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Young musicians take to Brucker Hall stage

By Julia LeDoux
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Violinist Kenneth Naito of Elkridge, Md., was named the winner of the 11th annual The United States Army Band's Young Artist competition held March 14 at Brucker Hall on the Fort Myer portion of the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.

So dedicated is Naito to his music that he left the competition immediately after his performance in order to travel to Columbia, Md., where he was due for a rehearsal at 9:30 p.m. He was not present to accept his award, but will perform as a soloist with the band on May 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Naito performed a rendition of "Allegro guerriero" to take first place.

Julia Angelov, 14, a student at National Cathedral School, was the competition's second place winner. She performed the third movement of St. Saens violin concerto #3. Angelov began playing the violin when she was 4 years old and hopes to make a career out of music.

"I would love to keep playing," she said. "It's very difficult, but I think it's a beautiful

[career] path," Angelov said she was very happy with her second place finish.

"Everyone was amazing," she said. "I wasn't expecting this at all. It's such an honor."

In addition to Naito and Angelov, other performers included Helen Zhao (flute); Gabrielle Li (cello); Yukio Takehara (violin); Olivia Johann (oboe); Eric Constantino (viola) and Yeama Ho (flute).

Judges included The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" Leader and Commander Col. Timothy Holtan; Deputy Commander Maj. Trent Ancelet; Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Smith; Master Sgt. Tom Fowler, non-commissioned officer in charge of the U.S. Army Orchestra; Staff Sgt. Rob Martin, concert master of The U.S. Army Orchestra; and Sgt. 1st Class Amanda Jury, principal oboist of The U.S. Army Concert Band.

"We take great pleasure in this process, from advertising and soliciting recordings to choosing honorable mentions and finalists to come and play for us this evening," Holtan said.

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Violinist Kenneth Naito of Elkridge, Md., performs during The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own" Young Artist competition March 14 at Brucker Hall on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. Naito placed first in the competition and will have the opportunity to perform a solo during the band's May 7 performance.



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Julia Angelov, a violinist from the District of Columbia, receives the second place award from The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" Leader and Commander Col. Timothy J. Holtan for her performance at the band's Young Artist competition March 14 at Brucker Hall on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. Angelov performed the 11-minute piece by Saint-Saëns, Violin Concerto #3, 3rd movement.

New LED lights at McNair Bldg. 39 to reduce energy costs

By Guv Callahan
Pentagram Staff Writer

The Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Directorate of Public Works is currently converting light fixtures in Bldg. 39 on the Fort McNair portion of the joint base in order to reduce energy usage and costs.

Approximately 350 light fixtures in Bldg. 39, the headquarters building on Fort McNair, will be replaced with new, highly efficient LED fixtures, said Bill Lucas, energy manager at JBM-HH DPW.

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PHOTO BY NELL KING

Brian Gier, a lighting retro fitter, replaces old light fixtures with new high energy efficient LED fixtures March 8 in Bldg. 39 on the Fort McNair portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. Approximately 350 light fixtures will be replaced and the project is expected to be completed by month's end.

Business leaders provide entrepreneurial advice to JBM-HH at Vetrakon 2016

By Julia LeDoux
Pentagram Staff Writer

Service members and their families who are interested in entrepreneurship heard from those who have "been there, done that" during Vetrakon 2016, an entrepreneurial and inspirational event held March 11 on the Henderson Hall portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.

Hosted by American Dream U, the event brought entre-

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PHOTO BY NELL KING

Tamsen Webster, senior vice president for executive communications and chief marketing officer for Oratium, takes the stage at American Dream U's Vetrakon conference March 11 at Rosenthal Theater on the Henderson Hall portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. American Dream U is a non-profit organization that travels to military bases throughout the U.S. to allow all military personnel and entrepreneurs to provide best practices and advice to service members, retirees, federal civilian employees and military families.

News Notes

DeCA looking for student trainees

The Defense Commissary Agency is currently accepting applications for student trainee-store associates through its Pathways Intern program. There are three full-time positions available at the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Commissary on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base.

As a Pathways intern, student-trainees will receive on-the-job training and progressively challenging assignments that relate to their college degree programs. Applications will be accepted through April 30. To apply, visit <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/430900400/>.

