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Installation News

Army Celebrates Army Birthday with Army kids

Daegu Commander Col. Michael P. Saulnier enjoys reading 'Happy 233rd Birthday U.S. Army!' to Child Development Center students June 9 at Camp George's CDC as part of the worldwide Army Birthday Celebration, June 9 - 13. A variety of events for kids are planned at installations throughout the world. [Article](#)



Tiger Supports troops, Families

Tiger Woods' support of U.S. troops will be on worldwide display July 2-6 during the AT&T National at Congressional Country Club. Like last year, tournament host Woods has donated 30,000 tickets for service members and their Families to attend the AT&T National. Military personnel again will play alongside Tiger in the Earl Woods Memorial Pro-Am on July 2. [Article](#)



Mannheim Tests Mass Casualty Plan

New procedures aimed at improving the synchronization of Army and host nation emergency responders were tested May 31 at Mannheim. The realistic scenario had 180 German firefighters, policemen and paramedics rescuing and treating roughly 40 American "casualties" following a simulated explosion. [Article](#)



In the Spotlight

IMCOM Seeks 'Eagles' for Mentoring

Senior leaders are showing fierce loyalty to IMCOM by volunteering to serve as mentors or "eagles," in the Centralized Mentoring Program. John Maxwell in his recent leadership book, "25 Ways to Win With People," said eagles in organizations find people with great potential and create an environment for them to flourish and emerge as full-fledged leaders. [Article](#)



Aberdeen Proving Ground signs Community Covenant

Communities surrounding Aberdeen Proving Ground reaffirmed their commitment to supporting the installation, its Soldiers, civilians and Family members with a signing of the Army Community Covenant during the Military Appreciation Luncheon May 15 at APG's Top of the Bay. [Article](#)



Leavenworth's Family Covenant Coming through on Promises

Employees who support Fort Leavenworth's Families say the Family Covenant is coming through on its promise to help. The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation has been able to add or improve dozens of programs for children, spouses and service members with additional funding. [Article](#)

Hawaii Barracks Get Recognition from Historical Society

Old photographs are fun to look at because they show how people and places have changed over time. However, if you compared an old photo of Schofield's historic troop barracks (known as the quads) to the actual buildings today, you would be hard-pressed to tell the difference. Article



Fort Sill Rolls Out Thunder

Visitors at the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center west of Lawton-Fort Sill, Okla. were surprised to hear the roar of Fort Sill's Freedom's Thunder Motorcycle Ride May 9. The motorcycles visited the wildlife refuge as part of the Freedom's Thunder Motorcycle Safety Rally, Fort Sill's annual day dedicated to motorcycle safety. Article



Summer Fun Heats up at Stuttgart

This summer, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will offer plenty of activities to keep the young ones busy. "We're expanding and enhancing our summer programs," said Suzanne King, the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Child and Youth Services coordinator. "This summer we're offering golf, tennis and flag football, in addition to soccer." Article



Fort Sam Houston DPTMS 'Goes Green' with Mountain Bikes

Fort Sam Houston's Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security has "gone green" by purchasing two mountain bikes for the office staff to use on a voluntary basis for travel on the installation. DPTMS has taken a proactive approach with their "Go Green" program in order to help the environment, stay fit and healthy, and save the Army money. Article



Warrior Transition Unit Soldier

Spc. Robert Stephenson helps Munson Army Health Center Commander Col. Carmen Rinehart with the pronunciation of the names of his Family members before his promotion to sergeant June 2. Stephenson, originally from Atchison, Kan., has been a member of the Warrior Transition Unit at MAHC for about six months. Stephenson was injured on May 25, 2006, by an IED in Iraq. More Ft. Leavenworth news



Afghanistan: Service Members Face off in Friendly 'Iron Chef' Competition

The first Iron Chef competition took place at Bagram Airfield May 28. Based on the popular 'Iron Chef' television series, this version pitted two 101st Airborne Division teams of food service specialists against each other -- one representing the Combat Aviation Brigade and the other representing the Sustainment Brigade. Article



Hurricane Herb gives Florida Guard Disaster-Response Test

Just days into the 2008 hurricane season, the Florida Department of Military Affairs and Florida National Guard actively prepared in case a devastating storm strikes the state this year by completing a statewide exercise June 3 - 5. Article





2,500 attend 8th Army Band Community Outreach Concert

Sgt. Herman Brandon, 8th U.S. Army Band Drummer, invites a Korean student from Dongsak Elementary School to play with him during a community outreach performance near Camp Humphreys. Article More from Korea



