



240 years and counting *JBM-HH celebrates the Army's birthday*



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Participants in the Army's 240th Birthday Run on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall call cadence on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base June 12, at the beginning of the 3.3-mile route through Arlington National Cemetery and JBM-HH.

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More than 2,600 Soldiers and civilians from the Department of the Army gathered on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall June 12 for the Army's 240th Birthday Run.

Runners packed the parking lot at Summerall Field on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base, braving heat and humidity that was already high for the fun run's 7 a.m. start time. The 3.3-mile run route took participants through the joint base and the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery.

Director of Army Staff Lt. Gen. William T. Grisoli thanked the thousands of runners for coming out to celebrate and show their respect for the Army. He also asked that they keep a few things in mind during the run.

"Be proud," he said. "When our nation needs us, we're there. That builds a tremendous trust

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Old Guard Soldiers add icing on the cake by re-enlisting at Pentagon Army Birthday celebration

By Jim Dresbach
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Seven 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Soldiers extended their Army careers during a Pentagon Courtyard Army Birthday cake-cutting ceremony June 11.

While commemorating the Army's 240th birthday in the June heat and humidity, Old Guard Soldiers re-enlisting were Sgts. Daniel J. Miller, Jacob M. Rebecca and Spcs. Todd D. Kline, Elliot N. Lamb, Jesse J. Todd, Zachary J. Topham and Sean R. Stabler.

In his speech to a crowd totaling close to 300, which included Soldiers and Pentagon staff, Secretary of the Army John McHugh gave a brief history of the early evolution of the American Soldier and commented on readiness and the year-after-year June heat.

"In my last six years as secretary, I've learned at least two things that are certain in life. Number one: When there's



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(Left to right) 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Soldiers Spc. Zachary J. Topham, Spc. Jesse L. Todd and Spc. Sean R. Stabler raise their right hands to re-enlist during the Army 240th Birthday cake-cutting ceremony at the Pentagon courtyard June 11.

trouble somewhere, the United States Army will be there, and number two: When you have an Army Birthday celebration

outside, it will be hotter than hell," McHugh said to laughter.

Before administering the re-enlistment oath, Army Vice Chief

of Staff Gen. Daniel Allyn spoke of the men and women of the Army's all-volunteer force which has now entered its fifth decade of operation.

"Our Army remains the rock of stability in an unpredictable world," Allyn said. "Our all-volunteer force is now 40-years young and stronger and more resilient than ever. And after 13-plus years of war, we remain strong. The Army continues to attract and retain the nation's most talented men and women."

One of those re-upping to stay aboard with the Army family was Spc. Sean R. Stabler, who is a member of The Old Guard's funeral firing party detail. Stabler made the decision to re-enlist for three additional years, and he was proud to re-affirm his commitment at the Pentagon's Army Birthday party.

"This is just another opportunity to continue to serve my country," said Delta Company's Stabler. "This is a big honor to

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DoD suspends notifications after OPM cyber breach

The Department of Defense announced a suspension of notifications to DoD personnel who may have been affected by recent cyber security breaches at the Office of Personnel Management which may have compromised Personally Identifiable Information of current and former federal employees. The suspension allows DoD to find an "improved, more secure notification and response process" to notify those affected. The message also states that all affected personnel are automatically enrolled in identity theft insurance through CSID, an identity protection and fraud detection service. The full message can be read here: www.slideshare.net/JBMHH/cy-bsec-dod2015.

Reminder: Potomac's Great Falls off limits

The Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board has placed the Potomac River – Great Falls area off limits to all military personnel. Military personnel are not authorized to go into this area; but the Great Falls area is posted with off limits signs applicable to everyone. The area along the Potomac River that extends from Sycamore Island to Chain Bridge is off limits due to the strong undertow currents. There have been many deaths of service members and their families in the past. More specifics can be found online at www.army.mil/article/127982.

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School liaisons help smooth kids' transition

By David Vergun
Defense Media Activity

Summer's almost here, and for a lot of military families, that means permanent change of station orders to a new and often unfamiliar location.

One of the most challenging issues of moving for many families is getting their kids enrolled in a new school, said Chanel Sharp, Marine Corps

Community Services school liaison program manager for the Henderson Hall portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. She and others from JBM-HH were on hand at the Pentagon, June 11, to provide information to parents with school-aged children.

There are a host of issues for parents and their children to navigate during this transition, including losing friends from their old school, and

adapting to a new school curriculum, Sharp said.

These identity-type issues are very normal, she said. Parents can even expect a certain level of anxiety, depression and other emotions.

Exceptional help for exceptional families

For others, the issue could be finding resources for children with special needs. This is where

an exceptional family-member counselor from the service member's new installation can help, she said.

For some students, particularly high-school students, the trauma of moving is so great, that parents could consider visiting counselors at their new post to help them deal with the grief, she said.

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Bakers Creek disaster remembered



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Joan R. Asboth places a flower of remembrance June 12 at the Bakers Creek Air Crash Monument near the Selfridge Gate entrance to Arlington National Cemetery on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall during the Bakers Creek Memorial Ceremony commemorating the 72nd anniversary of the air crash in Queensland, Australia, that took the lives of 40 Army-Air Corps members during World War II. For full coverage, see page 5.

JBM-HH Fourth of July holiday hours

Almost all activities on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall will be closed Friday, July 3. The following facilities and places of business have reported open or closed hours for July 3. Unless otherwise noted, this list applies to July. This list is not all encompassing; please check with the facility you wish to visit for more details.