Nominations sought to recognize 'children's heroes'

The JBM-HH Family Advocacy Program will recognize individuals who go above and beyond the call of duty for our children at the annual "Blue Tie Affair" April 27. Nominations are being sought from all branches of the military, family members, DoD civilians, retirees and community partners by close of business April 8. The Blue Tie Affair, designed to recognize our children's heroes is April 27 at 1:30 p.m. at Spates Community Club on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH (immediately fol-

lowing the quarterly JBM-HH awards recognition ceremony) with a reception to follow. For more information, to include the nomination form and instructions, contact the JBM-HH Family Advocacy Program at 703-696-3512 or suzanne.w.mcglathin.ctr@mail.mil.

MCCS Henderson Hall announces new retail hours

Marine Corps Community Services Henderson Hall recently announced new operating hours for several of its retail stores beginning March 28. New operating hours include: the Marine Corps Exchange, open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; the NEX Uniform Center, open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., closed Sundays; the Vineyard Wine and Spirits, open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays; The Marine Mart at Marine Barracks Washington, open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekends. For more information, call 703-979-8420, extension 321.

Welcome to Germany - March 18

Come to Army Community Service, Bldg. 201 on the Fort Myer portion of the

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Spring is in the air



PHOTO BY NELL KING

A view of Washington, D.C., from Fort Myer's Whipple Field at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall as the sun begins to set brings to life a spectrum of spring-time colors, including lush green grass, red buds and other vegetation on D.C.'s tree line. Spring also marks the blooming of the Cherry Blossom trees in D.C., as well as the National Cherry Blossom Festival, which begins March 26 and runs through April 17.

JBM-HH Throwback Thursday #3



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A photograph of Whipple Field believed to be taken in either 1940 or 1941 (left, photo credit unknown) shows Old Glory and a World War I-era French 75mm field gun, which was used as the salute gun for ceremonies, according to retired JBM-HH Historian Kim Holien. A similar photo taken from the same angle (right) depicts Whipple Field March 5, 2016, with the American flag flown at half-staff in memoriam of former First Lady Nancy Reagan, who died March 6.



PHOTO BY NELL KING

Wanted: Military retiree input for publication

By Ray LaPlante
Chair, Communications
Committee, JBM-HH
Military Retiree Council

Virginia has approximately 145,000 military retirees, many who live in northern Virginia, inside or near the Washington Beltway. The National Capital Region is also home to many large corporations, as well as numerous historic, cultural and recreational sites. Several local area military installations draw some retirees to start a second career as civilians, working part time or and as volunteers. Likewise, this area offers excellent health care for military retirees because of the many major military medical facilities available.

Also, there is also a fair amount of work that deals with foreign commercial contracts, well suited for many retirees who have lived overseas and speak other languages and want to work part time or find new careers. For many, this area also offers opportunities to enjoy much-earned free time to play golf, sail or enjoy one a pleasurable hobby.

Having this many retirees has created a fairly well networked retiree community, although not as well connected as it could be. Although there are a lot of websites and newsletters

tailored toward active and retired military members, finding this information can be time consuming.

While it is certainly true that word of mouth and event participation helps identify other opportunities for retirees to enjoy themselves, the JBM-HH Military Retiree Council also seeks to provide a forum to share information. In partnership with the JBM-HH Public Affairs Office, we want to begin publishing information here in the Pentagongram that specifically is of interest to the military retiree community.

As such, I welcome any input any retirees may have on things you are involved with in the community, activities you might be interested in or input that might be of interest to others that you would like to share. Again, retirees are retired and deserve to sit back and enjoy life. Like myself, I'm retired and aside from helping out with some volunteer work, spend much of my time sailing and relaxing with other retirees. If you'd like to share in a hobby you have and reach out to others, let me know.

Please feel free to email me at rc-sail@hotmail.com. Make sure you use the header of "Retiree Input" in the subject block of your email.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

This week in military history

Compiled by Jim Goodwin
Editor, Pentagongram

Mar. 17 1967: Master Sgt. Barbara J. Dulinsky reports for duty in Vietnam, becoming the first female Marine to do so, according to the Marine Corps History Division website. Dulinsky and other female Marines who followed her for duty in Vietnam were assigned to the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) in Saigon. Most provided administrative support to Marines assigned as north as the demilitarized zone. Two Marines, Lt. Col. Ruth Reinholz and Ruth O'Holleran, served as historians with the Joint Staff's Military History Branch at the MACV.

Mar. 18 2004: The 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) receives provisional reorganization approval to establish a Regimental Headquarters, including subordinate units, according to an online version of A Short History of The Old Guard. Also in March of 2004, The Old Guard's Company B commander, 1st Battalion, wrote of the regiment's Soldiers' hard work during deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as part of Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa: "In these six months, we have not stopped our intensive work on behalf of defending freedom, taking little pause in that time."