Chaplain shares Army Life with International Audience

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Druckenmiller speaks to a group of international students at Heidelberg University's Okumenisches Institut und Wohnheim fur Studierende Heidelberg, a multifaith student hall in Heidelberg's Altstadt on May 27. The students had asked Druckenmiller to speak because they were curious about the American presence in Heidelberg. Article



Triathlon at Fort Bragg

For 121 competitors, there was no better place to be during the early morning hours of May 25 than the second XTERRA triathlon at Fort Bragg. The race consisted of a 1,000-meter swim; 18-mile mountain bike race; and a 3.2-mile run. Results, photos



Baumholder Community Verifies its Disaster Response

Laney Rich, Baumholder force protection officer, said he was pleased with the overall results of a disaster response exercise on Baumholder May 17 and the extensive cooperation of the German emergency response agencies that participated. Article

Fort Drum Civilian Employee Receives Community Award

Each time a plane ascends from or descends to Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield and tons military of equipment are successfully transported via rail or sea, it's more than just clockwork. This is the work of Eric King, installation transportation officer, who has been responsible for redeploying and deploying more than 60,000 Fort Drum Soldiers since he took on the position three years ago. Article



Bamberg: Whispering Pines Manager earns Army-level Recognition

When it comes to handling the golf course here, Daniel Brown never lags. Brown, manager of the U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg Whispering Pines Golf Course, is one of only two IMCOM-Europe members being awarded the Army-wide James A. Carroll Jr. Excellence in Management Award. Article



Darmstadt Holds Farewell Fest

Saying goodbye to friends is never easy, but a party to celebrate old times certainly helps to ease the pain of farewell - while encouraging those parting ways to stay in touch. In that spirit, the city of Darmstadt threw a Farewell Fest to say danke schoen and auf wiedersehen to Darmstadt's U.S. military community, and to celebrate more than 60 years of kinship. Article



Fort Sam Houston Upgrades Communication Capabilities

Post leadership broke ground for the Sam Houston's telephone core communications switch node facility May 22. Col. Wendy Martinson, U.S. Army Garrison commander, hosted the groundbreaking ceremony. Article



Italian, American Nurses Forum

The 2nd Italian-American Nurses Forum was held May 8 at U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza. The event was coordinated by the health center's head nurses and the Patient Liaison Services at San Bortolo hospital in downtown Vicenza. "The purpose of the event was to enhance the understanding of nursing between Italian and American Nurses," said Lt. Col. Geri Cherry, health center deputy commander, nursing department. Article



Soldiers Honor WWII Veterans

Sixty-four years ago, a multi-national force of more than 130,000 Soldiers embarked on what is to this day, the largest one-day military invasion in history. This year, the U.S. Army commemorates the 64th anniversary of what is now know as "D-Day" – the invasion by Allied forces of Sword, Juno, Gold, Omaha, Point du Hoc and Utah beaches here in an effort to free France from occupation by Nazi Germany. Article



Lean Six Sigma

Jackson's first Lean Six Sigma graduation

Twenty-eight Fort Jackson civilian employees and Soldiers are now trained to help battle waste, reduce costs and improve operational efficiencies on the installation. The training, a four-month Lean Six Sigma black belt course, culminated in graduation on May 17. LSS, a business concept aimed at boosting overall efficiency, incorporates Lean manufacturing and Six Sigma. Lean manufacturing is about speed, while Six Sigma focuses on quality. The goal of LSS is for better quality, faster. LSS provides industry-proven tools to tackle waste, said Lt. Col. Tracy Davidson, deputy garrison commander. Article More about Lean Six Sigma



Grafenwoehr: Europe 10-Miler

The top two qualifiers for the Army Europe 10-Miler race May 31 will lead a 12-Soldier team later this year during the service's annual premier run. Vilseck's Capt. Joel Steward took first place in the men's division while Heidelberg's Sgt. 1st Class Lori Nix claimed the women's title, as 117 participants entered the qualification run that determined the six men and women active-duty Soldiers who will represent the Army in Europe during the national Army 10-Miler Oct. 5 in Washington, D.C. Article



Schweinfurt BOSS Program Best

The U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt's Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers program, recognized for focusing on the needs of troops as well as the entire community, was recently named the best in Europe. Overall, the organization was noted for its innovative programming, drive for community involvement and focus on Soldier wellness and recreation. Article



Hot Topics

IMCOM Realigns U.S. Regions, Creates National Capital Area District

Installation Management Command will realign the boundaries of its three U.S. regions on July 1, moving 13 states and their 11 installations of various sizes from the West Region to Northeast and Southeast regions. The rebalancing refines realignment actions carried out under the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure law that consolidated the Northwest and Southwest regions in 2006. Article



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