American Clipper Barber Shop	Open July 3 and July 4, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, call 703-271-8177.
MCCS Car Wash	Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
Commissary	Open July 3 regular hours, 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. early bird 7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Open July 4, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Marine Corps Exchange, Vineyard Wine & Spirits and NEX Uniform Center	Open July 3 and July 4, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more information, call 703-979-8420.
Fort Myer AAFES Exchange	Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information, call 703-522-4575.
Fort Myer Express	Open 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. For more information, call 703-696-9241/44.
Fort Myer Subway, Flower Shop, Barber Shop, Cleaners, GNC, Optical Shop	Open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Fort Myer Fitness Center	Open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information, call 703-696-7867.
Fort McNair Fitness Center	Closed. For more information, call 202-685-3117.
Cpl. Terry L. Smith Gymnasium	Open 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, call 703-614-7214.
Headquarters Command Battalion, Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH	Closed. For more information, call 703-696-8163.
Military Police Station	Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information, call 703-696-3525.
Rader Health Clinic	Closed July 1, 3 and 6. For more information, call 703-696-2977.
Rader Dental Clinic	Closed Friday, July 3 and Monday, July 6. Fort Belvoir, Logan Dental Clinic, will have a provider to cover sick-call July 6, 7 a.m. - 9 a.m.
Java Café	Open July 3 and July 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information, call 571-483-1962.
Fort Myer Pool Complex	Open 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Zembiec Pool	Open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

This week in military history

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June 18 1878: The Posse Comitatus Act is passed, effectively limiting the use of active duty military in civil law enforcement without Constitutional or Congressional authorization, according to an entry on the This Day in U.S. Military History website.

June 19 1881: U.S. Marines land and march 25 miles to protect the Seoul Legation in Korea, according to an entry on the This Day in U.S. Military History website.

June 20 1993: The Marine Corps’ 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit returns to Mogadishu, Somalia, to provide aid to the United Nations in peacekeeping operations, according to an entry on the This Day in U.S. Military History website.

June 21 2000: Twenty-two Asian-American veterans are awarded the Medal of Honor during a White House ceremony for battlefield bravery, some 55 years after their service during World War II, according to an entry on the This Day in U.S. Military History website. To read the citations of the 22 awardees, visit <http://go.usa.gov/3EXf9>.



PHOTO BY RUDI WILLIAMS

World War II Army Pvt. Shizuya Hayashi listens to remarks during a Hall of Heroes induction ceremony at the Pentagon June 22, 2000. Hayashi was one of 22 Asian-Americans awarded the Medal of Honor by then-President Bill Clinton a day earlier in a White House ceremony. Hayashi received the award for heroic action on Nov. 29, 1943, near Cerasuolo, Italy.

June 22 1775: The Continental Congress assists the American Revolution against British rule by authorizing the issuance of some \$2 million in bills of credit, according to an entry on the This Day in U.S. Military History website. The funds were monumental in allowing colonial leaders to wage a long-term war.

June 23 1812: The first shot of the War of 1812 is fired when the USS President, in a battle with the HMS Belvidera off the shores of New York, fires against the enemy ship, according to an entry on Navy.mil.

June 24 1944: The 5th Amphibious Corps makes progress during the Battle for Saipan during World War II. Meanwhile, the 27th Division moves northward after clearing the island’s southern portions, according to an entry on the This Day in U.S. Military History website



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Biehl, Pratt reflect on time as HqCmdBn leadership team



Headquarters Command Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Mark Biehl, right, passes the noncommissioned officer sword to incoming Headquarters Command Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Alex L. Pratt during a change of responsibility ceremony on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall June 18, 2013. Biehl and Pratt will both leave their positions at the battalion for new assignments following a change of command and responsibility ceremony June 19.

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On June 19, the U.S. Army Headquarters Command Battalion leadership team, Commander Lt. Col. Mark Biehl and Command Sgt. Maj. Alex Pratt, will hand over the reins during change of command and responsibility ceremonies in Conmy Hall on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH.

But before the ceremonies, Biehl and Pratt sat down with the Pentagram to reflect on their time leading the battalion, their accomplishments and what they'll miss about working on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.

Biehl, who took command in February 2013, said the job always presented a new challenge, but that he and his team were able to overcome them consistently.

"I had no idea what to expect," he said. "And I think still, every day, I have no idea what to expect. The National Capital Region is interesting and difficult at times."

As Headquarters Command Battalion is the largest battalion in the Army, Biehl and Pratt had their work cut out for them from the beginning. Being able to run it effectively was their most notable accomplishment, Biehl said.

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JBM-HH senior leadership attends civic association meeting



Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Command Sgt. Maj. Randall E. Woods speaks with Arlington County Police Officers June 9 during the 16th annual meeting of the Radnor-Fort Myer Heights Civic Association in Arlington. About 170 local and state first responders, government officials, civic leaders and association members attended the meeting, while JBM-HH Commander Col. Mike Henderson gave introductory remarks ahead of the guest speaker, U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.). The association serves the interests of residential communities in Arlington, including Rosslyn, Courthouse and Fort Myer Heights, according to the association's website.

By Julia LeDoux
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Senior leadership from Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall was on hand June 9 at the 16th annual meeting of the Radnor-Fort Myer Heights Civic Association.

JBM-HH Commander Col. Mike Henderson gave remarks ahead of the evening's guest speaker, U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.).

Henderson said the joint base plays a vital role in providing support to Soldiers and Marines stationed in the National Capital Region.

