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I had a vision to create a magazine that highlights select stories from our customer units, publicizes regional events, includes relevant articles from our directorates concerning training support, facility management, finance, human resources, and much more.

I hope you enjoy this publication. Contact me if you have any questions, concerns or comments.

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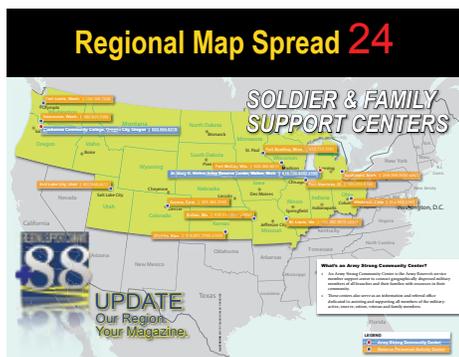
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June 21-23, Schaumburg, Ill.

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June 21-23, Family, Denver.

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Aug. 2-4, Single, Chicago.

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The Yellow Ribbon Program supports National Guard and Reserve members and their families. It guides them to information, services, benefits and referrals throughout the deployment cycle and helps them reintegrate following deployment. The program achieves sponsors seminars before, during and after the deployment cycle that brings Soldiers and families together.

To register, visit www.yellowribbonevents.org or e-mail usarmy.usarc.88-rsc.mbx.yellow-ribbon@mail.mil. For questions call 608-388-7104. All dates and locations are tentative until an approved contract is accepted.

Schedule as of April 23, 2013, and subject to change. Family event requires at least one child to be seven years or older for family to attend. Childcare available for only "Family" events. Must live within 88th RSC region and live within 400 mi. from event location. Married event requires spouse enrolled in DEERS. Soldier required to use DTS for all travel to Strong Bonds training.

To register e-mail usarmy.usarc.88-rsc.list.chaplain-strongbonds@mail.mil or call 608-388-0541. For additional information visit www.strongbonds.org.



Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Jeff Haight, a native of Minden, Neb., and member of the 80th Training Command, and his wife, Marci, participate in a Strong Bonds marriage retreat in Denver. The Haight family took the opportunity to train in relationship skills offered by the program such as communication, decision making, and conflict management to refresh and revitalize their relationship.

Chaplain: Strong Bonds makes relationships last

STORY / PHOTOGRAPHY **CAPT. ANDREW WILLIAMS** | 88TH REGIONAL SUPPORT COMMAND

Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Jeff Haight, a native of Minden, Neb., and member of the 80th Training Command, and his wife, Marci, attended a Strong Bonds marriage retreat in Denver. Like many of you, the Haight family has faced many challenges in their marriage.

Jeff Haight was away from his family for two of the last three years because of mobilizations and deployments.

“It’s hard on our daughters emotionally,” Marci Haight said. “They don’t understand why their dad has to miss birthdays, dance recitals, and soccer games.”

Jeff Haight also commented on the difficulty of reintegration, “It can be difficult adjusting to the schedule that Marci and the girls have become used to each time I get back from a lengthy deployment or mobilization.”

Your situation may be similar to the Haight family or you may have your own set of challenges. You may be struggling with communication (or lack thereof), problem solving, sex, children, finances, or even in-laws. So how do we build resiliency to face these obstacles?

Strong Bonds answers this question through skill-based training.

“We have used the [speaker listener technique] since we’ve learned about it in class,” Marci Haight said. “We realized we can also use it in other areas of our lives as well, with our kids, and coworkers.”

I asked Marci Haight if Strong Bonds gives Soldiers tools to strengthen their families and she answered, “For some families it is probably the first time they’ve been able spend uninterrupted time with each other and the chance to discuss their feelings and goals. I think that just giving couples or families the opportunity to spend time away from jobs, school, and the daily household craziness goes a long way.”

Jeff Haight echoed his wife’s sentiment, “We would definitely recommend Strong Bonds.”

The Strong Bonds program offers marriage and singles training retreats, and family wellness retreats. For more information or to register for an event in your area, e-mail the 88th Regional Support Command’s office of the chaplain at usarmy.usarc.88-rsc.list.chaplain-strongbonds@mail.mil.

Relationships are tough work. I encourage you to attend a Strong Bonds event to give you the tools to help your relationships succeed.



PHOTOGRAPHY SGT. SHARI HEDA | 85TH ARMY BAND

Ten-Miler motivation

A Soldier's dedication to fitness runs her desire to race

STORY **SPC. GRETCHEN SMITH** | 85TH ARMY BAND
88TH REGIONAL SUPPORT COMMAND

Sgt. Dorothy Such participated for the first time last October in the Army Ten-Miler, which is an annual running competition in Washington, D.C.

Dorothy Such, Sergeant
Woodwind Player, 85th Army Band
Arlington Heights, Illinois.



Sgt. Dorothy Such, center, and the rest of the women’s team from the 88th Regional Support Command at the Army Ten-Miler in Washington, D.C., last October.

Sgt.

Dorothy Such of Vernon Hills, Ill., and woodwind player for the 85th Army Band joined the Army in 2009. Such is a music education graduate of Illinois State University and teaches in the Beach Park School District. She plays in the Glenview (Community) Concert Band and Thesix (a woodwind sextet), helps with Zion-Benton’s High School marching band, and teaches private music lessons.

Sgt. Dorothy Such participated for the first time last October in the Army Ten-Miler, which is an annual running competition in Washington, D.C.

Although she keeps busy with her musical engagements, Such dedicates quite a bit of time to building and maintaining her physical fitness level.

“Running makes me feels good,” says the 32-year-old, Vernon Hills native. “I push myself to see how far I can go and that makes me want to help others achieve their fitness goals.”

Her dedication to physical fitness has inspired her fellow Soldiers to improve their own physical fitness standards. Wanting to motivate others to stay active, she created a Facebook page, on which she posts exercises of the day.

“That way we could, at least, do one thing active every day,” she says. She and her fellow members post articles and share upcoming races. Such and the other members of the Facebook “Army Band PT Studs” page also log their workouts online for others to see. Such started the page after returning from Advanced Individual Training, or AIT explaining that the page was designed “so we can help each other out with [physical training, or PT] and make sure we all stay on track. [The

Facebook page] allows us to make ourselves more accountable.”

Her Facebook page is not the only extra effort she has put in to helping others succeed. Even before her promotion, Such arrived to every battle assembly early to administer Army Physical Fitness Tests, or APFT, and lead remedial PT for those who needed it.

This young leader’s hard work pays off every time she has a physical fitness test. “The first time I earned [a Physical Fitness badge], I was at AIT,” Such explains. Since AIT, she has consistently earned a badge at every physical fitness test. Her highest score is a 297 out of 300. Such does not consider herself an athlete but confesses to having run in short races, several half marathons, and two Chicago marathons.

Because she enjoys participating in marathons, Such signed up to participate in the Army Ten-Miler, which took place last October. Her participation in the Army Ten-Miler was paid completely out of pocket at that time because unit funding was not available. In previous years, purchasing flight tickets, rental cars, and lodging was covered for event participants. Facing this set back, it did not slow the marathoner down. Such said, “I ended up running a bit faster than I expected to, so that was cool. It was really neat running past a lot of the monuments.”



COURTESY PHOTOGRAPHY SGT. DOROTHY SUCH | 85TH ARMY BAND

Above: Sgt. Dorothy Such with her parents, Joseph and Donna Such, at the 2009 Chicago Marathon.

Right: Sgt. Dorothy Such at the 2009 Chicago Marathon.

Army Ten-Miler Facts:

- ★ Since 1985, the Army Ten-Miler has drawn thousands of runners
- ★ Fifty five percent of runners are men and 45 percent are women
- ★ International teams and participants from Japan, Brazil, Spain, Canada, Germany, Chile

Such arrived the day before the event, rented a car, and picked up her welcome packet at the expo where vendors met to promote other races, running apparel, and dietary supplements for before, during, and after runs. On the day of the race, Such rode the train to the starting location.

“There were so many people running!” She continues, “There were a couple performers on the sidelines. I remember a junior high band at one point.”

Although she lost contact with the rest of the runners on the 88th team, she “met up with them at the awards ceremony where the women’s team took third and the men’s took first.”

Such received a shirt and a coin for her participation and, later, was given the 88th Regional Support Command’s Blue Devil award for her selfless-service.

In keeping with her tradition, she already signed up for this year’s Chicago marathon and said she plans to run the Army Ten-Miler again this year.

Her dedication to maintaining her physical fitness level continues to encourage those who can proudly say they serve with her.



COURTESY PHOTOGRAPHY SGT. DOROTHY SUCH | 85TH ARMY BAND

“I push myself to see how far I can go and that makes me want to help others achieve their fitness goals.”

~Sgt. Dorothy Such

DID YOU KNOW...

PROMOTIONS

The 88th Regional Support Command published 1,151 senior enlisted and 3,026 junior enlisted promotion orders in fiscal year 2012.

~ Tom Kienlen

Director of human resources



STRONG BONDS

We conducted 22 Strong Bonds training events in fiscal year 2012 supporting 1,147 Soldiers, spouses, and children.

~ Chaplain (Capt.) Virginia Emery

Strong Bonds program manager

PUBLIC WORKS

In fiscal year 2012, seven 88th Regional Support Command military construction projects valued at \$143 million were awarded in the 19-state region.

~ Lt. Col. Ralph Thorn

Chief of plans for public works



YELLOW RIBBON

Our team held 12 events for 7,805 Soldiers and their families from more than 200 units, across 48 states, and two territories during fiscal year 2012.