Mar. 19 1945: U.S. 7th Army forces captured Saarlouis, Germany, while fighting in Saarbrücken and the towns to the east continued, according to the This Day in Military History website. U.S. 3rd Army continues to advance east and southeast toward the Rhine River; Worms is reached, while to the left and right other units are near Mainz and Kaiserslautern.

Mar. 20 1922: The 11,500-ton USS Langley was commissioned into the U.S. Navy as America's first aircraft carrier, according to an entry on the U.S. Navy's official website. The Langley was reconstructed and recommissioned from the USS Jupiter, a fuel ship.



OFFICIAL NAVY PHOTO

Converted from the USS Jupiter, the 11,500-ton USS Langley was commissioned into the U.S. Navy as America's first aircraft carrier March 20, 1922.

Mar. 21 1967: U.S. Army Master Sgt. Charles E. Hosking Jr., Company A, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), takes action that would ultimately lead to his posthumous awarding of the Medal of Honor, according to the U.S. Army Center of Military History website. Hosking jumped on and wrestled to the ground a Viet Cong prisoner who managed to grab a grenade on Hosking's belt. The prisoner armed the grenade and immediately ran toward Hosking's company leadership, according to official accounts. Recognizing the threat, Hosking took action and covered the grenade with his own body to absorb the blast and protect two Americans and two Vietnamese. Hosking died immediately.

Mar. 22 1929: U.S. Navy ships protect Americans and their property during the Mexican Revolution, according to an entry on the U.S. Navy's official website.

Mar. 23 2003: In the fifth day of Operation Iraqi Freedom, U.S.-led warplanes and helicopters attack Iraqi Republican Guard units defending Baghdad, according to the This Day in Military History website. Meanwhile, allied ground troops advanced within 50 miles of the Iraqi capital.

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Korean War MIA Soldier laid to rest

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After 65 years, Pfc. James M. Smith was finally laid to rest by his family March 9 with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

Smith was 19 years old when Chinese forces attacked his unit, Feb. 12, 1951, north of Hoengsong, Korea. He was a member of Company K, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division.

Smith's company was supporting the South Korean Army in attacks against the Chinese People's Volunteer Army. When the Chinese counterattacked, South Korean troops quickly retreated, leaving the outnumbered U.S. Soldiers to fight alone. Smith ended up missing in action.

Scientists from the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing In Ac-



Geneva Smith (in wheelchair) watches as a casket team from the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), carry the remains of her uncle, U.S. Army Pfc. James M. Smith, to his final resting place at Section 60 in Arlington National Cemetery, Va., March 9.

PHOTO BY SGT. JOSE. A. TORRES JR.

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JBM-HH Fire Department unveils new mini-ambulance on wheels

By Julia LeDoux
Pentagram Staff Writer

The Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Fire Department has a new mobile tool in its arsenal of rescue equipment.

The department recently took ownership of a 2016 Polaris Alternative Support Apparatus MS500. The vehicle is best described as a mini-ambulance on wheels, explained JBM-HH Fire Department Capt. William Long.

"It's an all-terrain ATV-type vehicle with a full patient compartment in the back, which you can load patients in and transport," he said.

Outfitted with four wheel drive, a fully heated and air conditioned cab and patient compartment in the back, the vehicle is

fully loaded. It will allow the department's firefighters, paramedics and emergency medical technicians to reach patients in off-road areas that are inaccessible to regular rescue vehicles, said Long.

"We don't do a lot of off-road, but if the situation arises we have full capability to get off road to the patient," he said. "It also allows us to maneuver in crowds much easier."

Long said the vehicle will be used for such events as Rolling Thunder; weekly Twilight Tattoos; the Army Ten-Miler and the Marine Corps Marathon; the Fourth of July celebration; and the Easter, Memorial and Veterans Day observances at Arlington National Cemetery.

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PHOTO BY NELL KING

The 2016 Polaris Alternative Support Apparatus MS500 can best be described as a mini-ambulance, according to JBM-HH Fire Department Capt. William Long. It is outfitted with four-wheel drive and is air conditioned in the main cabin and the patient compartment. It will allow the fire department to reach patients in off-road areas that are inaccessible to regular rescue vehicles, said Long.

Old Guard Soldiers earn coveted Expert Infantryman Badge



PHOTO BY NELL KING

3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Commander Col. Johnny K. Davis shakes the hand of one of 44 Old Guard Soldiers who earned the coveted Expert Infantryman Badge March 11 at Conmy Hall on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. Soldiers endured weeks of physical, academic and infantry tactical training and testing at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., to earn the badge.