"We also provide support to the area's retired military, veterans, military family members and our civilian workforce," he continued. "In all, we provide services to well over 150,000 people."

Attending the meeting with Henderson

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Marines bring traditional flag raising ceremony to Barcroft Elementary School



Marines from Headquarters and Service Battalion, Headquarters Marine Corps, Henderson Hall, demonstrate the proper way to fold an American flag during a June 9 field meet and Flag Day presentation for students at Barcroft Elementary School in Arlington.

By Julia LeDoux
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Marines from Headquarters and Service Battalion, Headquarters Marine Corps Henderson Hall put tradition on display June 12 as they performed a flag-raising ceremony for students at Barcroft Elementary School in Arlington.

"The Marines have a very special and honorable flag ceremony that they come and do especially for us," school Principal Colette Bounet said. "Not every school gets this."

Before the ceremony took place, Master Sgt. Jeremy Owens explained how nations first began to use flags as a symbol for what they stood for.

"Flag Day is the day we take to honor our flag," he explained. "Flags are an everyday part of our lives. We see them everywhere."

With a still-rising sun behind them, a flag detail of seven Marines demonstrated how to properly fold, unfold and raise the flag. Barcroft students and sat

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★ ★ ★ The United States Army Band ★ ★ ★
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 18	7:30 p.m.	The U.S. Army Concert Band will perform with the winner of the 2015 National Collegiate Solo Competition as part of Brucker Hall Summer Concert Series at Brucker Hall on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.
June 19	8 p.m.	The U.S. Army Concert Band will perform with the winner of the 2015 National Collegiate Solo Competition as part of the Sunsets with a Soundtrack series at the West Side of The U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.
June 19	8 p.m.	Join The U.S. Army Blues at Lubber Run Amphitheatre in Arlington, for a performance in the Music in the Park concert series.
June 24, 25	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, 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. NOTE: Beginning with the June 25 show, all tattoos will be held at Whipple Field on Fort Myer.
June 25, 26	7:30 p.m.	The U.S. Army Concert Band and The U.S. Army Chorus will perform as part of the Brucker Hall Summer Concert Series at Brucker Hall on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.
June 26	8 p.m.	Celebrating 45 years of The U.S. Army Brass Quintet: Featuring guest MC and founding member retired Sgt. Maj. Jack Tilbury, the Quintet will present a program of favorites from throughout the history of the group on the west side of The U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C.
June 28	7:30 p.m.	Join the U.S. Army Blues for Music in the Parks at Mason District Park, Annandale, Va.

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.



PHOTO BY DAMIEN SALAS

Runners from Army G-8 shout “Hooah,” in the parking lot at Summerall Field on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall June 12, before the start of the Army’s 240th Birthday Run. The 3.3-mile route took runners through Arlington National Cemetery and JBM-HH.

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between us and our nation. That’s paramount for us. Be mindful that this trust was built many years before us, by Soldiers before us, from Valley Forge to Afghanistan.”

Grisoli asked that participants be grateful for the sacrifices of so many who came before them.

“Be thankful,” he said. “In a few minutes, we’ll run silently through Arlington National Cemetery. Be respectful to those who rest there. This hallowed ground

is our nation’s tribute to our service members. It demonstrates their pride in you and the many opportunities those who rest there provided to you. They have passed the torch to you. We cannot fail them.”

And then they were off – thousands of service members and civilians running in formation, chanting cadences to stay energized.

By 7:40 a.m., the fun run had concluded and all of the runners were back in the Summerall Field parking lot, sweaty and ready to start the day.

Sgt. Maj. Steven Payton,

sergeant major for deputy chief of staff, G-3/5/7, said he was thrilled to be able to do the birthday run on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, and that other Soldiers were as well.

“It’s an awesome opportunity that Soldiers may get once in a lifetime to do it at this level, with this group of folks from around the D.C. area,” he said. “To be able to do it through the cemetery, for those who paved the way for us, it’s an honor and privilege.”

Later in the day, a ceremonial cake cutting was held at the JBM-HH Dining Facility on the Fort Myer

portion of the joint base.

Col. Johnny Davis, regimental commander of the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), cut the cake and thanked the Soldiers who continue to provide selfless service to their nation.

“After 240 years, the Army has matured and grown to be an awesome and powerful force in today’s world,” he said. “That’s because of the loyalty and dedication of each and every one of our Soldiers.”

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actually be here and doing this. I figured this is a once-and-a-lifetime opportunity, and I figured to try it out and do it.”

After the re-enlistment, members of The Old Guard recited the Soldiers’ Creed, then the guest star of the

party – a 5-foot by 3-foot birthday cake – was wheeled front and center. McHugh and Allyn were joined by the Army’s oldest active-duty Soldier Col. Arthur Wittich and the youngest, Pvt. Cody Clark, for the ceremonial cake cutting.

Additional support for the ceremony was provided by Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall’s The U.S. Army Band, “Pershing’s Own,” who

entertained with pre-ceremony music, and The band’s Sgt. 1st Class Robert Burner sung the national anthem.

According to the The U.S. Army Center of Military History, the Army was founded by a congressional vote on June 14, 1775.

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Smooth transitions

In a way, summer is probably the best time for making the transition to a new school, Sharp said, because the turmoil associated with transitioning to a new school during the school year is not there, and there’s more time to become familiar with the new community.

As a school liaison, “my job is to ensure the transition to a new school on the academic side is as smooth as possible,” she said.

