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# Army to field new Operational Camouflage Pattern for uniforms

By Bob Reinert USAG Natick Public Affairs

NATICK, Mass. – If you can't see it, you can't attack it.

Since the conflicts of the 18th century, that's been the thinking behind military camouflage. Today, when it's applied to their uniforms, it can save Soldiers lives. That fact has driven the Army's decades-long efforts to improve its camouflage patterns.

The next step toward greater Soldier protection comes July 1, when the Army begins to make the Operational Camouflage Pattern available for the Army Combat Uniform in select military clothing sales stores. The pattern will replace the current Universal Camouflage Pattern. The UCP has been used for the past decade.

The transition period for the pattern will extend from July 1, 2015, to Sept. 30, 2019. The entire Army will be in the Operational Camouflage Pattern by Oct. 1, 2019. New Soldiers will receive ACUs with the pattern beginning in January 2016.

The Operational Camouflage Pattern will be made available to

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Soldiers are authorized to wear the Operational Camouflage Pattern ACU starting 1 July 2015. Sales will begin July 2015. Centralized issue for incoming Soldiers will begin January 2016 (2QFY16). Mandatory possession date is 1 October 2019.

 Soldiers are authorized to wear the sand or the Tan 499 T-shirt, sand or Tan 499 belt, and tan or Coyote Brown boots during the transition period which ends 30 SEP 2019.

 Tan 499 T-shirt color: Available starting July 2015.

 Tan 499 belt color: Available starting July 2015.

 Coyote Brown boot color: Available starting August 2015.



NOTE: Soldiers may wear OEF-CP or Operational Camouflage Pattern headgear with both OEF-CP Flame Resistant Army Combat Uniform and Operational Camouflage Pattern Army Combat Uniform.

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The Operational Camouflage Pattern will be available for purchase in select military clothing sales stores beginning July 1. The new pattern will replace the current Universal Camouflage Pattern. The UCP has been used for the past decade.

## Preparing JBM-HH for 2025 and beyond

#### By Julia LeDoux Pentagram Staff Writer

Senior leaders on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall are empowering their teams to provide excellent customer service while maintaining the best facilities in the National Capital Region by implementing a JBM-HH strategic plan.

"If we want to be the premiere installation for joint basing, this is how we get here" said Lavonda Lessane of the JBM-HH Plans, Analysis and Integration Office. "I think it's going to give them [the installation workforce] a more fluent, transparent way of doing business and where we want to go in the future. The end game is making sure we are successful in our mission

and become the premiere joint base for the Army."

JBM-HH's strategic plan is based on and aligned with The U.S. Army Installation Management Command's IMCOM 2025 and Beyond, a campaign plan operationalizing Commanding General Lt. Gen David D. Halverson's vision for the organization, last November. The plan serves as a change management document that applies to all of IMCOM's components, including JBM-HH, and directs base commanders to incorporate the plan's strategic framework into installation plans.

"Basically, it's a guideline for how we should be moving forward to 2025," said Lessane.

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PHOTO BY DAMIEN SALAS

Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall leaders and staff are writing a strategic plan to detail JBM-HH work efforts over the next decade. The plan will help JBM-HH continue to deliver top-notch customer service.

# New Conmy Hall lights will save JBM-HH thousands

#### By Guv Callahan Pentagram Staff Writer

A new project is underway to reduce energy usage in Conmy Hall on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.

More than 300 light fixtures in Conmy Hall are being converted to lower-wattage LED lights in an effort to reduce energy use by more than 60 percent, according to Bill Lucas, energy manager at JBM-HH's Directorate of Public Works.

The house lights, hallway lights and aisle lights will all be replaced, Lucas said. The larger theatrical lights used

during ceremonies and performances will remain untouched.

"We're always trying to achieve more energy efficiency, and LED technology is a no-brainer now," he said.

According to Lucas, the old 500-watt bulbs were inefficient and unreliable, requiring regular change-outs and maintenance.

The new LED bulbs will be between 40

and 130 watts and have a life expectancy of between five to 10 years.

"The old lightbulbs were always failing and expensive to replace," Lucas said.

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GRAPHIC BY HELEN KLEIN

### News Notes

### AIE system upgrades ongoing

The automated installation entry (AIE) system that helps monitor access to Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall is being upgraded on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base through July 1.

During this period, visitor control center staff in Bldg. 415 on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base will issue temporary AIE passes for non-Department of Defense affiliated personnel. The temporary passes will expire July 1.

Non-DoD affiliated visitors who have already submitted a packet requesting an AIE ID card and were notified of their eligibility for an AIE pass can pick up a temporary pass at the visitor control center. To do so, call 703-696-8968 or 703-588-2803.

For DoD ID card holders: With the upgrades to the new access system, pre-registration of DoD ID cards is no longer required; these cards will be automatically registered in the AIE system when DoD ID card holders use the upgraded AIE system for the first time. The transition to the upgraded access system will be transparent for those who access the joint base. Watch for updates to this schedule.

#### Education Center seeks input

The Fort Myer Education Center staff will conduct an education needs assessment survey through June 15. The purpose of the survey is to find out if current education center programs are meeting

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## **Read-along**



Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Command Sgt. Maj. Randall E. Woods follows along while first grader Mariano, 7, reads a book May 29 at Peyton Randolph Elementary School in Arlington. The read-along, put together by JBM-HH Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) volunteers, aims to connect service members with the off-post community.