~ Mark Taylor

Yellow Ribbon Program director



THE COMING ATTRACTIONS:

LOCAL TRAINING AREA



COURTESY PHOTOGRAPHY LT. COL. ANDREW KUPSER

LT. COL. ANDREW KUPSER | CHIEF TRAINING OFFICER

Today, many Soldiers accept the battle assembly drudgery of paperwork and death by PowerPoint. As with many things in life, it is a matter of what you are accustomed to. The 88th Regional Support Command (RSC) Directorate of Plans and Training (DPT) is trying to help you reject that practice and accept an alternate course of action!

Over the past years the local training areas have been neglected. Ten years of deployment and a force at war have resulted in low demand of the training areas.

As the U.S. Army shifts to a Global Response Force and the demands these forces will place on the active duty training areas, the Reserve Soldier will be forced to accept the paperwork drudgery and idle battle assembly time or become proactive and find local training opportunities.

We can help you find training areas close to your units with basic services for the Soldiers. In developing the training areas over the past year, the U.S. Army Reserve Command and 88th RSC DPT have spent well over \$1 million in upgrades with intent to develop more areas.

The 88th RSC DPT provides training opportunities such as ranges, classrooms, billeting, etc. at training areas in places like Joliet, Ill., Kingsbury, Ind., Weldon Spring and Belton, Mo., and Ogden, Utah.

Range Facilities Management Scheduling System (RFMSS) can be used to access and schedule use of any active or reserve component training areas all from the convenience of your desktop. Contact Mr. Adam Shultz at 608-388-0509 or visit <https://rfmss.belvoir.army.mil>.

Ready to retire?

STORY / PHOTOGRAPHY **SPC. TRUE THAO** | 364TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS OPERATIONS CENTER
416TH THEATER ENGINEER COMMAND

A joint Army Reserve and National Guard pre-retirement seminar was held on Fort Snelling, Minn., for Soldiers and their families. The event was hosted by U.S. Army Reserve Command, and it allowed Soldiers who are near retirement age to learn more about available benefits and opportunities for Army retirees.

The goal is to give accurate information to Soldiers who are planning their retirement, or have done their 20 years in the Army National Guard or Reserve, said Col. John Morris, state chaplain for the Minnesota National Guard. “We are here to ensure that they have access to all the benefits they have earned and the information that’s a needed to make a wise decision on how to handle that retirement.”

We want to provide them with timely and accurate information that introduces them to contacts, who can assist them in the

future with retirement questions, said Lt. Col. Kathleen Couillard, Army Reserve Retirement Services officer. “Our objective is to educate Soldiers and families.”

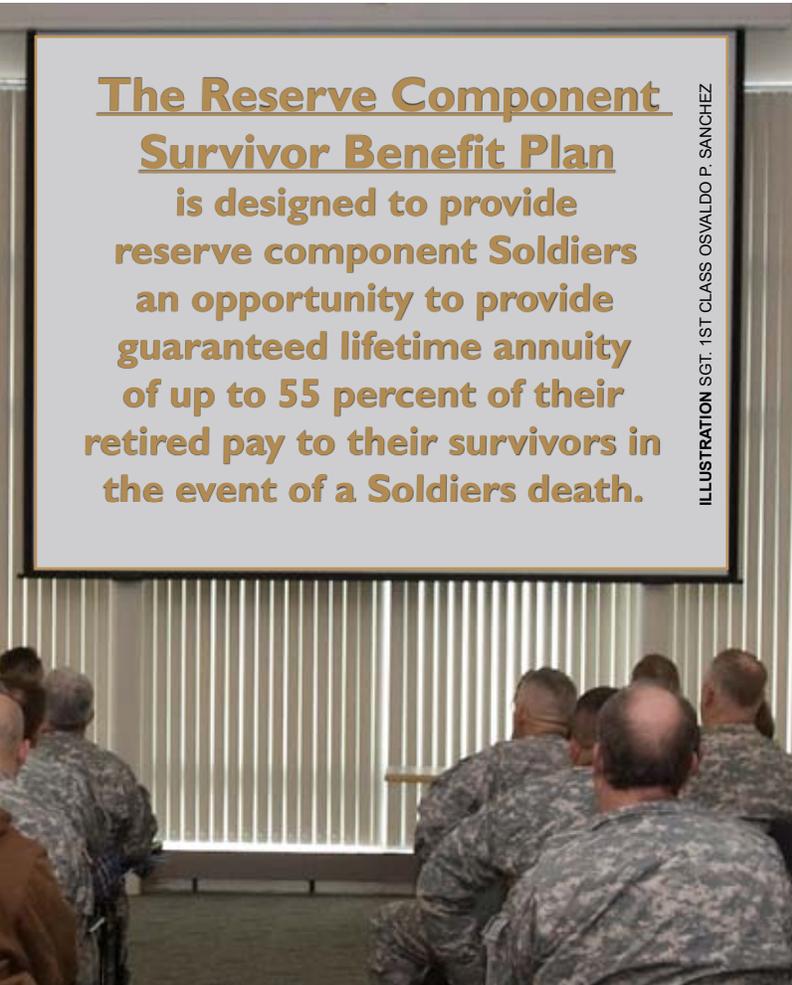
Not only does it educate Soldiers on their benefits, but it also allows them to clear the air of any misleading information they might have received. Soldiers are often misinformed about the benefits of retirement and a seminar like this helps Soldiers receive the correct information.

“We try to provide an overview at the seminar to rectify some of the misconceptions,” said Couillard “and then offer an opportunity for Soldiers and families to set up follow-on meetings if needed.”

For any attendees who had not prepared for retirement, this seminar gave them a chance to be proactive about their situation

The Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan
is designed to provide reserve component Soldiers an opportunity to provide guaranteed lifetime annuity of up to 55 percent of their retired pay to their survivors in the event of a Soldiers death.

ILLUSTRATION SGT. 1ST CLASS OSVALDO P. SANCHEZ



Renee A. Chase, a program support manager for Employer Partnership speaks during a Pre-Retirement Seminar at Fort Snelling, Minn.

“We are here to ensure that they have access to all the benefits they have earned and the information that’s a needed to make a wise decision on how to handle that retirement.”

Col. John Morris
Minnesota National Guard Chaplain

and armed them with information that would better prepare them for retirement. Some of the topics included Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan, Employer Partnership Office, TriCare Medical, and the Transition Assistant Program.

“I’m here to gather as much information as I can to prepare for my retirement,” said Army Reserve Soldier Lt. Col. Laura Powell, Army Sustainment Command, Rock Island, Ill. “I didn’t know how to apply for all of these benefits on my own so that’s why I’m here.”

Powell, who is also a teacher in her civilian career, says she is definitely interested in finding out more information about other employment opportunities with the government after retirement.

Having pre-retirement seminars are very beneficial to both Soldiers who are preparing for retirement and those who are thinking about it, said Lt. Col. Twanda Young, Army Reserve Retirement Policy Integrator.

We want to let them know it is all their entitlements and benefits as they are getting ready either to go into retirement or as it is approaching, said Young. They deserve to get this information, and we need to provide venues and forums from this point forward to ensure that Soldiers and their families are informed about their entitlements and benefits prior to retirement. We want to stop Soldiers from getting to the gate of retirement ill-informed, which results in poor decision making that can potentially, negatively impact their lives.

The seminars are held bimonthly within the U.S. and will soon expand to Puerto Rico and overseas.

For more information on upcoming seminars in the Northwest region, go to <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/679404> or contact Capt. Micah Perkins at micah.d.perkins.mil@mail.mil.

Retirement Timeline

Throughout Career

Manage important documents to include:

- DD214's
- Retirement Points Statements
- Change in service documents (transitioning between Guard, Reserve, AC, difference services, commissioning, promotion/demotion, etc)
- RCSBP/SBP elections (notifying HRC within one year of changes)

Invest in TSP when the opportunity presents itself

Educate oneself on VA rating and application process

15 Year Mark

Become educated on the following:

- RCSBP
- Tricare (Reserve Select, Retired Reserve, Prime, Standard and Tricare For Life)
- Transfer to Retired Reserve process
- Medical Retirement process (where applicable)
- VA rating process

18 Year Mark

Same education as at 15 but with the following emphasis:

- Decide on RCSBP election strategy with Retirement Officer/Financial Counselor/Insurance Advisor
- Review ARPC 249E with RSO
- Ensure all relevant career documents are iPERMed

20 Year Mark

- Attend Retirement Seminar
- Make RCSBP election with RSO present
- Ensure all documentation is accurate and up to date