For many parents, the first thing they often look for is the school with the highest standardized test scores, and one that’s closest to their installation, she said.

While those are good determining factors, there are others parents should definitely consider, she advised.

First and foremost, they should consider their children’s interests, she said. If they’re interested in sports or music or art, they should look for the school that has a curriculum or after-school program with emphasis in their areas of interest. This is where a school liaison officer can help.

Other factors in choosing a community include determining if the school has a gifted-and-talented program, and what types of honor courses that are available, she said. Besides that, different schools have different funding and even differing relationships with the surrounding communities.



DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY PHOTO BY DAVID VERGUN

Chanel Sharp, Marine Corps Community Services school liaison program manager for the Henderson Hall portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, hands an information packet to a visitor at the Pentagon, where she and other liaisons held a Pentagon awareness event for parents of school-aged children June 11.

Public, private or home school?

Another decision is whether or not to enroll their children in public schools or charters, or even home school. Since there are no right or wrong answers to these choices, it’s all about choosing what’s best for each individual and what their goals are, she said.

In the case of home schooling, the school-liaison can point them to helpful websites or connect families with other families who home school so they can share helpful information, she said.

Some installations are located near bordering states so the choice of school and which community in which state is another factor, she said. For example, in

Washington, D.C., parents have the choice of moving to Maryland, Virginia or the District, each with its own unique school choices. Again, the school liaison can help parents navigate.

A pool of resources

Most people do the research on their own regarding where to move and which schools their children will attend long before they move, she said. The school-liaison can still be helpful to these families.

For instance, school liaisons can help ensure a student’s grades and other transcript information is successfully transferred from the old to the new school. Even if the old school was overseas, the school liaison will contact them if necessary.

Or, if the student is not doing well in school, the school liaison can help determine if there’s a communications barrier between students, parents and school faculty and can step in and help, without “infringing on the relationship between the parent and teacher.” Building a good relationship between parent-student-teacher is so important.

Another useful service liaison officers provide, is letting the school know when a parent has deployed so that they can be aware of issues that could come up with the children as a result, she said.

Sharp herself is familiar with schools, faculty, students and the classroom environment since she was once a teacher herself. She taught American literature at Bladensburg High School in Maryland.

One of the most important things parents and students should be aware of is the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, or MIC3, she said. This compact, a fairly new development, has been approved by all of the states to accept transferring credits so kids don’t lose them when transferring. U.S. territories are now considering the compact as well, according to the MIC3 website.

For more information on MCCS school liaison services at Henderson Hall, contact Sharp at 703-698-8378. For information on Child Youth School Services’ School Liaison Program at Fort Myer and Fort McNair, call Anne Daffin at 703-696-7620.

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Also, call the JBM-HH Safety Office for more information at 703-696-6996.

Mobile DMV at JBM-HH June 24

The Mobile Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles will be open for service at the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH June 24 from 9 to 11 a.m. The mobile DMV trailer will be parked in the lot across from the Bowling Center. The mobile DMV provides most services a full-station DMV provides, including issuance of driving records, renewal of driver’s license, driver’s license road and knowledge exams and the issuance of vehicle titles and license plates. The mobile DMV will be open exclusively to Department of Defense ID card holders. For more information, call 703-696-9603.

Changes to DPW work orders

The Directorate of Public Works will cease to accept FY15 reimbursable (customer funded) job orders (UOs, DA 4283s) after June 30. The only exceptions will be for life, health or safety issues; signs; keys; or those approved by the DPW director. Contact Richard P. LaFreniere, acting chief, Base Operations Integration Division, at 703-696-8055 with any questions.

CIF to close for inventory June 22-26

The Center/Ceremonial Issue Facility, Bldg. 313 on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH, will close its doors from June 22 through 26 to conduct a mandated, full inventory. It will reopen June 29. For more information, call 703-696-0817.

NDU organization day set for June 26

Faculty, staff, students and invited guests of National Defense University will participate in organization day festivities June 26 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the picnic grounds of the Officers’ Club on the Fort McNair portion of JBM-HH. During a game from 1 to 2 p.m., 4th and 5th Avenues will be blocked to traffic; otherwise, be prepared to slow for pedestrians going and coming from the NDU Summer Fest. For more information, call 703-696-5657.

EFMP family fun day at Indian Head

Marine families enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program are welcome to attend the EFMP family fun day June 30 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Indian Head USO, 14 Strauss Avenue, Indian Head, Md. Activities include games and bounce house; free pizza and popcorn will be served. This event is part of the program’s meet and greet series, during which families can learn more about resources, meet their family case worker and network with other EFMP families. Register by June 26 by calling 703-693-5353 or by emailing efmphh@usmc-mccs.org.

Register for intramural softball season

MCCS Henderson Hall Semper Fit announces registration for intramural softball league play, which starts July 26. Games are played on the JBM-HH softball field on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH weekdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Team sizes are 20 players and a coach. Registration forms may be picked up in the Semper Fit office in Bldg. 29 and at the Cpl. Terry L. Smith Gymnasium on the Henderson Hall portion of the joint base or online at www.mccsHH.com. Turn completed forms and roster in by July 10. For more information, call 703-697-2706.

Redskins tickets on sale now

Washington Redskins football tickets are on sale now inside the leisure travel office at the JBM-HH community center, Bldg. 405 on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base.

The \$520 package includes one pair of pre-season tickets and one pair of regular season tickets to any of the Redskins 2015 home games. Seating is in the lower level, end zone seats in section 129.