### From the editor's desk: So why's it called 'Pentagram,' anyway?



By Jim Goodwin Pentagram Editor

What's in a name?

For a newspaper, everything: That large, bold banner bearing the newspaper's name is often the most noticeable portion of a newspaper, serving as both an attention grabber for potential readers and as a familiar, distinguishable characteristic to repeat readers.

For the Pentagram, our publication's name is more than a banner—it is a reflection of more than 60 years' worth of news reporting, documenting everyday life and significant happenings in the Military District of Washington beginning just after World War II, spanning through the Korean and Cold Wars to

present day. Originally published in 1949 as The Fort Myer Post, the newspaper served those who worked at or lived on any installation within the Military District of Washington, according to a look at Pentagram archives. This paper was published in Arlington, Va., and billed as an "independent newspaper" that was "published by D.J. Arone, a private individual, in no way connected with the Department of the Army," according to one of the earliest editions published in January 1957. This was the true precursor to today's Pentagram newspaper as it was published by a civilian contractor at no cost to readers; the advertising in today's Pentagram similarly covers production costs. That means the paper is produced at no cost to the U.S. Government.

Later, the paper branched into two papers. The MDW Post, a monthly that ran from 1971 to at least 1975 (official archives of the paper from 1976 to 1983 are not available), replaced The Fort



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The Pentagram News, one of several newspapers that were precursors to today's Pentagram, was billed as an "independent newspaper" and published weekly from 1949 to 1971 before being replaced by the MDW Post. Today's Pentagram name is derived from two Greek words: "Pente," meaning "five," and "Gramma," meaning something written, drawn or otherwise noted.

Myer Post because of both a change in leadership and "in accordance with the consolidation of the Military District of Washington," according to an editorial note on the inside of the Jan. 26, 1971, edition of The Fort Myer Post.

Additionally, a second publication began publishing just a few years behind The Fort Myer Post: The Pentagram News. The paper was later published weekly every Thursday by another private entity, The Premier Publishing Company. The paper cost 5 cents per issue in 1957.

In 1983, the word "news" was dropped from the title, and the rest is history.

But what exactly does the word "Pentagram" mean? This is a question we get now and then, so it is fitting to provide an answer. According to a mission statement document, the name is derived from the Greek word "Pente," meaning "five," in reference to the Pentagon. The word "gram" is

from the ancient Greek suffix "gramma," meaning something written, drawn or otherwise noted.

Today we have a weekly circulation of 24,000, which includes the National Capital Region and the Pentagon. Also notable is the fact that we are a "joint" publication, serving the communities of all three portions of JBM-HH: Fort Myer, Fort McNair and Henderson Hall, since 2009.

For those who were curious as to the history of the Pentagram, I hope this has helped shed a bit of light on the topic.

The Pentagram is truly a historic and unique newspaper serving a historic and unique geographical region nestled next to the nation's capital. But don't take my word for it. See for yourself: You can review old copies of the Pentagram as well as its forerunners at the JBM-HH Library. The library contains bound archives of most issues dating back to 1949. The library is located in room 120

in Bldg. 417 at the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH. The library is open Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is closed Fridays and Saturdays.

While we certainly have no plans on changing our name, we are always seeking ways to evolve the paper to meet the information needs of our readership. As always, I encourage you – our readers to tell us what you think about today's paper: Are we publishing what you like to read? What news or information are we not publishing that you would like to see in print? Is there something we can do better? And of course we relish learning about what we are doing right, too. So, if there is a particular type of story or portion of the newspaper that you enjoy and would simply like to see more of, let us know. Feel free to reach me at: pentagramjbmhh@yahoo.com.

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## Community

## Get to know: Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Robert Pullen

#### By Julia LeDoux Pentagram Staff Writer

Sgt. Maj. Robert W. Pullen is settling into his role as the new sergeant major of Headquarters and Service Battalion, Headquarters Marine Corps, Henderson Hall.

"This is my first time within the beltway," he said. "Everything is a new experience to me."

Pullen replaced retired Sgt. Maj. Craig Cressman as the battalion's top senior enlisted advisor April 10. He joined the Marine Corps in 1989 and comes to Henderson Hall from 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, Camp Lejeune, N.C., where the majority of Marines who served under him were in the junior enlisted ranks. In contrast, Pullen said the majority of Marines assigned to H&S Battalion are staff noncommissioned officers and officers.

"I've got about 250 NCOs, corporals and below and 40 lance corporals and below," he said. "One of the biggest things that I want to do is ensure that we have a strong staff NCO corps and noncommissioned corps and that the young Marines are getting the care and maintenance they need."

Among the things that make H&S unique in the Marine Corps is its administrative mission, said Pullen.

"The battalion, we're not here to deploy," he explained. "We're here to provide service and support to the Marines of the battalion and the joint base."

And, the support the battalion provides is an integral part of keeping the Marines it serves mission ready, Pullen said.

"As long as we can support everybody, I feel that's our tie-in to success," he said.

Pullen said he is especially concerned about the Marines who are assigned to the battalion as privates or privates first class as their first tour of duty in the Corps.

"They leave in three years, potentially as an NCO, a corporal," he said. "We've got to make sure they're armed with the same leadership skills a comparable corporal in the fleet has. The last thing we want is to send them back [to the fleet] and they be behind their peers. That's not fair to them."