By Julia LeDoux
Pentagram Staff Writer

Forty-four 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Soldiers were awarded the coveted Expert Infantryman Badge March 11 during a ceremony at Conmy Hall on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.

The ceremony followed weeks of academic, physical fitness and infantry field tactics training and preparation for the Soldiers, who completed training and testing at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., last week.

"I admire each and every one of you

Soldiers for proving to be some of the best the Army has to offer," 3d Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Commander Col. Johnny K. Davis said during the ceremony, which was also attended by the Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region/Military District of Washington leadership team of Commander Maj. Gen. Bradley A. Becker and Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy A. Guden.

Davis himself earned the EIB as an infantry officer in the 1990s.

"Army-wide statistically about 12 per-

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Army Community Service to help local area teens land jobs

By Delonte Harrod
Pentagram Staff Writer

Getting a foot in the door of employment as a teenager or even a young adult could require extra effort and help.

To help, Fort Belvoir's and JBM-HH's Army Community Service programs have partnered to hold a one-day workshop that will familiarize teenagers and young adults to corporate America.

The employment workshop is scheduled for March 24 at Fort Belvoir's Army Community Service, Bldg. 200 (9800 Belvoir Road), from 10 a.m. to noon. The workshop is only for military families in the National Capital Region who have children in high school and college who may need a job and want to sharpen their marketable skills.

"I think most human beings have some difficulty naturally marketing themselves," said Lauren DuPree, employment readiness manager for Army Community Service at Fort Bel-

voir. "It's one of those behaviors that we don't naturally do every day. [Some] of our youth are new to the work world, so of course, they don't know how to [market themselves.] That is what we are here for."

The workshop is open to ages 15 and older.

Although it is not clear as to what employers will be present, the Pentagram confirmed that a representative from Wegmans will attend, as well as representatives from youth services, human resources and the Army Volunteer Program. A representative from each organization will instruct on topics such as: resume writing, how to complete an online job application, interview tips, proper work environment behaviors and the importance of volunteering.

"It is important that they be ready to enter the working world as they move around from installation to installation with their families," said Carla Moss, information and referral program

manager for JBM-HH Army Community Service.

DuPree said the workshop is not only a platform that will offer youth tips for potential job success, it will also provide space for the teenagers to interact with employers.

"The [youth] will be able to network with the employers, so that they can start to practice talking about themselves," she said.

The two installations have partnered together because there are a lot of families who live at Fort Belvoir but work on JBM-HH and at the Pentagon, so Fort Myer ACS representatives will bring their perspectives to the workshop, according to DuPree.

Judy Joyner, JBM-HH ACS Employment Readiness Program manager, suggests that those teens who plan on attending the March 24 event need to "do their homework" and research companies who may be in attendance.

"[They should] determine who they would like to work for and



COURTESY PHOTO

The Fort Belvoir and Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Army Community Service programs are partnering to host a teen employment workshop March 24 designed to familiarize teenagers and young adults with exposing and landing employment opportunities. The workshop, intended for teens above the age of 15, will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at Fort Belvoir's Army Community Service, Bldg. 200 (9800 Belvoir Road).

why...and be prepared to answer questions with clear, concise answers," she said.

Joyner also recommends attendees dress appropriately for the event by wearing business attire.

For more information contact, Moss at 703-696-2178 or contact Fort Belvoir ACS at 703-805-4590 or 703-805-1836

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He complimented all the finalists on the quality of their performances. “The preparation that you must have gone through to get to this point is very, very evident,” Holtan said. Holtan then led the audience in a round of applause in appreciation for those who accompanied the performers and for the performers’ parents. “We all know that there’s no way we could do what we do when we were young, formative musicians without our parents,” he said. “Taking us to and from lessons, encouraging us to practice, paying for those lessons, going back and forth to rehearsals. It’s quite a labor of love.” *Pentagram Staff Writer Julia LeDoux can be reached at jledoux@dc-military.com.*

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The project contract was awarded to the Potomac Electric Power Company in October 2015 and is expected to be complete by the end of this month, according to Lucas. The conversion will cost \$170,000 and is expected to save 35,000 kilowatts of electricity per year. That adds up to about \$3,500 in savings per year. The conversion project is the latest installment in the joint base’s ongoing effort to meet the Army’s energy reduction requirements, Lucas said. “It’s about 3 percent per year that we want to reduce base-wide, which is a big number,” he said. And DPW representatives felt that Bldg. 39 was an excellent location for the project. “We selected that as a candidate because it’s a very visible building, everybody gets to see it, and it’s a good place to demonstrate this technology, without a doubt,” Lucas told the Pentagram. Plus, many of the old light fixtures in Bldg. 39 had been burning out too frequently, racking up maintenance and operations costs. The new LED light fixtures last for an average of 80,000 hours when used under the right conditions, according to Lucas.