Update: JBM-HH access information for bicyclists, pedestrians

Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall recognizes the enjoyment and health benefits of bicycling. As a community member, we want to ensure riders are safely traveling in and around base. See <https://e.afit.edu/700048X9ZIB> for details, and view and print a visitor’s pass here: <https://e.afit.edu/700049X9OCH>.

Financial management assistance available

The Marine Corps Community Services Personal Financial Management Program assists with everything from budgeting to investing. Classes are held throughout the month on a variety of topics, to include planning for retirement. For a list of upcoming topics, visit www.mccsHH.com/Finance.html. For more information, please call 703-614-6950.

Death notice

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of 1st Sgt. Kristie L. Thompkins, Battle Co., Warrior Transition Brigade, Bethesda’s Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, must contact 1st Lt. Daniel Brewer, the summary court martial officer for the Soldier. Thompkins died May 22. Call Brewer at 301-400-0271.

News Notes submissions

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Marines withstand stringent PT exercise to recognize MOH recipient

By Jim Dresbach
Pentagram Staff Writer

When a partially cloud-covered June 15 sunrise crept over the eastern horizon, more than 35 Headquarters and Service Battalion, Headquarters Marine Corps, Henderson Hall Marines were met by soggy ground and stifling humidity.

But the meteorological conditions for a physical training mission at the PT field on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall were insignificant when the group was briefed about Medal of Honor recipient Lance Cpl. William Kyle Carpenter.

“We’re integrating some PT to show the Marines some of the obstacles Corporal Carpenter had to overcome to get his Medal of Honor,” said PT leader Marine Cpl. Joshua Bettis. “We have various stations where Marines will be partnered up by squad, and they will be using teamwork.”

As an automatic rifleman during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, Carpenter risked his life in 2010 by taking the brunt of a detonated hand grenade, shielding



LEFT - Sgt. Jonathan P. Leseman (top) and Cpl. Marcos E. Salgado (bottom), Marines with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Headquarters Marine Corps, Henderson Hall, practice ground attacks during a physical training exercise devoted to Medal of Honor recipient Marine Cpl. William “Kyle” Carpenter on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall the morning of June 15. RIGHT - Marine 1st Sgt. Willy D. Carrion delivers a kick to Marine Staff Sgt. Stevie C. Hagler during the martial arts training exercise on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall the morning of June 15. For more photos from this event, visit www.flickr.com/photos/jbm-hh.



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a fellow Marine from the blast. He was severely wounded but saved the lives of other Marines.

The PT participants alternated between four stations which included low crawl exercises, ammo box resupply runs, fireman’s

carry sprints and the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program (MCMAP). During a five-minute time period, Marines endured two and a half minutes of running and crawling followed by two and a half minutes of a MCMAP drill.

“Just like with Corporal Carpenter [endured in battle], there’s going to be a lot of movement under high stress, a lot of yelling and a lot of pressure on the Marines,” Bettis said. “We understand the Marines are going

to be tired; they’re going to be moving constantly. We want to make sure their form and technique are proper.”

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Center, Master Sgt. Leigh Ann Hinton, vocalist from The U.S. Army Band, “Pershing’s Own,” sings the national anthem June 12 on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall during the Bakers Creek Memorial Ceremony. The ceremony commemorated the 72nd anniversary of the air crash in Queensland, Australia, that took the lives of 40 Army-Air Corps members during World War II.

World War II’s deadliest transport aircraft crash remembered

By Damien Salas
Pentagram Staff Writer

The lives of six crew members and 35 passengers aboard a B-17 Flying Fortress aircraft that crashed shortly after take-off June 14, 1943, were remembered 72 years later June 12 during a formal ceremony at the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.

The ceremony took place at the Bakers Creek Air Crash Monument near the Selfridge Gate

entrance to Arlington National Cemetery.

The event commemorated the 72nd anniversary of the air crash, which occurred in Queensland, Australia.

The Soldiers killed in the crash were returning from a rest and relaxation period from the war, and were headed back to Papua, New Guinea, for continued service. For still unknown reasons, the aircraft plummeted to the ground only a couple minutes after

takeoff, landing in fields near the town of Bakers Creek, some five miles from

the city of Mackay.

During the ceremony, Australian Air Attaché and Assistant Defense Attaché, Air Commodore Gary Martin and Australian Embassy Deputy Head of Mission, Ambassador Caroline Millar performed a wreath-laying ceremony with JBM-HH Commander Col. Mike Henderson and Command Sgt. Maj. Randall E. Woods in remembrance of the crash’s anniversary.

The monument is located just yards from

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were Command Sgt. Major Randall Woods, Fire Chief Russell Miller and Director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security and Acting JBM-HH Chief of Staff Enoch Godbolt.

Henderson said that while it is understood that military leadership changes every two to three years, JBM-HH is committed to maintaining on-going and strong relationships with members of its neighboring communities.

“We are especially proud to call Radnor-Fort Myer Heights friends as well as neighbors,” he said.

Approximately 170 local and commonwealth first responders, government, civic and association members were also on hand for the event. The Radnor-Fort Myer Heights Civic Association serves residential communities in Arlington, including most of Rosslyn, Courthouse and Fort Myer Heights, according to its website. The association plays an active role in representing the interests of neighborhood residents.

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U.S. Army Soldier Show brings D.C. local home

By **Damien Salas**
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In celebration of the 240th U.S. Army Birthday, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey hosted the U.S. Army Soldier Show's Army Birthday Week performance at the Warner Theatre in Washington, D.C., June 9.