Pullen said the battalion's staff

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U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Robert W. Pullen addresses attendees after taking post as battalion sergeant major, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Headquarters Marine Corps, Henderson Hall, during a relief and appointment ceremony at the Henderson Hall portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall April 10. Pullen is the senior enlisted Marine for a battalion that serves thousands of Marines and families across the National Capital Region and several Marines serving overseas.

## Dailey hosts tattoo to thank Soldier-ambassadors



Soldiers from the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) perform during the Twilight Tattoo May 27 in Conmy Hall on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey hosted the event in honor of the very Soldiers who put on the weekly event: The Old Guard and The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own."

#### By Lisa Ferdinando **Army News Service**

Soldiers who put on the Twilight Tattoo are ambassadors for the Army and instill a sense of pride in all who see the military pageant, the Army's top enlisted adviser said.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey hosted the May 27 tattoo at the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall in honor of the Soldiers, assigned to the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) and U.S. Army Band, who put on the weekly event.

It is important to recognize the men and women, who help to carry on the traditions of the Army, Dailey told the Soldiers

Washington, D.C.

during a reception he hosted in their honor at his residence.

"I want to personally say thank you for what you do every single day," he said.

The Twilight Tattoo is a one-hour military pageant that honors the service and sacrifice of Soldiers, from the nation's

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## **New power-generated tents boost JBM-HH emergency** response capability



Firefighters from the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Fire Department demonstrate a new temperature-controlled medical tent May 21 in the station.

#### By Damien Salas **Pentagram Staff Writer**

The Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Fire Department demonstrated a newly purchased medical tent set-up May 22 that will aid JBM-HH emergency personnel in providing basic first aid assistance at various events around the National Capital Region, such as the weekly Twilight Tattoo.

Included in the \$89,000 set-up were two 18 by 20 square foot grey tents, LED lights with rechargeable solar-powered batteries, a 25-kilowatt "whisper-quiet" generator and a six-ton heating and air conditioning unit, according to JBM-HH Fire Chief Russell Miller.

"In previous years we were dependent upon the American Red Cross letting us

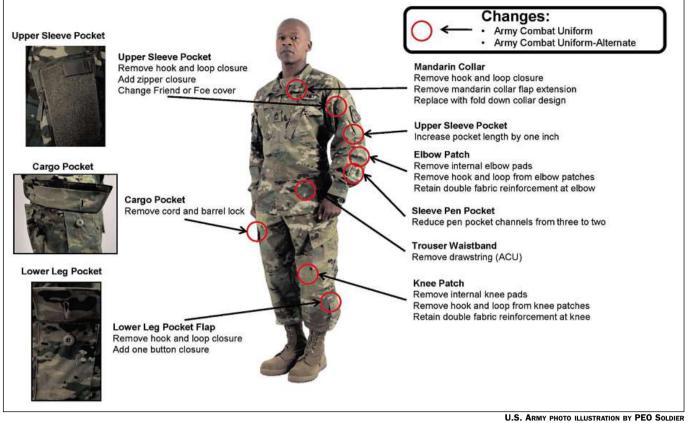
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## The United States Army Band

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
June 4	7:30 p.m.	The U.S. Army Concert Band will perform "Heroes and Villains" during their summer concert series, providing a program of music from some of the more popular good guy/bad guy scenarios from stage and screen at Brucker Hall on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.
June 5	11 a.m.	The U.S. Army Blues will provide 20-minute performances at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., at 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.
June 5	8 p.m.	The U.S. Army Concert Band will perform "Heroes and Villains" during the Sunsets with a Soundtrack series, providing a program of music from some of the more popular good guy/bad guy scenarios from stage and screen the West Side of The U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.
June 10, 17, 24	7 p.m.	Twilight Tattoo is a military pageant at Summerall Field on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH. The tattoo features Soldiers of the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, The U.S. Army Drill Team, The U.S. Army Blues, a soloist from The U.S. Army Chorus and vocalists of The U.S. Army Band Downrange and The U.S. Army Voices. This event is free and open to the public. No tickets are required. Pre-ceremony live music begins at 6:30 p.m. <b>NOTE: Beginning with the June 25 show, all tattoos will be held at Whipple Field on Fort Myer.</b>
June 12	10 a.m.	The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" will perform as part of the Army Birthday Celebration at "Military Island" in Times Square, New York City.
June 12	8 p.m.	Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the music of The U.S. Army Concert Band as they perform at the West Side of The U.S. Capitol in

Performances are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted. All outdoor concerts are subject to cancellation or location change due to weather considerations. Call 703-696-3399 for up-to-date information on concert cancellations or location changes. For additional details and a full calendar of performances, visit www.usarmyband.com/event-calendar.html.

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the National Guard, Army Reserve and Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps in summer 2016.

Prompted by Soldier feedback about the UCP, the Army in 2010 began providing the Operation Enduring Freedom Camouflage Pattern, or OEFCP, to Soldiers deploying to Afghanistan. During this period, the Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center also began developing the pattern that was later named the Operational Camouflage Pattern.

The Operational Camouflage Pattern testing and evaluation effort has been described as the most comprehensive ever

conducted by the Army. Different camouflage patterns were evaluated for effectiveness in different operating environments with varied terrain, vegetation, seasons and times of day.

The latest version of the ACU will come in the Operational Camouflage Pattern and will also incorporate changes resulting from Soldier feedback. These include modifications to the collar, pockets, knee and elbow patches and trouser waistband. Instead of the current sand color, the Operational Camouflage Pattern will be worn with a tan 499 T-shirt and belt and coyote brown boots.