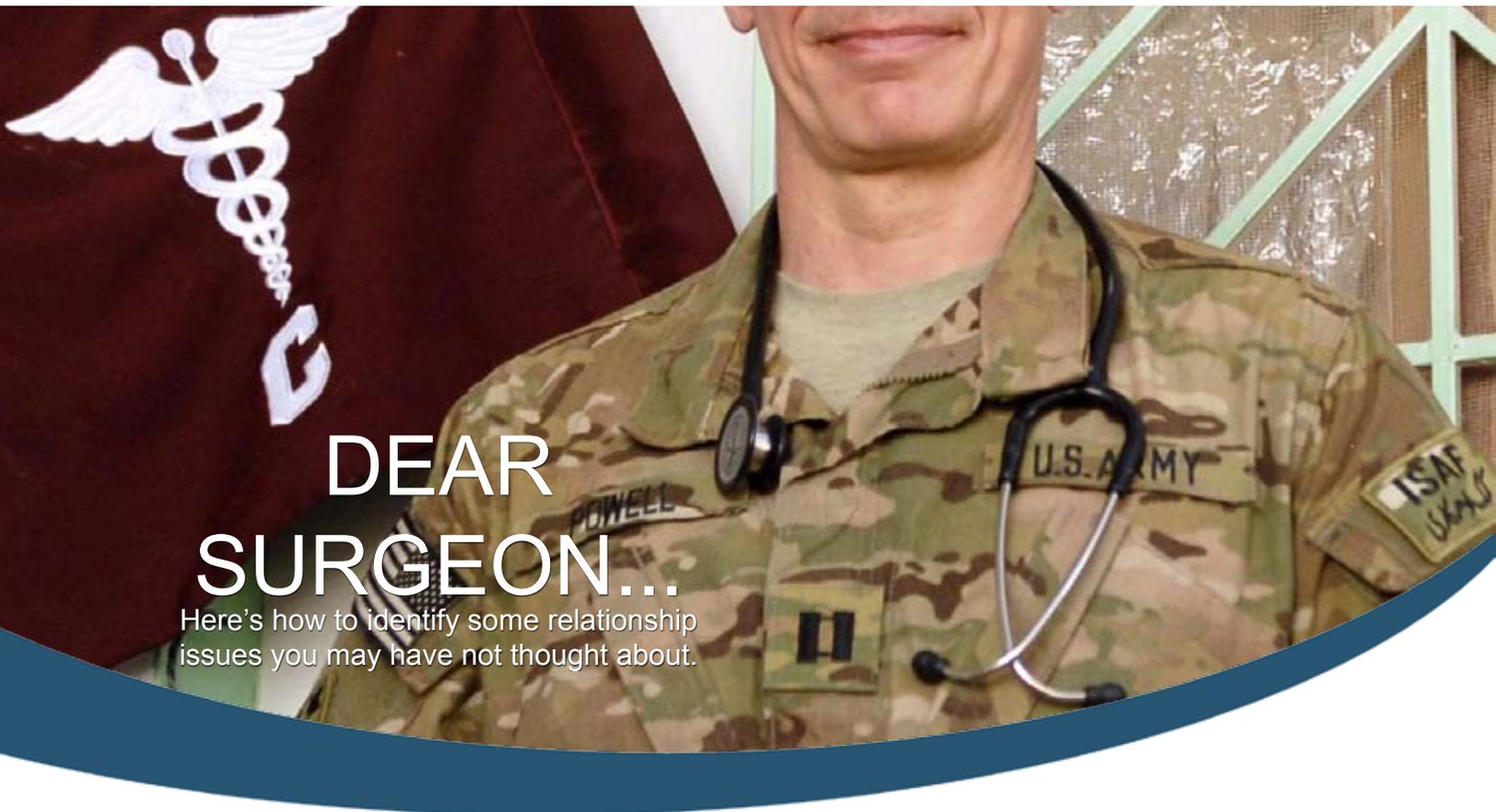
Transfer to Retired Reserve

- Ensure Post 9/11 GI Bill is transferred where applicable
- Understand TRICARE options
- Attend Retirement Seminar to be briefed on Grey Area Benefits
- Get good POC's for information on how to apply for Retired Pay
- Understand the early draw process where applicable
- Enroll in VA if not done so already
- Convert SGLI to VGLI if desired
- Visit ID Card facility for Grey Area Retiree ID Card

Apply for Retired Pay

- Get application documents from RSO/HRC 9 months from eligibility date
- Contact RSO for assistance in making SBP election and completing documents
- Once eligible, visit ID Card facility to obtain Retiree ID card
- Apprise HRC of all changes to dependent status
- Attend retirement briefing once every 2 years to stay abreast of changes
- Educate dependents on benefits application process once SM dies

PROCESS CAPT. MICAH PERKINS | RETIREMENT SERVICES OFFICER



DEAR SURGEON...

Here's how to identify some relationship issues you may have not thought about.

Got relationship problems? The Army has found that relationship difficulties are the second most commonly reported stressor leading to suicide or attempted suicide.

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, or USACHPPM, has a helpful reminder in their “An Instructor’s Guide: Training for Soldiers on Suicide Prevention and Awareness” with regards to Soldier reactions to relationship problems. Depressed feelings and sadness can lead to a cycle of negative thoughts and beliefs which can further devolve into a number of thinking distortions. According to USACHPPM, these can include:

- **Negative filter:** The Soldier views all of his life including daily activities through a negative filter. Soldiers might attribute a benign glance from a fellow Soldier as a look of anger or view a simple mistake such as misplacing keys as a sign that he or she is truly a failure in life.
- **All-or-nothing thinking:** The Soldier sees things in black and white categories. If the relationship fails, the Soldier sees himself or herself as a failure and as the sole reason for the break-up.
- **Overgeneralization:** The Soldier sees a single negative event as a never-ending pattern of defeat. If the Soldier’s relationship ends, he or she may think that all future relationships will fail, too.

- **Disqualifying the positive:** The Soldier disregards any positive experience, and maintains negative beliefs even if they are contradicted by everyday experiences. A Soldier may fail to find any positives about his or her relationship or about his or her current status, if newly single, even if several members of the opposite sex express interest in a relationship.
- **Catastrophizing:** The Soldier exaggerates the importance of negative events. If a relationship fails, the Soldier might assume that the failure will now affect all aspects of life, will affect ability to be promoted, and will cause a loss of friends. It is important to help the Soldier identify his or her automatic cognitive distortions and beliefs and then work with the Soldier to create healthier, more rational cognitions and beliefs.

There is help

Soldiers who are struggling with these kinds of issues can start with Military One Source at 1.800.342.9647. Soldiers can also call the 88th RSC Director of Psychological Health Jerry Nelson at 608.461.0990 and he can help identify counseling resources. Anyone struggling with suicidal thinking is encouraged to call the Suicide Hotline at 1.800.273.TALK or their local hospital.

PERSONAL IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION CAN SPREAD EASILY



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Ways to help you reduce the risk of making your data accessible to identity thieves, hackers

KAREN J. MOHAM | ANTITERRORISM OFFICER

The threat to our nation is pervasive. The best mitigation measure is to increase cyber threat awareness throughout the entire Army community. Doing nothing is not an option. Everyone has a part to play in ensuring Army networks stay secure and our national assets are protected. Below are some social network security tips that will assist in protecting Soldiers, civilians, and families from cyber risk.

What is Malware? It is malicious software delivered through email and the internet that performs unauthorized actions on the computer. Examples of malware are viruses, worms, Trojan horse, dishonest adware, spyware, scareware, crimeware, and most rootkits.

What is phishing? Email messages from apparent legitimate people or institutions targeting users are examples of phishing. Email messages may contain malicious attachments such as .pdf, .doc, .xls, .jpg files. Phishing is used to trick users into divulging Personally Identifiable Information (PII) such as passwords, SSNs, DOB, credit card numbers, PINs, and addresses.

Do not store passwords on your computer. Easy access to usernames and passwords can result in identify theft, loss of money and revealing personal information about friends and family.

Protect physical access to devices. The data on the computer is just as valuable as the hardware. Physical access makes it easy to circumvent security measures.

Protect your Personally Identifiable Information (PII). Limit PII on the internet and social networking sites. PII can be used for social engineering attacks and identity theft. Military members, as well as family and friends, should not discuss or post any information related to unit locations, assigned duties, work schedules, or deployment information.

Update your computer software. Newer software has security enhancements which makes it harder for hackers to gain unauthorized access. Look for software that checks automatically for software updates and includes anti-virus, anti-spyware, anti-phishing, safe browsing and firewall capabilities.

Choose privacy that provide the greatest security settings on social networking sites. Limit information shared with the social networking community. Limit who can view your profile. Limit who can add you to their network.

What to do if you think you are a victim? Report it to the appropriate people within the organization, including network administrators. They can be alert for any suspicious or unusual activity. If you believe your financial accounts may be compromised, contact your financial institution immediately and close the account(s). Watch for any unauthorized charges to your account. Consider reporting the attack to your local police department, and file a report with the Federal Trade Commission (<http://www.ftc.gov/>) or the FBI's Internet Crime Complain Center (<http://www.ic3.gov/>).

Facebook is a popular free social networking website that allows registered users to create profiles, upload photos and video, send messages and keep in touch with friends, family and colleagues.

Twitter is a social networking and micro blogging site whose users send and read text-based posts online. The site surged to worldwide popularity with +300 million active users as of 2011, generating 300 million tweets and 1.6 billion search queries daily.

LinkedIn is a professional networking site whose users establish connections with co-workers, customers, business contacts, and potential employees and employers. Users post and share information about current and previous employment, education, military activities, specialties, and interests. To limit exposure of your personal information, you can manage who can view your profile and activities.

Google+ provides privacy and sharing options using Circles. Circles are groups that users create for different types of connections, such as family, friends, or colleagues. Content is shared only with circles you select. Google+ requires that users provide real names – no pseudonyms.

Remember

- > Only establish and maintain connections with people you know and trust. Review your connections often.
- > Assume that ANYONE can see any information about your activities, personal or professional life that you post and share.
- > Ensure your family takes similar precautions with their accounts; their privacy and sharing settings can expose your personal data.
- > Avoid posting or tagging images of you or your family that clearly show your face. Select pictures taken at a distance, at an angle, or otherwise concealed. Never post Smartphone photos and don't use your face as a profile photo, instead, use cartoons or avatars.
- > Use secure browser settings when possible and monitor your browsing history to ensure that you recognize all access points.



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TRAINING AREA CONSTRUCTION RESPECTS ENVIRONMENT

The Environmental Division is supporting the development of the 937-acre Kingsbury Local Training Area (KTLA) as a modern local training facility.

Located southeast of Gary, Ind., the KTLA is a remnant of the former 13,400-acre World War II Kingsbury Ordnance Plant. The landscape is a mosaic of nearly 420 acres of open fields, 400 acres of forest, 120 acres of wetlands and the LaPorte County Veterans U.S. Army Reserve Center and Operational Maintenance Shop.

Several assessments were performed to ensure that training operations are conducted without significantly impacting the environment, including a programmatic environmental assessment, forest management, timber harvest management plans, invasive species management plan, wetland delineation, and forestry and agriculture/grazing reimbursable programs. These assessments and plans have been integral in the balance between training and the environment.