The show, "We Serve," pays tribute to the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Ia Drang Valley, considered one of the bloodiest conflicts during the Vietnam War. Patrick Stephenson, a veteran from that battle, served as narrator and weaved his "Soldier for Life" story throughout the program.

The show also marked the homecoming for a member of this year's cast, Southeast D.C. native Spc. Dozje Brown, 24, who was stationed in Fort Bragg, N.C., before going on the 70-show, international tour.

The all-volunteer performers auditioned and then were sent to an 8-week musical boot camp where they learned choreography for several different genres of dance including swing,

hip-hop and line dancing. "The first eight weeks were my favorite," said Brown in a June 2 interview with the Pentagram. "It was something new every day— sometimes a new routine or even learning how to build the stage. I just loved it."

A paratrooper in the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Training Group-Airborne, Brown has experience with high-pressure situations, but it is where she studied dance that prepared her for the stage.

Brown studied dance at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts in D.C., then the California Institute of the Arts in Valencia, Calif., where she earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts and attained proficiency in ballet, jazz and hip-hop.

Getting in front of a crowd of people to perform is less nerve-racking than jumping out of a plane, according to Brown.

"Jumping out of plane is scarier," she said. "And there is no audience on the ground watching you. Being able to perform for an audience is the best feeling."

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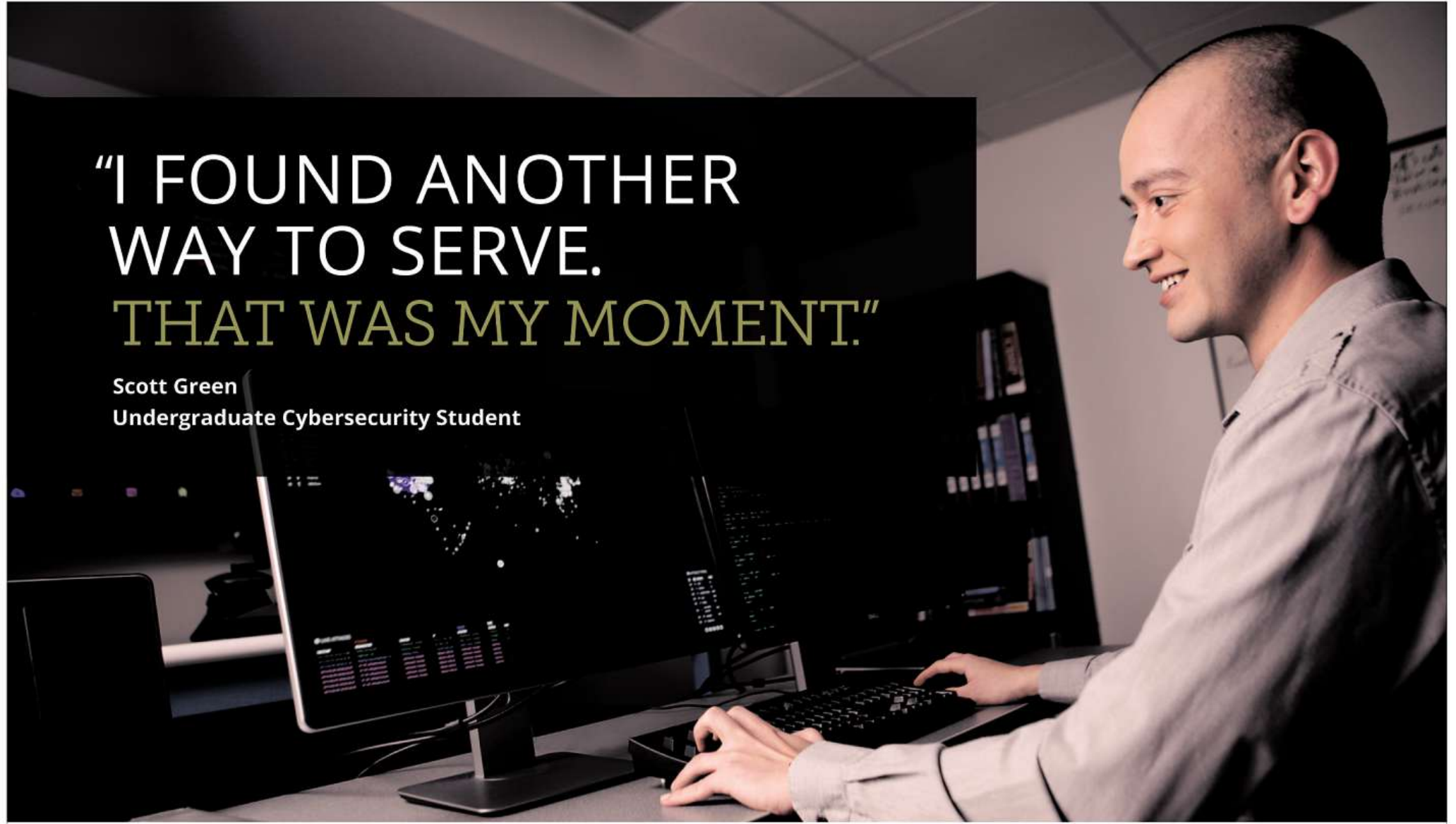
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ABOVE - Left, Spc. Dozje Brown and Pfc. Eric Pendleton perform during the June 9 U.S. Army Soldier Show at the Warner Theater in Washington, D.C. in celebration of the Army's 240th birthday week. **LEFT -** Right, Spc. Dozje Brown performs during the June 9 U.S. Army Soldier Show at the Warner Theater in Washington, D.C., in celebration of the Army's 240th Birthday. For more photos from this event, visit www.flickr.com/photos/jbm-hh.