The introduction of the ACU in Operational Camouflage Pattern is being phased in to reduce the cost to both Soldiers and the U.S. taxpayer. During

this four-year period, Soldiers will also be permitted to wear uniforms and equipment in OEFCP.

The phase-in allows Soldiers to use their annual uniform replacement allowances to gradually replace current uniforms as they wear out. It also allows the Army to use existing stocks of uniforms and other camouflage-printed gear, such as backpacks.

The change is viewed as fiscally responsible. The Operational Camouflage Pattern ACU is expected to have a similar cost to the UCP ACU.

"All enlisted Soldiers receive an annual stipend for the purchase of uniforms and accessories," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey. "I myself will wait until I am issued my clothing allowance before purchasing a uniform with the Operational Camouflage Pattern.

"I encourage all Soldiers and leaders to do the same by budgeting for a new uniform, belt, boots and T-shirts as you receive your clothing allowance over the next two to three years."

During the transition period, Soldiers may mix and match items with either the OEFCP or the Operational Camouflage Pattern. They can also wear **OEFCP Flame Resistant** ACUs during that time.

"Presenting a professional appearance is very important to Soldiers, but we will not inconvenience or burden our troops," Dailey said. "We will still be the most lethal fighting force the world has ever known, even if our belts don't match for the next few years."

#### **PLAN**

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The plan began this fiscal year with a campaign period of seven years, but as a strategy, looks out as far as 2025, she said. It provides strategic guidance to IMCOM as a whole by identifying three lines of effort, including a Professional Installation Management Workforce, Effective Base Operations Support Services and Infrastructure Sustainment and Revitalization.

"Within each LOE, we have to

create a communications strategy of how we're going to get that information out to the workforce, starting with a town hall scheduled for the summer," she said. "An automated forum for the dissemination of future information will also be created."

The JBM-HH strategic plan will also seize on opportunities to improve on the "jointness" of operations and services offered here, with the addition of a fourth line of effort, Joint Basing, Lessane said.

"We're looking at how we measure our goals and if we're meeting the expectations set by IMCOM," she said.

Lessane said all the installation's

to implement the JBM-HH strategic plan. To date, four off-site meetings have been held to discuss the campaign, with more planned for the future. In addition, a working group meeting, conducted by line of effort subject matter experts, has also been held.

directors are involved in the effort

The plan will be published later this year.

Look for more coverage of JBM-HH's strategic plan throughout the year.

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Service members, civilian workers and other guests from Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region and the U.S. Military District of Washington attend a presentation on sexual assault prevention inside Conmy Hall at the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall April 7. More than 300 light fixtures in Conmy Hall are being converted to lower-wattage LED lights, which will reduce energy use by more than 60 percent, according to Bill Lucas, energy manager at JBM-HH's Directorate of Public Works.

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The new light will be clearer and adjustable, Lucas said.

"They'll be able to dim the lights and adjust the levels in the seating areas," he said.

DPW awarded a \$582,000 contract

to Netcom Technologies for the conversion, said Tony Newman, JBM-HH DPW's electrical planner.

The project will result in annual energy savings of nearly \$17,000, according to Newman, and annual maintenance savings of approximately \$9,000. Thanks to the conversion, the joint base will save approximately \$182,000 over the next seven years.

"We're going to save on a bunch of maintenance costs and replacement costs, bigtime," Lucas said.

The project began in May and is scheduled to be complete by the end of August.

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the community's needs. Individual responses are confidential. Only total group responses will be reported. The link to the survey questionnaire can be found at http://go.usa.gov/3XmMe. Respondents will need CAC access to complete the survey online. If you cannot access the link, a hard copy of the questionnaire is available at the education center, Bldg. 417, on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base. For more information, contact Reginald Battle at 703-696-1579 or via email at reginald.t.battle. civ@mail.mil.

#### Intimate partner violence prevention seminar

Dr. David Wexler, an internationally-recognized expert on domestic violence, is the presenter at a special JBM-HH Family Advocacy Program seminar on intimate partner violence prevention seminar June 5, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The event takes place at Memorial Chapel on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH. This seminar is designed to teach participants how to develop practical skills and strategies for increasing community awareness about domestic violence, assess risk and acquire new strategies for early intervention. Participants will receive 5.5 social work continuing education units. Space is limited; register on a first-come, first-served basis by calling 703-696-3512.

#### Soldier Show 2015 coming to Warner Theater

There will be a performance of the Soldier Show June 9 at 7 p.m. at the Warner Theater, 513 13th Street NW, Washington, D.C. The performance, during the 240th Army birthday week, is free and open to the public. Tickets are required and are available at the joint base community activities center, Bldg. 405 on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base. See related story on page 5 for more information, or call 703-696-3169/3170.

#### Prostate cancer support group meets at Fort Belvoir

The prostate cancer support group meets at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital the second Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be June 11 from 1 to 2 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the urology clinic, Sunrise Pavilion, second floor. Spouses/ partners are invited. For more information, contact retired Col. Jane Hudak at 301-319-2918 or email jane.l.hudak.ctr@mail.mil.