- A timber harvest was conducted in March that created a new forest road corridor and selectively thinned trees for military training maneuverability.
- The KTLA is a potential habitat for the Indiana bat, a federally endangered species and the Eastern massasauga rattlesnake, a federally listed candidate species. It was determined that the proposed activities "may affect, but not likely adversely affect" the Indiana bat.
- Coordination with the Indiana Historic Preservation Office concluded that no eligible historic properties or prehistoric archaeological remains are known on KTLA.
- The invasive species management plan will reduce the impact of invasive and exotic species that are established on KTLA. Vehicles coming back from other training locales have potential to introduce invasive species that can be aggressive and eliminate use of entire areas of natural vegetation. Invasive species can be controlled by monitoring, prescribed burns and chemical control.

When fully implemented the KTLA will contain a wide range of training areas, including but not limited to, forward operating base, engineer equipment training, convoy operations, land navigation, warrior task training; sustainment, survivability, combat, and mobility training; obstacle course, cantonment area, tactical concealment/bivouac, assault course/defensive position lanes, bridging operations, and new and upgraded roads.

The KTLA is the first of several training areas across the 88th Regional Support Command being developed in an environmentally sustainable manner to support future warrior training. Both the training area and the environment will thrive together for years to come as the forests, fields, wetlands, wildlife and warriors are managed to coexist.

DOES YOUR UNIT HAVE AN ECO?

The Environmental Compliance Officer (ECO or EO) is the individual assigned to an organization or unit to accomplish environmental compliance requirements on behalf of the commander, director, or supervisor. The designated person also coordinates with supporting installation environmental staff for requirements clarification and assistance.

In accordance with AR 200-1 and FM 3-34.5, each commander must appoint an ECO to monitor the unit's environmental compliance and advise the commander on environmental requirements whether it is laws at home station, U.S. installation or host nation. Also, IAW 88th RSC Policy 11-04 Environmental Risk and Liability Reduction Policy, unit commanders need to ensure that all major training events have an environmental risk assessment completed by a trained ECO.

To become the ECO for your unit or organization, you will need to:

- Complete the training course, Environmental Risk: Advanced ECO Training Course.
- Complete an additional duty appointment memo indicating your role as the ECO.

For more information about the roles and requirements of an ECO, talk to your aEPS or go to the Environmental Division website, <https://xtranet/Sites/88DPW/Site%20Pages/Environmental.aspx>.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT CONCENTRATION SITE

Readiness and accountability for medical equipment within the Army Reserves has always been a challenge and has negatively affected the Soldiers training as well as the Army Reserves ability to deploy medical units. The addition of a medical maintenance and storage location would greatly enhance readiness and accountability and also provide training opportunities for Soldiers who rarely get that opportunity within the medical logistics community.

In order to follow the 88th Regional Support Command's (RSC) vision to continually provide outstanding support for the units and facilities in our 19-state area of responsibility, the 88th RSC Directorate of Logistics (DOL) volunteered to support and provide much needed maintenance and storage support for medical equipment throughout the region. The medical equipment concentration site (MECS) concept began in 2010 in an effort to support the 807th Medical Deployment Sustainment Command headquartered in Salt Lake City.

The MECS mission statement 'to provide mission essential maintenance and storage support for Army Reserve medical equipment' came to be by utilizing the facility in Ogden, Utah. The Medical Equipment Concentration Site (MECS) #88 was born to accomplish that critical medical logistics mission. The MECS will provide support to medical units by storing complete medical sets, loaning medical sets to Army Reserve units to meet training requirements, performing field level maintenance at scheduled intervals, evacuating the equipment for sustainment level maintenance to the supporting depot, and performing calibration on equipment.

Currently, the facility is undergoing modifications to support the extensive mission, but it is accepting equipment and performing limited maintenance tasks. Given the fact that this has never been accomplished before in Army Reserve history, we are quite proud of the accomplishments to date. This MECS will be one of only two of its kind with the other one at MECS #99 in the 99th RSC.



BASE REALIGNMENT & CLOSURE ACT 2005

As a result of the Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC) 2005, the 88th Regional Support Command completed 32 new construction projects from 2007-2011 and also has completed 28 out of 40 disposals. In an effort to support joint operations, approximately 27 of the 32 projects conducted were joint projects shared by the Army Reserve and National Guard. The total cost of the 32 new construction projects is estimated at \$646 million.

BRAC 2005 mandated the closure and disposal of underutilized and older facilities. The 88th RSC's focus is currently on disposals, relinquishments, and transfer of Army Reserve facilities, and lease terminations. Of the 40 facilities identified for closure, 28 have been disposed, while the remaining 12 are being processed for disposal.

Military Construction

The 88th RSC has 12 projects valued at \$193 million under construction or awarded: four projects in 2011 and seven projects in 2012.

The projects are at the following locations:

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| 1. Quincy, Ill. | 7. McChesney Park, Ill. |
| 2. Des Moines, Iowa | 8. Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. |
| 3. Belton, Mo. | 9. St Joseph, Minn. |
| 4. Michigan City, Ind. | 10. Kansas City, Kan. |
| 5. Weldon Springs, Mo. | 11. Homewood, Ill. |
| 6. Fort Collins, Colo. | 12. Fort Sheridan, Ill.* |

* Additional/Alternate Construction

The 88th Regional Support Command Directorate Public Works

is a regionally aligned organization focused on providing seamless, efficient, and timely facility operations, real property management, engineering and environmental support for all facilities and real property within the regional support command region in support of Army Reserve Soldiers, civilians, family members and unit training, administration, and readiness operations.

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Soldier versus winter in the 372nd Engineer Brigade Best Warrior Competition

STORY **SPC. LINDSEY SCHULTE** | 364TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS OPERATIONS CENTER
416TH THEATER ENGINEER COMMAND

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Soldiers take part in the road march event at the 372nd Engineer Brigade's Best Warrior Competition at Fort McCoy, Wis., on March 14. The competitors took part in the 6-mile event carrying about 85 lbs of gear.



Competitors overcame the winter climate conditions to claim the 372nd Engineer Brigade's Best Warrior title at Fort McCoy on March 10-14, 2013. Soldiers competed in the weeklong competition in the two categories as junior enlisted Soldiers and noncommissioned officers.

Snow blanketed the half-mile running track the night before the competitors were scheduled to take the Army Physical Fitness test. The event had to be pushed back two hours to ensure salt could be laid down to prevent injuries. ▶▶



Pfc. Jeffrey J. Ballard, representing the Forward Support Company, 983rd Engineer Battalion, out of Monclova, Ohio, fires a round from his M4A3 carbine during the weapons qualification event at the 372nd Engineer Brigade's Best Warrior Competition at Fort McCoy, Wis., on March 13.

“There was a lot of salt, but it’s good they’re looking out for our safety,” said Spc. Mitchell R. Fromm, representing the 428th Engineer Company out of Wausau, Wis., who raced to the finish line of the two-mile run marking his “fastest run to date.”

Fromm, a native of Marathon City, Wis., has been running in the cold weather to train not only for this competition, but also for the “Salute the Troops” half-marathon he plans to run in Fon Du Lac, Wis., in May.

Not all the Soldiers were as experienced in managing the

winter weather. One competitor was disqualified under the cold conditions but not Sgt. James E. Vargas, representing the 312th Engineer Company out of Duluth, Minn.

“The cold hurts the lungs, freezes the lungs. I made the mistake of breathing through my mouth,” said Vargas.

Battling each other in Modern Army Combatives after dealing the cold weather added to the test of endurance.

“Cold weather kinda sucks, took everything out of me,” said Staff Sgt. Nicholas M. Dershem representing the 304th Engineer Company out of Lima, Ohio.



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Spc. Mitchell R. Fromm, representing the 428th Engineer Company out of Wausau, Wis., plots his coordinate points on a map during the day land navigation event at the 372nd Engineer Brigade's Best Warrior Competition at Fort McCoy, Wis., March 13.



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Spc. Gary L. Goins, representing the 389th Engineer Battalion out of Davenport, Iowa, recovers after the road march event at the 372nd Engineer Brigade's Best Warrior Competition at Fort McCoy, Wis., on March 14.



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A Soldier competing in the 372nd Engineer Brigade's Best Warrior Competition marches through the night carrying about 80 pounds of gear using a flashlight as a guide during the 6-mile road march at Fort McCoy, Wis., March 14.

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Sgt. Andres C. Rivera, representing the 469th Engineer Company out of Dodgeville, Wis., moves towards his waypoint during the day land navigation event at the 372nd Engineer Brigade's Best Warrior Competition at Fort McCoy, Wis., on March 13, 2013.

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Ft. McCoy's high hills and deep snow was the biggest challenge for many of the competitors during the land navigation event. With the recent winter storms raging across the Midwest, snow had built up between one to two feet, making it more difficult for the competitors to find and reach their waypoints.

"Knee deep and hills, even being six foot one, it was knee deep," said Spc. Gary L. Goins representing the 389th Engineer Battalion out of Davenport, Iowa.

There would normally be a night land navigation event but it had to be canceled because of the hazardous conditions.

Weapons qualification in the snow was a first for many of the competitors, but not for Spc. Jesse A. Bleed, representing the 100th Chaplain Detachment out of Fort Snelling, Minn., who sees the benefits of shooting green targets in the white snow.

"The snow helps the targets pop out better, easier to see," said Bleed. Soldiers even had to adjust fire for the formal appearance board event.

Instead of trampling through the messy snow and puddles of melted ice, the Soldiers changed into dress uniforms in the back of the building while waiting for their turn in front with the board. Soldiers then changed back into the Army Combat Uniform before heading back across the snow to their barracks to await the results.

