [Read more...](#)



'Spice' use on rise with Servicemembers

FORT RUCKER, Ala. --- Directorate of Public Safety officials said the use of a synthetic cannabis substance is increasing among... [Read more...](#)

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IMCOM commanding general, wife see Riley

FORT RILEY, Kan. --- Fort Riley and the Central Flint Hills Region hosted a lieutenant general and his wife March 2 and 3. Installation Manage-

ment Commanding General Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch and his wife, Sarah, visited the area to discuss strategies and sources of... [Read more...](#)



Army, Air Force team up to load C-17s

JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Wash. --- The Air Force has put out the word to its Joint Base Lewis-McChord Army counterparts to challenge its aircraft loading... [Read more...](#)



Disabled vets says focus on strengths

HEIDELBERG, Germany --- It's been a little over three decades since Dr. Rory Cooper lost the use of his legs and gained access to a world he never would have imagined, at... [Read more...](#)



Group recognizes ACAP manager

FORT DRUM, N.Y. --- A retired Army Blackhawk pilot who helps steer careers safely into the future recently was recognized... [Read more...](#)



Ft. McCoy poised for large-scale training

FORT MCCOY, Wis. --- Seven scheduled exercises and other extended combat training are on tap for the remainder of fiscal... [Read more...](#)



US forces provide relief aid to Japan

WASHINGTON, D.C. --- U.S. military forces are working alongside their Japanese counterparts to provide aid as the country digs out in the af-

termath of the massive 8.9 magnitude earthquake and tsunami that struck March 11.

“Because of the longstanding... [Read more...](#)



Culture Summit brings nations together

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. --- Representatives of various nations from around the world came together this week in Sierra Vista... [Read more...](#)



NSSC holds Health and Wellness Fair

USAG Natick, Mass. --- Even sitting forward in the massage chair with his face cradled by the headrest, Command Sgt. Maj. ... [Read more...](#)



Wiesbaden opens new Army Lodge

WIESBADEN, Germany --- Military and civilian officials used a giant pair of scissors to cut the ribbon to officially open the Army's newest quality-of-life enhancement in the U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden March 2.

Long in the making, the grand opening of the Wiesbaden Army Lodge marked... [Read more...](#)



Retreat offers single parents quality time

JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Wash. --- Sergeant William Smith plays many roles in his life, but he considers being a father the most important. It is also the most challenging.

“It’s hard, after working all day, coming home and trying to get ready for work the next day when it’s just you and your kid,... [Read more...](#)



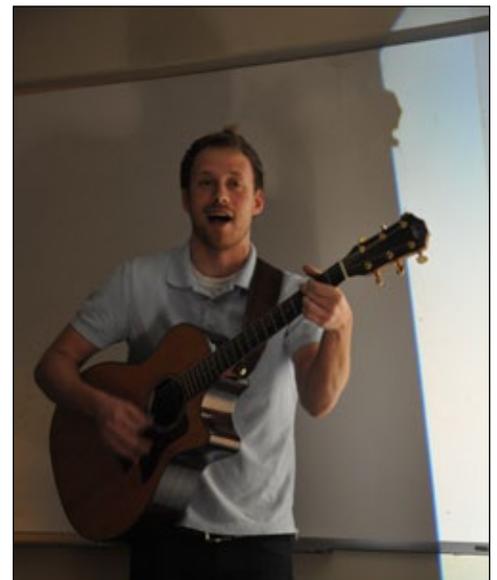
JBSA tests responses to natural disaster

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas -- A recent three-day exercise tested the... [Read more...](#)



US Army Band celebrates Mardi Gras

JOINT BASE MYER-HENDERSON HALL -- In commemoration of a famed New Orleans holiday, the United States Army... [Read more...](#)



FLRC provides Family resources

FORT JACKSON, S.C. -- From the brightly colored children’s toys, to the... [Read more...](#)

AER campaign kicks off with \$85K goal

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md --- Fort Meade's annual Army Emergency Relief fundraising campaign officially kicked off Monday in the Lounge at the Lanes with a training session and free game of bowling to rally this year's unit representatives.

AER is a nonprofit... [Read more...](#)

Commander recognizes women's gains

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. --- Installation employees gathered here March 9 to recognize women's significant contributions to the Army.

Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, APG senior commander, talked to about 100 women about combining their talents to improve the... [Read more...](#)

Army Emergency Relief: helping its own

FORT HOOD, Texas --- Spc. Joseph Morris was fresh out of basic training in September 2008 and was on orders to Fort Hood for his first duty assignment. But there was a problem. He wasn't getting paid.

"I'd gotten my report date, but I hadn't been getting paid for about three... [Read more...](#)

Social media nets wider audience

FORT RUCKER, Ala. --- The Fort Rucker Public Affairs office is finding new ways to bring Soldiers and civilians the latest news about the installation.