#### Army birthday festivities

The U.S. Army was founded June 14, 1775. As part of its 14-day birthday celebration, which began June 1, the Department of the Army is hosting a birthday run on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base at 7 a.m. on June 12. The run will begin from the Summerall Field parking lot. Military personnel, family members and Department of Defense civilians are invited to participate in the run, just over three miles. See www.army.mil/birthday for other activities. Test your knowledge about the U.S. Army at the site. For more information about the run, call Ian Wilson at 703-696-7572.

#### Army birthday meal served June 12

The Dining Facility on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base will host the annual Army birthday cake cutting and birthday meal at the Dining Facility June 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cake cutting will be at 11 a.m. The military family is invited, including retirees and Department of Defense civilians. Lunch is \$9.05. A special discounted rate of \$6.80 is set for family members of enlisted personnel in pay grades E-1 through E-4. For more information, call 703-696-3671/3642.

#### **Ceremony to commemorate Bakers Creek incident**

A ceremony is set for 11:30 a.m. June 12 to commemorate the 72nd anniversary of the 40 Soldiers and Airmen who died when their B-17C aircraft crashed in Queensland, Australia, during World War II. The memorial service will take place at the Bakers Creek Memorial, located in front of the Selfridge Gate on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH. JBM-HH Commander Col. Mike Henderson will speak at the event, which will also include a wreath laying and other guest speakers.

#### Get your warrior on!

The JBM-HH Organizational Day and Urban Warrior Challenge is June 18 beginning at 7 a.m. outside Spates Community Center on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base. A barbecue will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and family activities include the Washington Natmobile, an obstacle course, hay rides, games and contests. Fort Myer and Fort McNair personnel can contact their direct supervisors to sign up. Henderson Hall participants should call 703-614-8932 for sign up and additional information, while those within the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) should call 703-696-1899. Additionally, information regarding this event is available online, to include ticket distribution information for nonactive duty participants and family members, at www.mccsHH.com/uwcjbb2015.

#### Date change for June 19 Army Ten-Miler 10K qualifier

The JBM-HH June 19 Army Ten-Miler 10K qualifier for the JBM-HH 2015 Army Ten-Miler team has changed. The new date is June 26. Registration and participation is free. The June 26 qualifier begins at 6:45 a.m. at the Myer Fitness Center, Bldg. 414 on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base. To be eligible for a space on this year's JBM-HH ATM team, runners must be active duty. If selected as a member of the 2015 JBM-HH ATM team, FMWR pays your entry into the 2015 Army Ten-Miler.

## Soldier Show comes to D.C. for Army Birthday

#### Compiled by JBM-HH **Public Affairs**

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey will host the U.S. Army Soldier Show's Army Birthday Week performance at the Warner Theatre in Washington, D.C., June 9.

"The show is a song-and-dance production for the Soldier, by the Soldier," according to Sgt. Quentin Dorn, U.S. Army Entertainment production stage manager. "All of the Soldiers involved are amateurs that audition and go through eight weeks of rehearsal and training."

The musical tells the broad Army story over 75 minutes of song and touches on many issues faced by Soldiers from all wars including post-traumatic stress disorder, according to Quentin.

The 2015 U.S. Army Soldier Show "We Serve" pays tribute to the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Ia Drang Valley, one of the bloodiest conflicts during the Vietnam War. A Soldier from that battle, Patrick Stephenson, serves as narrator and weaves his "Soldier for Life" story throughout the program, according to an Army news release.

The show also features Soldiers enjoying the winter holiday season, ballet dancing, opera and other snippets of cultural diversity, according to the release.

The free show will begin at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. Tickets, however, are required and available at the locations listed to the right.



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. KAP KIM Spc. Brianna Walker, of Fort Campbell, Ky., performs her rendition of "I Drive Your Truck" during the U.S. Army Soldier Show at

#### **Ticket Locations**

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### **Dutch royal couple lays wreath at ANC**



Queen Máxima and King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier June 1 at Arlington National Cemetery. The Dutch royal couple's visit to the cemetery was to honor American service members who sacrificed their lives to assist in liberating Europe and the Netherlands during World War II.



James "Maggie" Megallas sits in the front row of the crowd in anticipation of an Arlington National Cemetery wreath-laying ceremony performed by King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima of the Netherlands June 1 at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Megallas was an Army first lieutenant during World War II, and he fought in the Netherlands' Operation Market Garden in 1944. He was the first American to receive the Dutch Military Order of Wilhelm Orange Lanyard in 1945.