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Marines from Headquarters and Service Battalion, Headquarters Marine Corps, Henderson Hall, raise the American flag as part of a June 9 Field Meet and Flag Day presentation for students at Barcroft Elementary School in Arlington.

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in front of the school’s main entrance to watch the Marines’ crisp display of flag handling. Teachers and faculty took photos and recorded video of the demonstration. Afterward, the students practiced raising the flag.

Owens said flags were first used on the battlefield in ancient times.

“Armies had to know who the good guys were and who bad guys were,” he continued. “Shields had little emblems painted on them so they could see who their friend was and who wasn’t.”

Shields soon transitioned into the cloth flags of today, Owens said.

“The ancient Romans figured out they could put an emblem on cloth and raise

it high so they could communicate with their entire army across the field,” he said.

And even though the United States is one of the youngest countries on Earth, our flag is one of the oldest on the planet, said Owens.

“On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed a resolution establishing a design on our flag and that’s why we’re celebrating Flag Day today,” he said.

After the Marines raised the nation’s colors on the school’s flag pole, Owens urged the students to remember what Old Glory means.

“It’s about our freedom, it’s about our country,” he said. “All around the world wherever you go, everyone knows what that flag means.”

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“The constant challenge is to make the battalion run,” he said. “We have to get creative and make due. The fact that we’re able to operate the battalion smoothly without any perceived interruption to the Soldiers we support I think is our biggest accomplishment.”

Pratt agreed that interacting with all of the battalion’s many agencies could be a challenge, but that the command team rose to the occasion time and again.

“Getting out to visit and interact with 52 agencies can be a struggle; I definitely believe that we either increased or improved the relationships that the battalion has had ... with all of the different agencies and their leadership,” he said.

Pratt also noted that he was proud of the “ability to establish programs that allowed us to enhance Soldiers’ individual skills and warrior skills to ensure that they could survive no what matter the environment or unit they were assigned to throughout the Army,” such as Best Warrior Competitions and Soldier of the Quarter boards.

Before taking command, Biehl served in the 3rd Special Services Group in Fort Bragg, N.C., and was deployed to Afghanistan

as deputy commanding officer of operations.

He said his background as a Special Forces officer was a significant asset when taking over as leader of Headquarters Command Battalion.

“I think it actually really helped me,” he said. “I’ve been operating in the ambiguous for a long time and I think that’s kind of helped.”

Biehl and Pratt both said their positions as leaders required them to stay objective as decision makers.

“There’s something new every day,” Pratt said. “Be flexible as well as open to change while having numerous bosses.”

Biehl and Pratt said they’ll miss many things about coming to JBM-HH every day, but they’ll miss the people the most.

“The people I get to work with are amazing, and that’s what makes the job great, and that’s what’s going to hurt when I leave,” Biehl said, adding that Pratt was a perfect choice for command sergeant major.

“The Army absolutely got it right when they paired us together,” he said. “It’s the perfect Yin and Yang. I couldn’t have done it without him. I have never met a more professional and knowledgeable non-commissioned officer.”

And Pratt agreed.

“This is the greatest

command team I’ve been a part of in my 28 years,” he said.

Biehl thanked JBM-HH Commander Col. Mike Henderson and former commander, now retired Col. Fern O. Sumpter for their support and cooperation during his time on post.

“I really enjoyed my time working with the folks in the garrison, at the joint base and enjoyed the support I got from both Col. Sumpter and Col. Henderson,” he said. “They had complete trust, faith and confidence in me, and just let me do what I needed to do. Hopefully, in their mind, that just meant that they knew I was taking care of business.”

Biehl, a native of Bowie, Md., will be transitioning to Crystal City, working as the Army Special Operations Forces human resources manager.

Pratt accepted a position at Joint Force Headquarters - National Capital Region and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, where he will work until retiring early next year.

“I really don’t want to leave,” Biehl said. “It’s been a fantastic assignment. It’s been the best job I think I’ve ever had, and it’s because of the people I get to work with.”

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Center, Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington Commanding General Maj. Gen. Bradley A. Becker meets with Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall emergency service workers June 15 during a tour of JBM-HH. Becker and JFHQ-NCR/MDW Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy A. Guden spent the afternoon meeting JBM-HH personnel, touring facilities and learning about the joint base’s mission. Becker assumed command in a Conmy Hall ceremony June 10, while Guden assumed his role last month.