One Soldier received an award early. Staff Sgt. David W. Maybury, representing Headquarters Support Company for the 367th Engineer Battalion based out of Saint Cloud, Minn., was presented with the 372nd Engineer Brigade Purple Heart coin from Command Sgt. Maj. Knute K. Weick. During his deployment to Ramadi, Iraq, in 2006, Maybury's vehicle was hit by a vehicle borne improvised explosive device.

The winners of the competition, however, were not announced until the awards banquet. Fromm won the junior enlisted 372nd Engineer Brigade Best Warrior title, while Sgt. Tyler J. Tidgwell, representing the 327th Engineer Company out of Onalaska, Wis., won the noncommissioned officer title.

Both winners have earned the chance to compete at the Regional Best Warrior Competition in April that will be hosted by the 416th Theater Engineer Command.

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Sgt. James E. Vargas
312th Engineer Company

Spc. Gary L. Goins, representing the 389th Engineer Battalion out of Davenport, Iowa, places his M4A1 rifle on the "V" notch stake during the weapons qualification event at the 372nd Engineer Brigade's Best Warrior Competition at Fort McCoy, Wis., on March 13.



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Spc. Mitchell R. Fromm, right, representing the 428th Engineer Company out of Wausau, Wis., and Sgt. Tyler J. Tidgwell, left, representing 327th Engineer Company out of Onalaska, Wis., pose for a photo with Command Sgt. Maj. Knute K. Weick, the sergeant major of the 372nd Engineer Brigade out of Fort Snelling, Minn., during the awards banquet at the 372nd's Best Warrior Competition at Fort McCoy, Wis., on March 14. Tidgwell was named best warrior for the noncommissioned officer category and Fromm for the junior enlisted category. Both competitors advanced to a regional best warrior competition.



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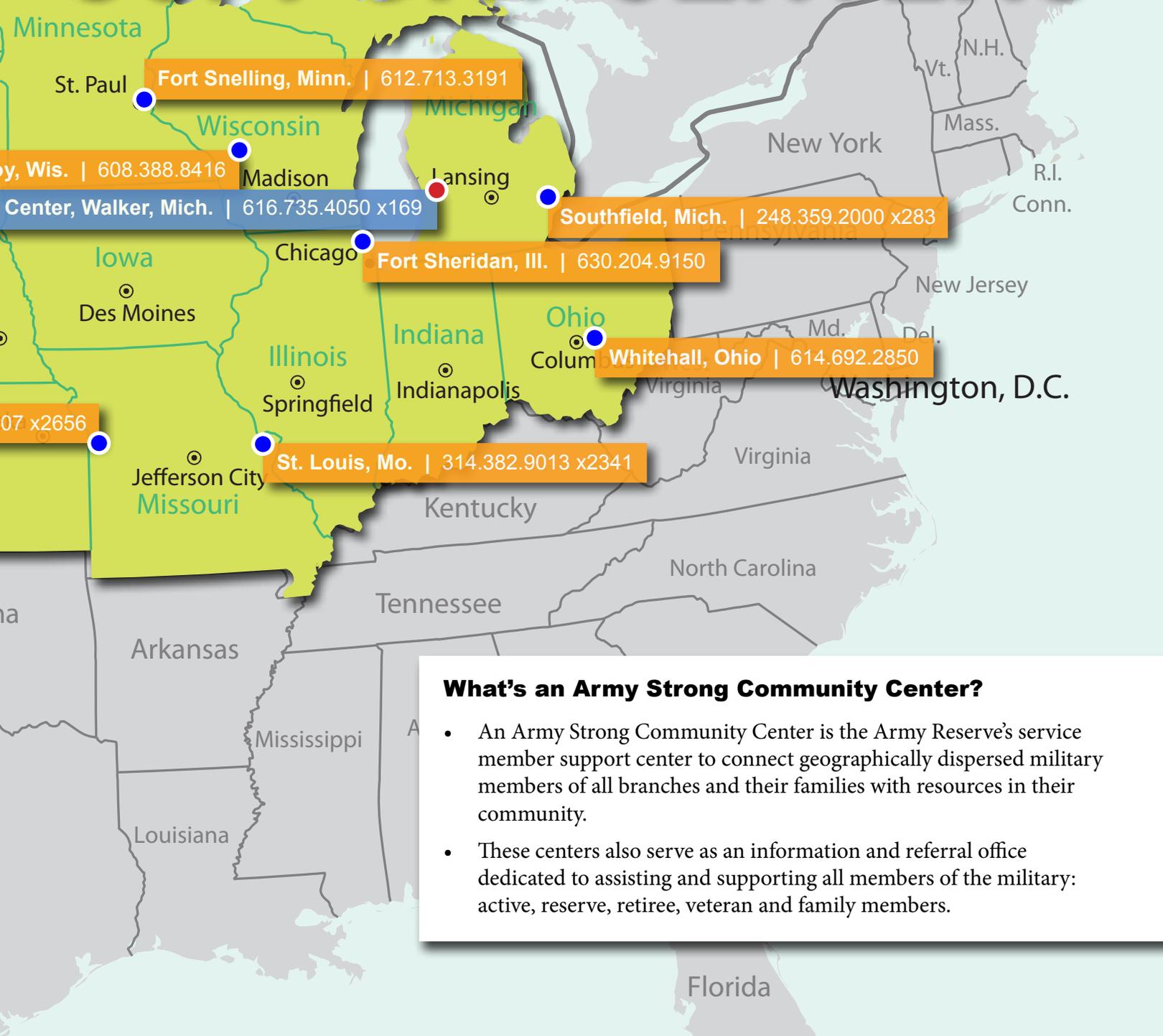
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SOLDIER & FAMILY SUPPORT CENTERS



What's an Army Strong Community Center?

- An Army Strong Community Center is the Army Reserve's service member support center to connect geographically dispersed military members of all branches and their families with resources in their community.
- These centers also serve as an information and referral office dedicated to assisting and supporting all members of the military: active, reserve, retiree, veteran and family members.

LEGEND

-  Army Strong Community Center
-  Reserve Personnel Action Center

MILTON SCHULMAN, A WORLD WAR II VETERAN FROM THE 89TH INFANTRY DIVISION, NOW 89TH SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE, WITH AN UNKNOWN FEMALE BEFORE SHIPPING OUT TO THE EUROPEAN THEATER OF THE WAR. SCHULMAN SERVED AS PART OF GEN. GEORGE S. PATTON'S THIRD ARMY.





STORMING THE GATES OF MEMORIES

STORY **CPL. ZETA GREEN** | 89TH SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE
451ST EXPEDITIONARY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND
COURTESY PHOTOGRAPHY **MILTON SHULMAN**

There were piles everywhere. Piles of clothes, piles of shoes, piles of bodies.”

These are the images that 89 year-old Milton Shulman recalls when he thinks back to his time serving in the U.S. Army during World War II with the 89th Infantry Division, currently the 89th Sustainment Brigade, 451st Expeditionary Sustainment Command.

“We ‘liberated,’ if that’s the word, the concentration camp. It was one of the unforgettable experiences of my life,” Shulman said.

Shulman, a lifelong native of Chicago, was 18 years old when he joined the Enlisted Reserve Corps, now the U.S. Army Reserve. He chose this route because he would have the opportunity to serve his country and also go to school before his overseas tour.

In 1943, after completing his initial entry training, Schulman transitioned to active duty and was sent to the European theater during World War II. His unit, the 89th Infantry Division, eventually became part of Gen. George S. Patton’s Third Army. During this period of time Shulman experienced the first of a series of incidents that stayed with him for the rest of his life.

The 89th Infantry Division was originally a light armor division that was transitioned to a full-scale infantry division. During this transition new companies were formed and staffed with experienced soldiers as well as those fresh from training. Schulman was assigned to a new company and felt that this transfer was a literal lifesaver for him.



Milton Schulman reminisces over his experiences in World War II while looking through old photographs from the war. Schulman, of Jewish decent, was a member of the 89th Infantry Division, now the 89th Sustainment Brigade, when his company assisted in liberating a German concentration camp.

“In moving through the Rhine, my old company F was one of two companies in boats. My old company had over 70 percent casualties. That was the boat I would have been in,” said Schulman.

Throughout the European theater there were rumors about encampments that the German army was operating that housed what Adolf Hitler referred to as the “undesireables,” Jews, Gypsies, homosexuals, among others. Schulman, of Jewish decent, heard these rumors, but they didn’t ring true for him until he crossed the threshold of one such camp.

“The stench, the human stench of the concentration camps, is what I remember,” Schulman said.

He remembered hearing the local population saying that they had no idea, but he didn’t understand how they weren’t impacted by the smell of the camps.



At the concentration camp, Schulman had very little interaction with the prisoners. He and his fellow soldiers handled waste disposal, sanitation and guarding POWs while they were there. Though there wasn’t direct interaction, the gravity of the situation wasn’t lost on him.

“After a while I began to realize just what we’d been witness to, what we’d been able to help,” Schulman said.

His experiences at that concentration camp led him to make a pledge to himself.

“When I left Germany for France on the way home, I made a vow I would never set foot in that blood soaked soil of Germany [again]. I haven’t,” said Schulman.

After Schulman completed his tour in Europe, he returned to Chicago to attend the University of Chicago and received a two-year bachelor’s degree in agronomy, the study of plants and soil. Schulman’s concentration was on soil productivity.



Milton Schulman, a WWII veteran from the 89th Infantry Division, now 89th Sustainment Brigade, with his squad at Camp Lucky Strike, France. After WWII, Schulman went on study Agronomy, which is the study of plants and soil, as well as fighting side by side with the Palestinians as they battled for their independence.