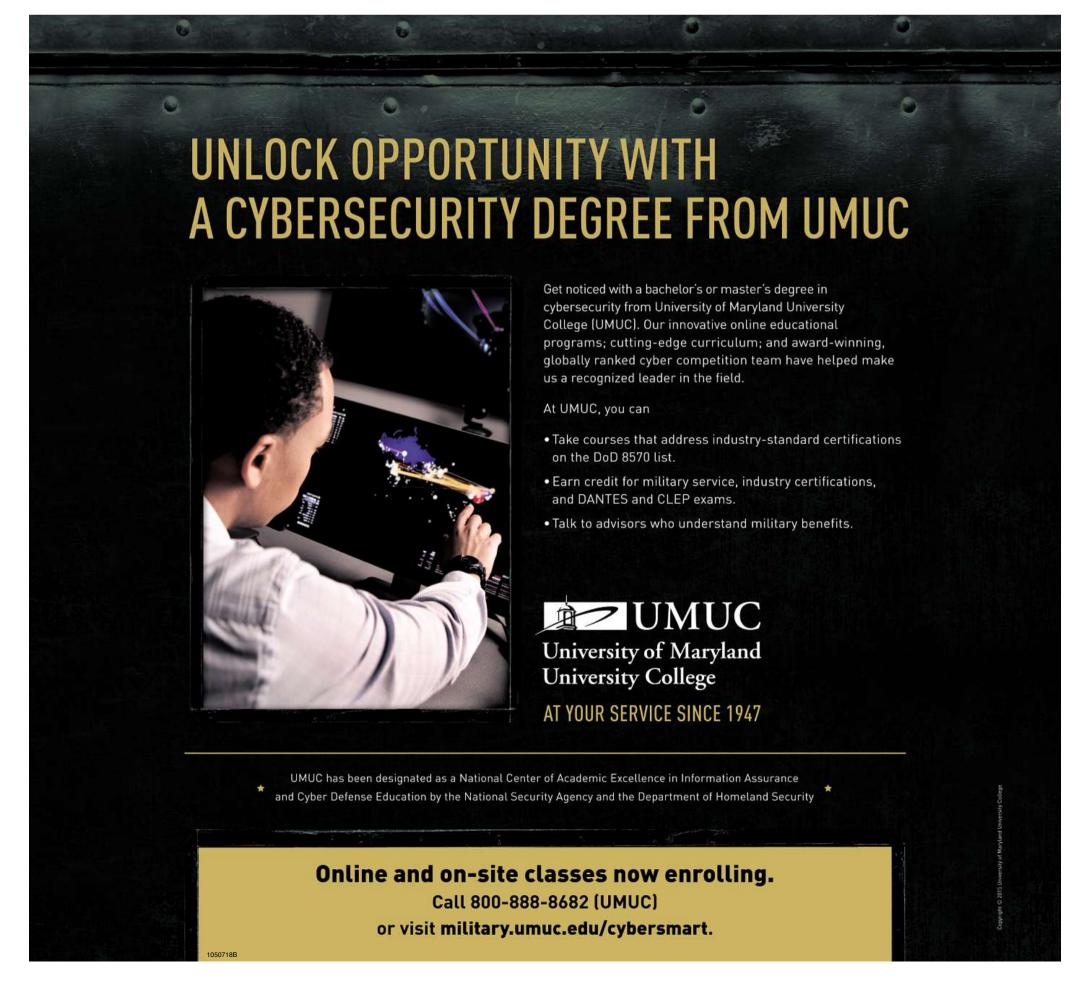
#### By Jim Dresbach **Pentagram Staff Writer**

King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima of the Netherlands laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier June 1 in part of a commemoration to honor American service members who fought in the European theater during World War II more than 70 years ago.

The royal couple was accompanied by Maj. Gen. Jeffrey S. Buchanan, commanding general, Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, and segments of 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) and The U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own," participated in the morning ceremony.

A special group of Americans sat in seats of honor at the

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#### **Preparing for the unthinkable**



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY SPC. CODY W. TORKELSON

Soldiers from the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) wait to board a helicopter as part of an emergency deployment readiness exercise on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall June 1. In addition to ceremonial and memorial support in the Military District of Washington, The Old Guard is also on call as part of defense support of civil authorities to support emergency response operations in the National Capital Region.

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founding to the modern day. Free and open to the public on Wednesday evenings, the May 27 show saw hundreds of students from throughout the country.

"You don't realize the impact that you have, especially on those young school-age kids." Dailey said. "They will for the rest of their lives, I promise you, remember this day.'

Dailey said the patriotism and pride the children feel are a result of the work of The Old Guard Soldiers, who show how the Army has protected and served the American people.

"I'm proud to be your sergeant major," he said. "I'm proud to be in the presence of you every single day."

Drill team member Sgt. Nestor Rossi said a lot of people come to the performance not knowing much about Soldiers or the military in general. It is the job of the Soldiers to provide insight into the Army, he said.

"It is great having the opportunity to represent the Army, hear people say "thank you," and, interact with the visitors, he said.

'It's one of the biggest honors to know that we were able to represent the Army and be a role model to all these kids out there as well," he said.

Participating in the Twilight Tattoo is a very special experience, said Cpl. Kendra Woollacott, a military police officer. "It's amazing. I love it," she said.

Soldiers demonstrate how honorable it is to be a member of the military, she said. Interacting with school children after the event is special, as well.

"It really hits the heart to see how inspiring you are to them and how much you mean and how much they look up to you," Woollacott said. "It gives you motivation to do what you do every day."

The Twilight Tattoo, which is held each week from April through August, features live action with Old Guard Soldiers and presents snippets of American history through performances by The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own," The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, and The U.S. Army Drill Team.

The event gives noncommissioned officers, or NCOs, an opportunity to showcase their talents and esprit de corps to commissioned officers, military police 1st Sgt. Mark Haliburton said.

"It was truly an honor and privilege to do what we did tonight," Haliburton said.

Fellow military policeman 1st Sgt. James Barrett said it was a proud experience to take part in the tattoo that honored NCOs.

"It's incredible because the NCOs are the movers and shakers of the Army," he said. "It's just a really awesome experience for me and for my Soldiers, who go to participate in it."

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non-commissioned officer corps have the responsibility to make sure NCOs are ready for the next step in their military careers.