By incorporating new social media Web sites like Twitter, Facebook and YouTube, PAO is bringing the world "Fort Rucker... [Read more...](#)

Local event raises money for community

BAMBERG, Germany --- Members of the local military community are teaming up with European and international vendors April 15-17 at the Freedom Fitness Facility here for a fair with charitable purpose.

Profits from the Bazaar with Heart, an annual community market organized by... [Read more...](#)

Community honors phenomenal women

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany --- U.S. Army Europe selected local women for their positive impacts within the community to kick-off Women's History Month observations in March. Christi Ham, wife of Gen. Carter Ham, commanding general, USAREUR, called on senior leader spouses to nominate a woman from each of their communities for the first "USAREUR Phenomenal Woman Scroll of Impact."

The purpose not only serves as an observance of National Women's History Month, but also "highlights those women who... [Read more...](#)

Exercise increase FPCON awareness

FORT RUCKER, Ala. --- It is Tuesday morning, the siren sounds and there is word of a bomb.

Immediately, the Force Protection Condition is raised, Fort Rucker shuts down, gates close and everyone returns to their assigned units.

While this situation is fictional, people need to be aware of FPCON Levels and... [Read more...](#)

EFMP fair to bring out family agencies

FORT JACKSON, S.C. --- The number of nonprofit organizations out there willing to lend a helping hand to military families can be daunting.

So Army Community Services has a solution - bring all of those agencies and Soldiers and their families under one roof and let them meet.

"Family members ... move... [Read more...](#)

ACAP, deploying Soldiers to civilian life

FORT WAINWRIGHT, Alaska --- The Army Career and Alumni Program provides training, counseling, resources and job assistance to service members leaving active duty in pursuit of a new life in the civilian world. Whether they were Soldiers for 20 plus years and retiring or just finishing up a four-year tour, ... [Read more...](#)

Spinning class popular at Ft. Meade

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. --- One of the first things Sgt. 1st Class Rose Ryon wanted to do after giving birth to a baby girl in November was shed the 50 pounds she gained during her pregnancy.

After losing the first 25 pounds, Ryon decided to take the new spinning class at... [Read more...](#)

JBLM program recycles bottle caps

JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Wash. --- It all started with a bottle cap. Well, about 400 bottle caps, to be exact.

Three years ago, Shannon Clark made a doormat from the caps of plastic bottles, which she couldn't recycle in her home state of Ohio. Today she runs a small business that... [Read more...](#)

Chaplains support spiritual needs

FORT RUCKER, Ala. --- A day in the life of an Army chaplain demands constant spiritual readiness to meet the community's worshipping and counseling needs.

"We provide religious education ... so that spiritual growth can take place in the lives of those wanting to dig deeper into their faith," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mickey Jett.

"This is one of the reasons we have a youth program, Sunday school and chaplains trained in marriage counseling - so that families can stay strong and the Soldier can... [Read more...](#)

IN THE PRESS
External Media Report

Egyptians soldiers share pride

THE HERALD, MARCH 12

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. --- The people of Egypt have spoken.

And, the voice they raised recently is a call for a democracy and not a president for life backed by a corrupt government, an Egyptian Army officer said Friday.

For nearly 7,000 years, Egypt has been a bedrock of civilization, a... [Read more...](#)

Paralympics keep sergeant rolling

UNION-TRIBUNE, MARCH 15

SAN DIEGO, Calif. --- Army Sgt. Rob Brown was severely wounded during a firefight in Iraq in 2006. During the time when doctors tried to save his right leg, Brown said, he "did a lot of growing up over those two years, and was able to get my life straightened out."

His leg was eventually... [Read more...](#)

'Iraqi' villages train warfighters

EL PASO INC., MARCH 15

FORT BLISS, Texas --- The U.S. Army is building little pieces of Iraq, Afghanistan and West Africa in the desert at Fort Bliss, so that soldiers can experience war - without the casualties - before deploying, getting as close to the real thing as possible.

By the end of the year, there will be 11 completed villages on Fort...[Read more...](#)

Wireless network for war-bound

NATIONAL DEFENSE, MARCH 15

If the Army's new tech-buying strategy goes according to plan, soldiers soon may be ditching paper maps, staticky radios and bulky satellite receivers.

Instead, they would receive ultra-light radios, tablet computers and sleek smartphones that would actually work in war zones. ... [Read more...](#)

Tampa Bay reservist helps in Japan

TAMPA BAY TRIBUNE, MARCH 15

SENDAI, Japan --- Steve Valley thought his trip to Japan would be a "nice change of pace."

Valley, a sergeant major in the U.S. Army Reserve, works as a communications integration contractor in Tampa at U.S. Central Command and lives in Bradenton. He arrived in Tokyo on... [Read more...](#)