Milton Schulman, a WWI veteran who served with the 89th Infantry division, now the 89th Sustainment Brigade, and his friend Manny at Camp Lucky Strike in France in front of the American Red Cross tavern. Schulman was an anti-tank gunner throughout his tour of duty in the European theater of WWII.

He got the opportunity to study abroad for a year after completing his degree.

“When I finished [school] in Chicago, I took a year of school overseas at the Hebrew University in Palestine. While I was there all hell broke loose. [It was] the war of independence of the state of Israel,” Schulman said.

As a Jewish man in what used to be Palestine, he felt the need to take up arms with those fighting for what would be Israel.

“I became a sniper because I knew how to handle a weapon. I became a patrol leader...they didn’t speak English and I didn’t speak a whole lot of Hebrew, so it was great fun to try and teach them how to field strip a weapon and put it back together,” said Schulman.

While joining the fight for Israel, Schulman had another close call with death. He and his fellow sniper counterpart

had to share a weapon due to the lack of available weapons. One day shortly after his shift change, an enemy sniper killed Schulman’s relief. His friend didn’t move out of the way in time, it could have just as easily been him, said Schulman.

Throughout his life Schulman encountered many intense situations. His body’s defense mechanism to deal with them all was to block out the violent images from his mind. On a trip to the National Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. his experiences all came flooding back.

“Until then it was like I had forgotten. It just opened up the gates of memory, maybe I blocked it out, I don’t know, but I sure didn’t remember it,” said Schulman.

For Schulman, storming the gates of his own mind helped him to realize the past must always be remembered to ensure humanity never has to pay the cost again.

SOLAR POWERS

THE STATE-OF-
THE-ART FACILITY
IS A TECHNOLOGY
HIGHLIGHT OF 2012
FOR ITS DESIGN AND
ENGINEERING.

TRAINING

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416TH THEATER ENGINEER COMMAND





The Joliet Army Reserve Training Center in Elwood, Ill., is the first U.S. Army Reserve training facility to use solar panels. The facility was built as a modernization effort and the Army's "green" initiative.



The new Joliet Army Reserve Training Center in Elwood, Ill., is fully equipped with state-of-the-art classrooms, physical training room, small-weapons simulator, conference rooms, a drill hall and a full-size kitchen.

As the Army Reserve moves toward the new wave of the future, there are many innovative developments continuously being added. One of these developments is the opening of Joliet Army Reserve Training Center in Elwood, Ill., April 14, 2012.

The facility is unique because it is “green” in structure and concept.

“Eighty to 90 percent of the electric load of the facility is being self-generated through solar panels,” said Darrell Chambers, building project manager. Adding, “The future goal is to develop more ‘green’ facilities Army-wide.”



POWER-GENERATING TECHNOLOGY

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~ Darrell Chambers, building project manager

Chambers, a member of the 88th Regional Support Command, said the panels are specifically designed to produce 150,000 watt hours of electricity per year. The project is part of an Army program to achieve “Net Zero” of local power consumption, to become essentially energy self-sufficient.

“The \$36 million facility is the largest local training center in the area,” said Major Gen. Glenn Lesniak, 88th RSC commander. About 600 soldiers will work in the 60,000-square-foot facility. The 470th Movement Control Battalion and the 459th Transportation Company are a part of this transition. It is fully equipped with state-of-the-art classrooms, physical training room, small-weapons simulator, conference rooms, a drill hall and a full-

size kitchen. The facility is self contained because of the training support is available to include: basic marksmanship, field training and a bridge site to practice convoys.

There are benefits of a facility which collates the entire battalion at one location, said Lesniak.

“Not only can soldiers drill together, but train together and the opportunity for senior enlisted to get involved in mentoring our junior enlisted,” said Command Sgt. Major Michael B. Koszuta, 88th RSC’s command sergeant major.

Maj. Joseph Karius, 470th MCB commander, said, “with bringing soldiers into a new building it will help the Soldier to take pride in what they are doing and also build morale.

Soldiers of the sea rescue mariner

STORY **CAPT. MICHAEL MEYER** | 364TH EXPEDITIONARY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND

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U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Robert T. Kuroda
Logistics Support Vessel-7 docked
at the Osman, Arnold, Kramer "OAK"
Pier in Tacoma, Wash.

U.S. ARMY
LSV-7

ARMY VESSEL CREW RESCUES CIVILIAN SAILOR FROM SINKING SAILBOAT



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Michael Harris, center, the sailor rescued from a sinking sailboat by the USAV Robert T. Kuroda (LSV-7) crew. From left to right: Spc. Stephanie Hardee, Staff Sgt. Augusta Dyer, Warrant Officer 3 Clarence Johnson, Staff Sgt. Timothy Cole, Spc. Dustin Baldwin, Sgt. Bennet Hansen, Michael Harris, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Tom Dike (the vesselmaster), Warrant Officer 2 John Sheridan, and Warrant Officer Christopher Dorsey.

**The Nacht Vlinder
(Night Butterfly)
illuminated by
searchlight.**



MARYSVILLE, Wash. — Tacoma Soldiers aboard the Army Reserve's vessel USAV Robert T. Kuroda (LSV-7) rescued a man from his sailboat, only moments before it sunk beneath the waves.

On the afternoon of July 10, 2012, Michael Harris, left Ventura, Calif., headed towards the Catalina islands, and unexpectedly found himself battling a sudden squall which threatened to take him to a watery grave.

"The marine radio gave no indication of bad weather for several days and there were no small craft warnings at that time," said Harris.

The squall created waves 10-15 feet high, battering the sailboat named the Nacht Vlinder, or "Night Butterfly" for about eight hours. The main sail of the vessel was ripped in half, and the engine had failed.

"I was just exhausted, drenched and wet," said Harris. "Hypothermia was setting in. Basically, I'd had just about had it, so I had to make the call for mayday."

The U.S. Coast Guard sector Los Angeles received a distress call from the sailboat near San Nicholas Island, and determined that the Army vessel, Kuroda, was within three hours from the sailboat, and was the closest vessel to the sailboat. The closest Coast Guard vessel was approximately 13 hours out.

The crew of the Kuroda, the 805th Transportation Company from Tacoma, Wash., began the search a little after

midnight. The Kuroda belongs to the 805th TC Company of Tacoma, Wash. The 805th TC Company reports to the 364th Expeditionary Sustainment Command in Marysville, Wash., which commands 4,000 soldiers in logistical units across the northwestern United States.

"We were checking out a site that we were going to make a beach landing on San Nicholas Island in the Catalina archipelago when we got the call," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Tom Dike, vessel master of the Kuroda. The Kuroda was participating in their 29 days of annual training in preparation for an upcoming deployment this fall.

"When any Army watercraft is on the water and a call goes out for assistance, you pretty much drop everything," Dike said. "It's the unwritten law of the sea, when a mariner is in distress, you don't ask any questions, you just go."

Dike radioed Harris and asked him to turn on his lights, but he was completely out of power. Harris responded on a radio with failing batteries, by sending up an emergency flare. The crew of the Kuroda spotted the tiny red light less than a mile away. Harris sent his last two flares up before the Army vessel spotted him in the water.

"I'm in 15-20 foot waves," Harris said. "In between these waves in the troughs the water was just boiling, water was just going up everywhere. Their ship was a 300 ft. landing craft and it's bouncing up and down too, and my boat is like 28 ft. long, like a match stick. Just being able to spot me was just incredible."



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I'm just incredibly grateful to the captain and the crew for saving my life.

~ Michael Harris

The crew hoped to be able to drop Harris a line and tow his vessel to safety. When they got a good look at the boat, however, they realized it wasn't going to be possible. He was taking on water and his stern was going under. With the gusting winds and crashing seas buffeting the craft, they needed to get Harris off quickly.

"In the last hours my boat had been taking on water through vents and because of the pressure and force of the water hitting my windows," Harris said. "The water literally sprayed inside around the window seal like a high pressure garden hose. My bilge was full to the floorboards because my pump couldn't keep up."

The first two attempts to rescue Harris were unsuccessful. Dike was concerned that the vessels could crash into one another and do damage to both vessels and crew members so he had to pull away each time.

On the third attempt to reach Harris, the Kuroda pulled

up right alongside the Vlinder, with rub rails actually touching during the dangerous swells. The Vlinder was partially submerged at this point, and the crew of the Kuroda knew Harris didn't have much more time.

"His mast was banging into our top rail and my guys were dodging it. It was frightening," Dikes said. "I had soldiers out there getting seasick, but they were not going to leave [Harris] out there."

Harris jumped off his sailboat and clung to the scupper rail and stood on the ship's rub-rail, an eight-inch-wide lip of rubber-padded steel intended to keep the ship from rubbing against docks in port.

Spc. Jason Estoc dropped safety lines from above, and soldiers on the deck laid flat on their stomachs to reach through scupper holes, intended to drain water from the deck, and to hold his ankles. Harris walked along the rub-rail for at least 20 feet following the hand signals of the crew.

"All of a sudden, five hands just grabbed me and pulled me inside," said Harris.

"They were doing exactly what they were trained for," said Harris, a Navy veteran. "They were all working as a single seamless unit, communicating. They were all along the rail, holding each other, like a single team, so that nobody could fall out of the ship and endanger themselves. This was extremely dangerous for them to try and pick me off without anybody getting hurt."

"Our training just kicked in," said Staff Sgt. Augusta Dyer, the ship's detachment sergeant. "Our guys just knew what to do, and they did it."

"We practice this sort of pickup all the time in case we lose a crew member over the side and we have to be able to recover him at sea, so that training definitely benefited us during this rescue," said Dike.

Spc. Dustin Baldwin, the vessel medic, treated Harris for mild hypothermia with no further medical care required. The stern

of the Nacht Vlinder went under only minutes after Harris was rescued. In all, it took 90 harrowing minutes to get Harris to safety once his vessel was discovered.