"What I think is important to our institution is that we pay attention to the little things, like how we carry ourselves, how we relate to other people," he said. "That's where I focus SNCOs and NCOs."

The battalion's commandsponsored corporals' courses and lance corporals seminars and other professional military educational opportunities are also an integral part of the formation of its junior Marines, he said.

Pullen also noted that the battalion recently held a joint professional military education seminar for NCOs from all branches of the nation's armed forces.

"I think it's good because younger NCOs oftentimes do not get exposed to the joint world," he said. "I think where we're going today, there's more opportunities for that."

When he's not leading Marines, Pullen said he is an avid outdoorsman who loves to run and hunt.

"I'm a crazy hunter," he said. "It's something I grew up with."

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ceremony. Representing the United States' home front and on-the-ground World War II fighting forces were factory-working women, also known as Rosies or Rosie the Riveters, and veterans who fought to regain Dutch soil.

Don Bertino was a 19-yearold Soldier when he went to war in Europe. Now approaching his 91st birthday, he was in the front row for the wreath-laying ceremony.

He remembered one key aspect of serving in Holland.

"Mud was everywhere," Bertino said in a prepared statement attained through the Dutch embassy. "And in the winter, it just got worse."

Following the ceremony, Willem-Alexander and Máxima greeted the American women and men who assisted in liberating the Netherlands and took a tour of the Memorial Amphitheatre Display Room and presented a gift to the collection on behalf of the Dutch people.

To conclude their ANC tour, the royal couple walked to the gravesites of two Medal of Honor recipients: Audie Murphy and Bobbie Brown. Both Murphy and Brown fought in Europe during World War II.

"They wanted to pay their respects to Americans who fought to liberate their country on this 70th anniversary of the end of World War II," said ANC Historian Stephen Carney, who accompanied the couple on the final leg of the royal visit. "Since the graves of Audie Murphy and Bobbie Brown are within walking distance of the amphitheater, they wanted to pay their respects to two Medal of Honor recipients."

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#### **NEWS NOTES**

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Last date to try out for the team will be July 10. Register online at www.jbmhhmwr.com or register the morning of each qualifier from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m. at the fitness center.

For further information, contact Todd Hopkins at 703-696-0594 or via email at todd.a.hopkins.civ@mail.mil.

#### Chesty's 5K Race

Registration is now open through June 16 for the 6th Annual Chesty's 5K Race honoring Lt. Gen. Lewis Burwell "Chesty" Puller. The race steps off from the Cpl Terry L. Smith Gymnasium June 17 at 6:45 a.m. Late registration and check-in on site start at 5:45 a.m. The first 100 registered participants receive an event T-shirt. The top three male and female finishers receive prizes. Register online through www.mccsHH. com/OohRahRunSeries. Semper Fit is committed to providing reasonable accommodations upon request. Please call 703-614-6332 at least one week in advance of the event.

#### Golf with us

Marine Corps Community Services Henderson Hall Semper Fit's season Golf With Us tournaments are under way monthly through September. The June tournament will take place at The Gauntlet Golf Club in Fredericksburg, Va., on June 19 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Reservations are due by June 12 and those interested in playing can find more information and a link to register at www.mccsHH.com/GolfWithUs. Need clubs? Check them out from the Cpl. Terry L. Smith Gymnasium gear issue. For more information, call 703-697-2706.

#### Save the date: July 7 Moral **Leadership Luncheon**

The next Moral Leadership Luncheon will be held at Memorial Chapel Fellowship Hall on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base July 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. U.S. Army Lt. Gen. James C. McConville, deputy chief of staff, G1, at the Pentagon will be the guest speaker. All active duty military, Department of Defense civilians, contractors and retirees are welcome to attend. Lunch will be served at no cost. The leadership luncheon series provides learning opportunities for attendees from the experiences of key leaders in the area of moral leadership. Questions





are welcome concerning the topic presented following the presentation. For more information, please contact Chap. (Maj.) Fred Wendel at 703-696-5688 or alfred.w.wendel2. mil@mail.mil. RSVPs are due no later than noon, July 2.

#### CIF to close for inventory June 22-26

The Center/Ceremonial Issue Facility, in Bldg. 313 on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base, will close its doors from June 22 through 26, to conduct a mandated, full inventory. If something must be turned in during this time, call the Fort Belvoir CIF at 703-804-3228/3070. For more information, call 703-696-3344.

#### Purple Heart golf classic

Chapter 353 Military Order of the Purple Heart will host their annual golf classic June 19 at the Fort Belvoir Golf Course starting at 7 a.m., tee times beginning at 9 a.m. The event is a four-person, captain's choice scramble format. Registration includes green fees, golf cart, breakfast, lunch, photos and awards. For more information contact Jessica Shea at 703-254-4635, via email at mophgolf@sheainc.com or visit www.chpt-353mophgolfclassic.com.

#### **Challenger Sports British** Soccer Camp registration now open

Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall's Child, Youth and School Services will host another summer Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp June 22-26 and July 20-24. Half-day camp is available from 9 a.m. to noon for 6 to 12-year-olds. Registration is open until two week prior to the start date. For more information please call Annette Engum at 703-696-3728 or email at annette.e.engum.civ@mail.mil

#### Youth Golf Camp registration now open

Registration is now open for participation in the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall's Child, Youth and School Services Youth Sports and Fitness 2015 golf July 6-10 and Aug. 3-7. Camp is half day, 9 a.m. to noon for 7 to 14-year-olds. Registration ends one week prior to camp dates or when the camp has reached capacity. For more information please call Annette Engum at 703-696-3728 or email at annette.e.engum.civ@mail.mil

#### **Death notice**

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Jerry W. Bennett Jr., regretfully announces the death of Lt. Col. Brian J. Botkin. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Lt. Col. Brian J. Botkin should contact Bennett, the summary court officer, at 703-693-2744.