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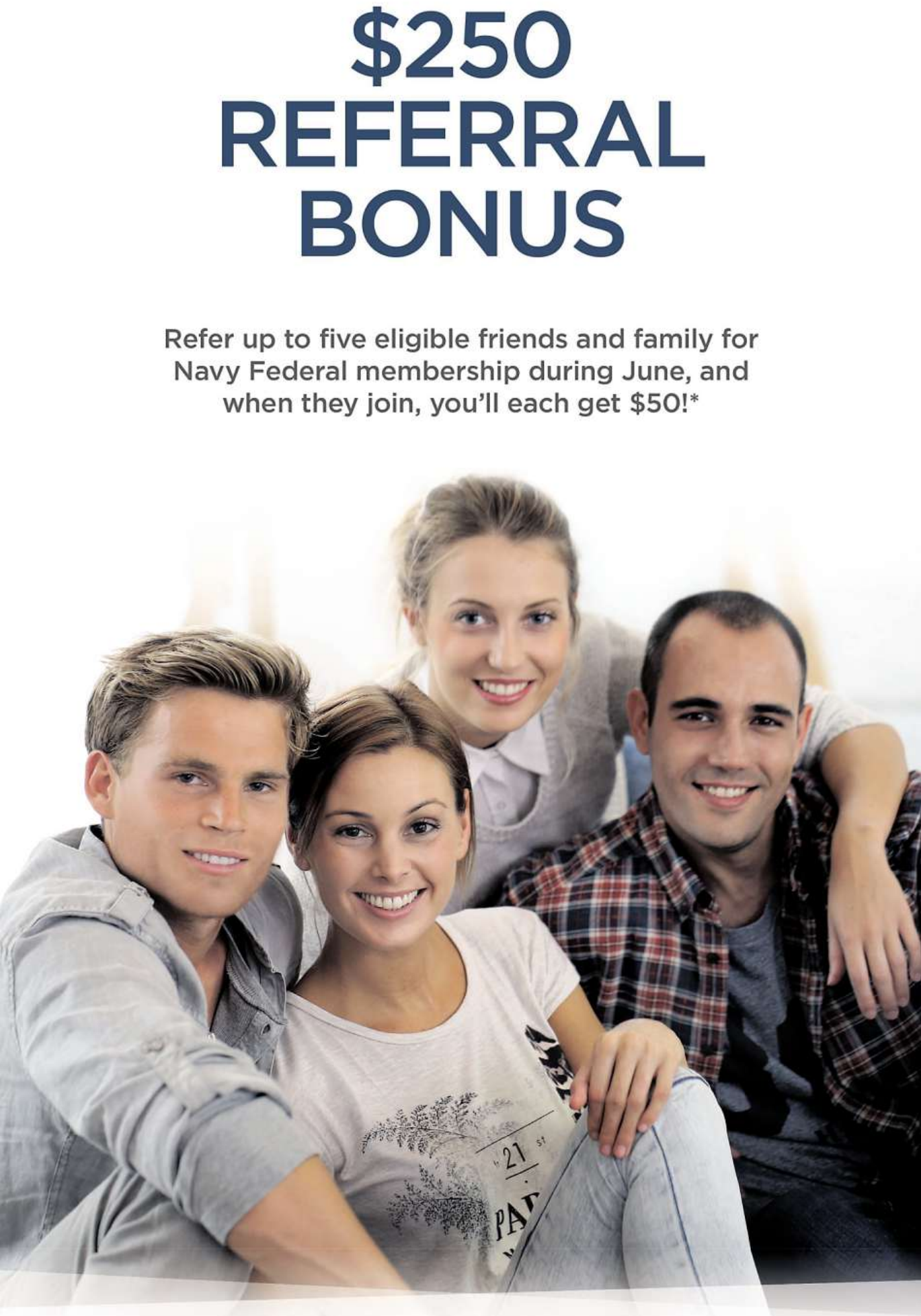
From right, Australian Air Attaché and Assistant Defense Attaché, Air Commodore Gary Martin, Australian Embassy Deputy Head of Mission, Ambassador Caroline Millar, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Commander Col. Mike Henderson and JBM-HH Command Sgt. Maj. Randall E. Woods perform a wreath-laying June 12 to commemorate the 72nd anniversary of the Bakers Creek aircraft crash that took the lives of 40 Army-Air Corps members during World War II.

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Arlington National Cemetery, a fitting place as the cemetery serves as a “dramatic back drop” to the Bakers Creek Memorial, said Henderson during a ceremonial speech. “The rows of tombstones serve to remind us of the many men and women who have served and given their lives for our great nation,” he said. “So today, we gather to remember these Soldiers...who lost their lives in an airplane crash.” The crash of the B-17C is considered to be the worst accident involving a transport aircraft in the southwest Pacific during World War II.

Surviving family members of those killed in the crash attended the JBM-HH-coordinated ceremony alongside Soldiers from the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), who were dressed in World War II-era combat uniforms for the occasion. The family members were given the opportunity to lay a flower of remembrance in honor of their fallen loved ones. “This is a sacrifice that all Australians do have recollection of,” said Martin, who also promised attendees that Australia will always remember Americans as “true and dear friends.” “But most importantly, we will always

remember the men who perished in that fateful crash,” he said. “I salute the men who passed that day in Mackay.” Robert S. Cutler, executive director of the U.S. chapter of the Bakers Creek Memorial Association, told the crowd that it is “our duty to pay tribute and to remember that these fallen warriors did not die in vain.” Cutler explained that the citizens of Mackay built a monument near the crash site to honor the American’s sacrifice at Baker’s Creek. “These fallen members of the U.S. Army-Air Corps also deserve to be remembered here in Washington, D.C.,” he said. The monument, a gift from the government of Mackay, Australia, was placed at the joint base in 2009 and bears the names of the service members who died and the aircraft’s sole survivor, according to a 2010 Pentagon report on the first commemoration of the disaster on JBM-HH after the monument was placed. The disaster’s only survivor, Cpl. Foye Kenneth Roberts, died in 2004 at age 83. For more imagery from this event, go online to <https://goo.gl/WVVR6p>. To view video of this event, go online to <https://goo.gl/C84Nzd>. *Pentagram staff writer Damien Salas can be reached at dsalas@dcmmilitary.com.*



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