"The temperature of the sea was at about 54 degrees," said Sgt. Bennett Hansen, ship's boatswain. "At that temperature, he wouldn't have survived 45 minutes in the water."

The following morning, the Kuroda docked at Port Hueneme, Calif., and Harris had a joyful and tearful reunion with this girlfriend.

"I'm just incredibly grateful to the captain and the crew for saving my life," said Harris. "This was an incredible, miraculous save, and it was only possible because of the skill and preparation of the men and women of that ship."

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ARMY RESERVE'S
85TH ARMY BAND

BAND PERFORMS IN GERMANY & FRANCE





Members of the 85th Army Band, an Army Reserve unit based out of Arlington Heights, Ill., perform July 20, 2012, during a concert for an audience of about 600 persons at the Orangery Convention Center in Fulda, Germany. The band was on overseas deployment training and assisted the U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus.

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Army band revives patriotism

STORY SPC. JESSICA THERRIAULT | 85TH ARMY BAND
88TH REGIONAL SUPPORT COMMAND

The mission of the United States Army Bands is to provide music throughout the spectrum of military operations, to instill in our forces the will to fight and win, to foster the support of our citizens, and to promote our national interests at home and abroad.

On July 20, 2012, this mission statement came to life before the eyes of the 85th Army Band at their concert in Fulda, Germany. All of the Soldiers in the band were affected during this concert.

Sgt. Justin Miller, a trumpet player, was especially moved by the music and the reaction from the audience.

“When we opened with Silverado [a piece by Randol Bass written for the film of the same name] and played so well,” Miller said, “it set the entire concert up for the highest expectations we’ve ever had. I already set high expectations for American Elegy [a Frank Ticheli piece written for the Columbine High School shooting in 1999], so it was just an incredible experience when we played it so well.”

Miller continued, “The introduction that Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jim Walker gave about the thought of those people dying for no reason other than someone’s pure hatred really set me off emotionally. I kept thinking about the hate that



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An audience of about 600 persons listens to the 85th Army Band, an Army Reserve unit based out of Arlington Heights, Ill., during a concert July 20, 2012, at the Orangery Convention Center in Fulda, Germany. The band was on overseas deployment training and assisted the U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus.

The U.S. Army Reserve's 85th Army Band based out of Arlington Heights, Ill., flew overseas to conduct its overseas duty training performing missions in Germany and France for the U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus.

Music Makes a Difference

people have inside them, but I still had hope for humanity because of the fact that we are able to produce such amazingly powerful energy just from music. After the piece was over, everyone could feel that energy. It was just incredible.”

Through conversations with the members of the audience, Sgt. Shari Heda and Spc. Sarah Williams learned the story of one American man. He was a Californian in Germany visiting friends. He told the Soldiers that in recent years his faith in the United States had greatly diminished. His view had become very pessimistic and he was embarrassed to say he was an American.

He and his friends heard about the concert and decided

to come. By the end of the Americana-themed concert, he said his faith and hope in the United States had been restored. For the first time in recent years, he was proud to call himself an American again. He was very thankful to the Soldiers for the wonderful concert.

The Fulda concert is one that will not soon be forgotten by the Soldiers in the band or the audience members. Recalling her experiences, Heda reminisced, “I wish every Soldier could experience the immense joy and friendship created through shared struggle; through the universal language of music, our sacrifices are remembered and our lives rejuvenated.”



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The 85th Army Band, an Army Reserve unit based out of Arlington Heights, Ill., plays a concert July 20, 2012, for an audience of about 600 persons at the Orangery Convention Center in Fulda, Germany. The band was on overseas deployment training and assisted the U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus.



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American Lt. memorialized in France

STORY SPC. GRETCHEN SMITH | 85TH ARMY BAND

88TH REGIONAL SUPPORT COMMAND

Imagine, surrounded by sloping mountains, a quaint village with flower-lined cobblestone streets and streams flowing serenely throughout. The smell of freshly baked bread and the local French cuisine drift through the air, tickling the nose and teasing the tongue with the promise of delicious food yet to come. It's hard to believe that the horrors of World War I and the Second World War touched such a secluded beautiful place as the Val d'Ajol.

The 85th Army Band from Arlington Heights, Ill., stepped off its bus into the city of Val d'Ajol, which was decorated with both French and American flags for the celebrations and remembrances about to take place. The principle mission of the band was to perform a concert, march in a parade, and to participate in several ceremonies to honor the memory of 1st Lt. Robert A. Booth.

Booth, from Connecticut, flew for the final time on Oct. 27, 1944. As a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps' 405th Squadron, Booth (a second lieutenant at the time who was posthumously promoted to first lieutenant) and his squadron flew regardless of the unfavorable weather to provide aide to the struggling troops in Foret de Champ, France. Although the events that led to his fatal crash are uncertain, the people of the Val d'Ajol believe with an unrelenting fervor that Booth saved their community and even though his plane crashed into the side of a mountain nearly 70 years ago, the people still feel a strong sense of gratitude to their young American hero.

The gratitude that the citizens of this small community had for Booth was also shown to the 85th Army Band during their stay.

"They treated us like we saved them," Staff Sgt. Eric Jerauld noted after the weekend of French hospitality.

The city provided lodging for the entire unit and all the meals for the duration of their stay. The citizens also received the musicians with open arms, inviting the Soldiers to mingle with them during meals and in-between performances. Though many of the American Soldiers and French citizens communicated with mispronounced phrases and lots of hand gestures, they were still able to laugh and form friendships.

Amidst the warm French welcome and the celebrations of Bastille Day were the ceremonies that honored Booth. Speeches were given in the town square, the hanging of a wreath on a monument for those who died during World War I and World

Soldiers of the 85th Army Band conduct a flag-folding ceremony July 15, 2012, at the Epinal American Cemetery in France where 1st Lt. Robert A. Booth was laid to rest.

World War II U.S. Army Air Corps pilot memorialized in the Valley of the Cattails

War II, a flag folding ceremony at an American cemetery where Booth's body was finally laid to rest, as well as the unveiling of a monument at the crash site of the lieutenant's plane. The band's presence and participation in these ceremonies moved many to tears and helped to immortalize the actions of the young American.

The woman who organized the ceremonies and the creation of the monument for Booth was Jocelyn Papeard. All of Jocelyn's actions were done gratuitously, from erecting the memorial at the crash site to translating speeches to coordinating the band's arrival and lodging. Driving Papeard was her desire to honor the man who saved the Val d'Ajol as well as to remind the citizens of the valley of the sacrifice that the village's hero made.

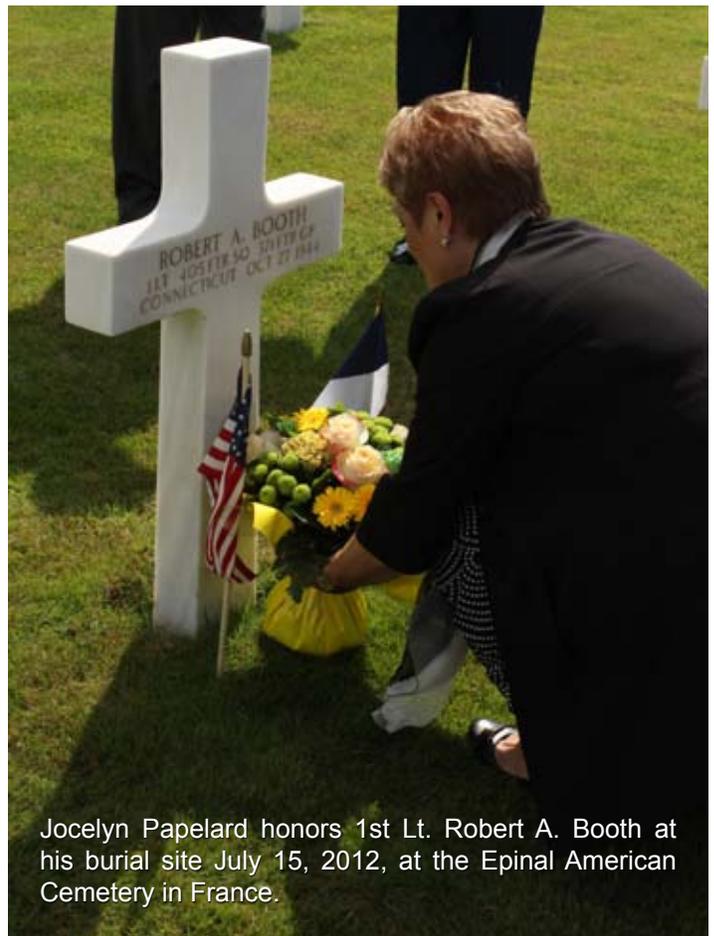
The ceremonies fell on the weekend of Bastille Day (the French equivalent of Independence Day) and, in contrast to the somber remembrances for Booth, the 85th Army Band performed a concert in the town square for the public to attend. Regardless of a passing shower that delayed the concert, the band resumed their playing with J.C. Heed's "In Storm and Sunshine" and the citizens braved the weather, continuing to fill the square to hear popular songs such as "St. Louis Blues," "America the Beautiful," and "The Glenn Miller Medley." The band spent their final day in the Val d'Ajol performing at Booth's crash site where a monument marking the location was unveiled for the first time.

On their trip back to their temporary duty station in Schwetzingen, Germany, the members of the band reflected on their experiences in France.

"I know my perceptions on the French have changed," remarked Staff Sgt. Kyle Rinke when the Soldiers compared the hospitality and friendliness of the people of the Val d'Ajol amongst themselves.

Sgt. Dominic Colonero said that even though he didn't really know that much about the French or what to expect he "learned a lot and [he] left France with a deeper appreciation for [the French]."