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#### **Assuming responsibility**



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First Sgt. Marcos A. Morales, incoming company first sergeant, U.S. Army Headquarters Company, Headquarters Command Battalion, holds the noncommissioned officer sword during a change of responsibility ceremony in the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Community Center May 29. The company is the largest in the U.S. Army, providing administrative oversight to some 4,800 Soldiers in the National Capital Region. Morales replaced outgoing 1st Sgt. Jason Gusman.

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Maj. Gen. Jeffrey S. Buchanan, commanding general, Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, left, welcomes incoming JFHQ-NCR/MDW Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy A. Guden during an assumption of responsibility ceremony in Conmy Hall on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall June 2. Guden transferred from the U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning, Ga.

#### **TENTS**

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use their tent, which took six to eight people and about 40 minutes to set up and break down," said Miller. "We bought these tents because they are less manpower intensive; the new tents take one to two people and 10 minutes to set-up and break-down."

The fire department viewed two demonstrations of the tent system before deciding what system would best support the department's needs, added Miller.

"The two new tents and associated powering system gives us the capability to heat and cool people at any given event, especially at special events, such as Twilight Tattoo, or any mass causalitytype event where EMS-related treatment is required," said Miller.

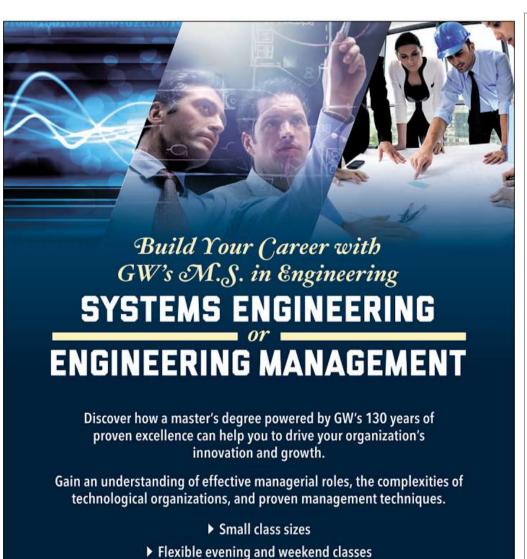
While the tent can heat/cool (temperature controlled) automatically based to pre-set temperatures, Miller says the next step is to be able to heat one tent while cooling the other to maintain varying temperatures based on the needs of patients.

The tents will be used as a command post to house operations personnel for command and control purposes, a shelter during severe weather or as a decontamination tent in the event of chemical or radiological exposure, said Miller.

The tents were used to treat patients at the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH during National Memorial Day Observance events at Arlington National Cemetery. when thousands of visitors flood the cemetery annually to pay respects and visit grave sites. About 10 people were treated at the tents during the events, which were manned by a team of medical and response professionals from JBM-HH's Directorate of Emergency Services, the National Capital Region Advanced Cardiac Life Support Team, Manassas Park Fire Rescue and Arlington County Fire Department.

Most patients were treated for heatrelated ailments, according to Miller.

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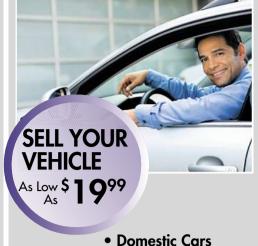
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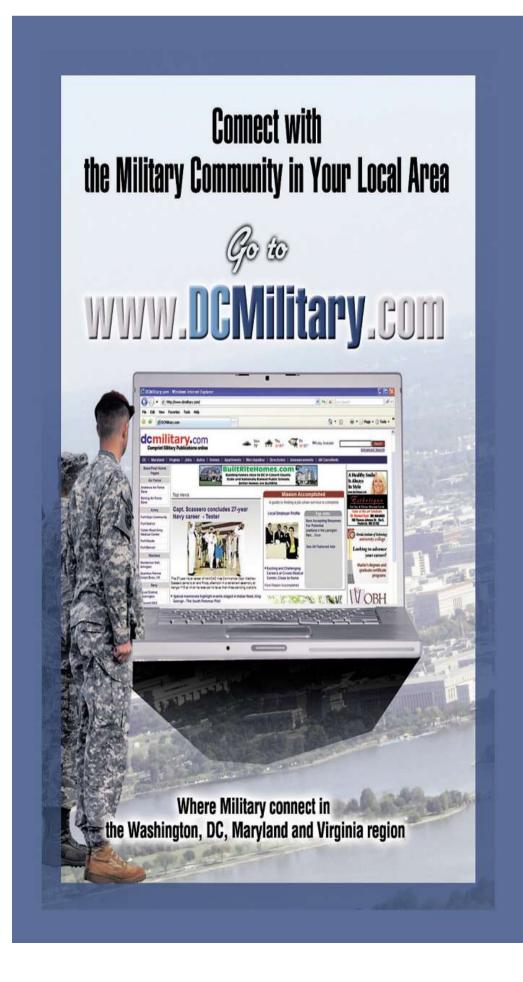
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