After spending such an unforgettable weekend with a kind, accepting French community, all the bandsmen will return to the United States and will be able to share their experiences with others. The fellowship that the members of the 85th Army Band now have with the people of Val d'Ajol will, like the beauty of valley in which the village lies, forever remain in their hearts.



Jocelyn Papeard honors 1st Lt. Robert A. Booth at his burial site July 15, 2012, at the Epinal American Cemetery in France.

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Members of the 85th Army Band view a recovered piece that belonged to Booth's plane July 15, 2012, in Val d'Ajol, France.

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IN MEMORY OF TWO SOLDIERS

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Victoria Johnson, wife of Maj. Alan Johnson, views the plaque in memory of her husband July 28, 2012, that will be placed at the Maj. Alan Johnson Maintenance Facility in Yakima, Wash.



The Army Reserve opened its newest facilities in the remote town of Yakima, Wash., July 29, 2012. Located in the heart of apple country, and where 75 percent of hops are grown in the nation, the newly built buildings on the Yakima Training Center both have similar rustic brick finishes topped with red roofs. They house more than 400 Soldiers from both the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve. For Victoria Johnson and Loren Clevenger these are more than just buildings, they are reminders of loved ones that they lost in Iraq.

Hosted by the Brig. Gen. Alton G. Berry, commanding general of the 88th Regional Support Command, the Sgt. Ross A. Clevenger Armed Forces Reserve Center and the Maj. Alan R. Johnson Maintenance Facility were both memorialized with a time honored military ceremony. Soldiers and family members attended remembering Sgt. Clevenger and Maj. Johnson who both gave their lives in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“This cements the fact that he will not be forgotten for his sacrifices,” said Victoria, who lost her husband,



Family members visit the Maj. Alan Johnson Maintenance Facility July 28, 2012, in Yakima, Wash.

Jan. 26, 2007. Maj. Johnson served as a civil affairs officer with the 402nd Civil Affairs Battalion in Iraq. Johnson, 44, died from wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee in the town of Muqdadiyah. Johnson served with both the North Dakota National Guard and the Army Reserve and was commissioned after being an enlisted Soldier first. “He never gave up being a Soldier. He would be out there at the wash racks and performing maintenance on vehicles with his soldiers,” added Victoria.

The Alan R. Johnson Maintenance Facility houses a multiple-

bay area for training, maintenance and administrative support. Victoria said that when they were looking for someone to name the facility after, they looked for a Soldier who never gave up and had a win-win attitude. “My husband always gave it a 100 percent.”

Located next to the maintenance facility is the Sergeant Ross A. Clevenger Armed Forces Reserve Center named after the combat engineer who lost his life after his route clearing vehicle was hit by an explosive attack in Iraq’s Anbar province just west of Baghdad in February of 2007.

“We always knew that Ross did great things,” said Loren Clevenger, father of Sgt. Clevenger. “He always liked to make people happy.” Clevenger served with the Army Reserve’s 321st Engineer Battalion.

“The courage and bravery he displayed was a credit to his upbringing as a man and a warrior,” stated 1st Sgt. Roy Smith who was with Clevenger during the attack. “I hope that those who perform duty in this building will take time to know more about Ross who is a son, a brother and a hero. We will never forget his sacrifice.”

Due to the Base Realignment and Closure directive, in 2005, it was determined that two Army Reserve Centers in Pasco, Wash. and Pendleton, Wash., and one Washington Army National Guard Readiness Center in the area would be closed and units consolidated onto the Yakima Training Center. Moving these units under one roof not only saves

costs but provides the 400 Soldiers and federal employees direct access to state-of-the-art facilities consisting of classrooms, administrative areas, a library, a learning center, a computer lab and storage space.

It is now the home for seven Army Reserve units and one Washington National Guard unit.

These two facilities will now prepare Soldiers and their equipment for future global missions and will also serve as a remembrance of the two lost soldiers.

“This new complex also signals a long term commitment by the U.S. Army Reserve to the city of Yakima and its citizens,” said Berry, who feels that this building is the focal point for training and readiness. “Our men and women will learn the skills to be effective soldiers in this ever changing environment where we must adapt quickly to emerging global threats.”



The plaque in memory of Sgt. Ross A. Clevenger. Clevenger was killed by a roadside bomb Feb. 8, 2007, while serving with the 321st Engineer Battalion in Iraq.

A Soldier walks into the new Sgt. Ross A. Clevenger Armed Forces Reserve Center in Yakima, Wash.





FOOD FIGHT!

***ARMY RESERVE SOLDIERS COMPETE FOR
HIGHEST FOOD SERVICE HONOR***

STORY / PHOTOGRAPHY **SGT. 1ST CLASS NEIL SIMMONS**
451ST EXPEDITIONARY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND

In a field at Greenlief Training Site in Hastings, Neb., camouflage netting concealed the activities of a group of Army Reserve Soldiers before dawn Oct. 20, 2012. Sentries patrolled the perimeter of the carefully prepared site, while others challenged entrance to the interior, but all these preparations were not meant to protect as much as they were to impress. This is because members of the 295th Ordnance Company want to prove they have what it takes to be the best food service specialists in the Army Reserve.

The 295th, located in Hastings, Neb., and commanded by Capt. Wendy Hansen, is competing in the Philip A. Connelly competition. The Connelly competition is an awards program established in March 1968 to recognize excellence in Army food service and improve professionalism. It is named for the late Philip A. Connelly, former International Food Service Executives Association president who was responsible for obtaining IFSEA's sponsorship with the Army.

IFSEA is the food service industry's oldest trade association, organized in 1901. Stanley Gibson, a certified food executive and IFSEA representative, served as one of the three evaluators during this competition. He has volunteered for six Connelly competitions and strongly believes in the value of the program.

"To me, this is the most important external event IFSEA does," said Gibson. "This program is so important, any time I can volunteer, I will."

Gibson explained that simulating real-world conditions and site selection are just two of nearly 1,000 items the evaluators inspected as part of the competition. Other items included food preparation, taste, service, and sanitation.

Soldiers from the 295th prepared and trained for months to get to the final level of the Connelly competition. They advanced through two lower levels to earn a place as one of four units nominated in the Army Reserve Field Kitchen Category. This category is one of five offered in the Connelly competition, and the only one specifically for the Army Reserve.

As expected, everything in a field kitchen must be mobile and quick to setup, including the food sanitation tent, the refrigeration unit, and of course the mobile kitchen trailer.

According to Staff Sgt. Paul League, non-commissioned officer in charge of the field sanitation team, the MKT served as the 295th competition site's hub, and considerable time went into where the unit should position each piece of equipment to meet Army guidance. He and other soldiers from the

Spc. Jason Nasr, a food service specialist with the 295th Ordnance Company, out of Hastings, Neb., adds chicken stock to a pot inside the unit's mobile kitchen trailer at the Greenlief Training Site here Oct. 20.



Carrots are carefully prepared for cooking by Sgt. Kenton Fuller, food operations noncommissioned officer.



Spc. Jason Nasr serves food to a fellow Soldier inside the unit's mobile kitchen trailer.

“We have to have higher standards [than civilian restaurants] because as stress levels go up, the immunity goes down.”

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Kim Shiner
Food program manager
451st Expeditionary Sustainment Command

295th battled severe wind and cold in the days leading up to the competition to keep the site ready for the competition.

“I’m just glad the wind died down today,” said League with a grin.

With all the preparations in order, the focus of the day was truly on the food and the soldiers who prepared it. Leading the 295th food operations team was Sgt. 1st Class Jane Stark, senior food operations sergeant, who spent time escorting the evaluators around the site and answering questions.

Inside the MKT, four soldiers worked for more than five hours preparing a nutritious and tasty noon meal: Sgt. Dustin Schroeder, food operations manager; Sgt. Kenton Fuller, food operations non-commissioned officer, as well as Spc. Jason Nasr and Pfc. Joshua Capps, both food service specialists.

The team prepared the same meal at each level of competition consisting of salad, soup, sweet and sour chicken, vegetable stir fry, lyonnaise rice, and Asian pear cake. However, with so many requirements in preparing the food, they could not let over confidence set in. Even Nasr, who has the most impressive culinary résumé among the MKT crew, sees a difference in how the Army prepares food.

“It is much more structured with the production schedule and timeliness we have to meet and follow,” said Nasr, who has been cooking for 16 years in various civilian occupations. He also noted how sanitation requirements

were more extensive in the Army. “Better to keep people safe than risk anything,” he added.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Kim Shiner, the food program manager for the 451st Expeditionary Sustainment Command, offered insight into why sanitation is so critical in Army food service.

“We have to have higher standards [than civilian restaurants] because as stress levels go up, the immunity goes down,” said Shiner. Soldiers who get sick from food are not able to perform their duties, reducing the readiness of the unit and its ability to do its mission. This can be extremely detrimental in a combat environment.

After all the 295th’s work, how was the food? Soldiers seemed impressed.

“The rice had a lot of flavor, and the chicken was moist with excellent texture,” said Sgt. Jeremiah Richardson, operations non-commissioned officer for the 366th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment.

However, the true question is how well the 295th’s efforts stack up against the other Army Reserve units in the competition. They will have to wait until January, when IFSEA is scheduled to announce the winners.

Soldiers from units selected as winners and runner-ups in each category will travel to Dallas in April to attend the annual IFSEA international food service conference. While there, they will receive several days of culinary training, meet with food vendors, and attend the Connelly awards ceremony.



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O-9	LTG	VADM	VADM	LtGen	Lt Gen
O-8	MG	RADM	RADM	MajGen	Maj Gen
O-7	BG	RDML	RDML	BGen	Brig Gen
O-6	COL	CAPT	CAPT	Col	Col
O-5	LTC	CDR	CDR	LtCol	Lt Col
O-4	MAJ	LCDR	LCDR	Maj	Maj
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