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preneurs and business leaders who volunteer their time to help those transitioning from the military to the civilian workforce to the joint base. Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington Commander Maj. Gen. Bradley A. Becker welcomed attendees to the event. “I got a message from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, from the base commander, who told me what a powerful event this was for our service members and their families,” he said. “He strongly recommended that we invite you [American Dream University] to the National Capital Region and that’s what we did.” American Dream U’s Phil Randazzo urged transitioning service members to reach out to service members who have successfully transitioned in order to learn from them. “If you send them an email saying that and ask them to spend 10 minutes on the phone with you, they won’t spend 10 minutes on the phone with you,” he said. “They will spend hours on the phone with you.” According to its website, American Dream U is dedicated to helping service members and their families’ transition to the post-military chapter of their lives.

More than 12 speakers shared with attendees how they could start their own business or land their dream job following military service. Entrepreneur Dave Will discussed how he started his business with \$2,400 in 2001. “It’s about having a vision, making a plan and executing it,” he said of starting a business. “It always starts with taking action. It doesn’t matter what the action is.” Speaker and Navy veteran Leon Wilde stressed that many college graduates do not find employment in the field that they majored in while in school.



Yeama Ho, a flutist, performs Max Bruch’s *Scottish Fantasy, Allegro guerriero* during her performance at The United States Army Band “Pershing’s Own” Young Artist competition March 14 at Brucker Hall on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. Ho placed third in the competition and will have the honor of performing with the band during several May 7 performances.



Tim Dworshak and Brian Gier, both lighting retro fitters, replace old light fixtures with new high energy efficient LED fixtures March 8 in building 39 on the Fort McNair portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. The conversion will cost \$170,000 and is expected to save 35,000 kilowatts of electricity, as well as \$3,500, per year.

“There have been a lot of issues with maintenance the last few years in Building 39 and the old lights,” Lucas said. “They’ve been burning out too frequently and there’s been a lot of issues with the quality of the light for the occupants of the building. There’s been a lot of time spent replacing light bulbs. So if you have a light bulb that’s supposed to last 80,000 hours, it’s something that shouldn’t need much maintenance at all, bottom line.” Lucas said the command group has been pleased with the progress of the project, which should finish on schedule.

DPW completed a number of other LED light conversions on JBM-HH in the last calendar year, including projects in Conmy Hall and Memorial Chapel on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base. Lucas said he and the DPW team are looking at other potential projects to reduce the joint base’s energy footprint, including equipment upgrades at National Defense University on the Fort McNair portion of the joint base. Funding for those projects is still pending, he said. *Pentagram Staff Writer Guv Callahan can be reached at wcallahan@dc-military.com.*



Maj. Gen. Bradley A. Becker, commanding general, Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, pauses to meet 7-year-old Charlie McKernan at American Dream U’s Vetracon conference March 11 at Rosenthal Theater on the Henderson Hall portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. McKernan’s father, Philip McKernan, right, was one of several presenters during Vetracon, an all-day event that provided transitioning service members, military retirees and other Department of Defense personnel with entrepreneurial and business leadership advice.



Philip McKernan, a clarity coach, speaks to attendees at American Dream U’s Vetracon conference March 11 at Rosenthal Theater on the Henderson Hall portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. McKernan works with clients who are seeking transition from one career to another to help them find their “dream job.” His clients include well-known professional athletes.

With that in mind, Wilde said that transitioning service members should also look outside their military occupational specialty or MOS when they are considering their civilian careers. “You are not your rank, you are not your MOS the day you get out of the military,” he said. “If you don’t want to be your MOS, you don’t have to be.” Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Javier Vincente was among the crowd of nearly

250 on hand for the day-long presentation. Vincente said he had what he called an “alleluia moment” about transitioning from the military during the session. “Be positive about the outcome, no matter what, especially if you are going through some rough times,” he said. *Pentagram Staff Writer Julia LeDoux can be reached at jledoux@dc-military.com.*

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joint base March 18 from 10 to 11 a.m. for the 411 on Germany, including information on sponsorship, household shipments, personal vehicle shipments, driving, pets, passport information, and customs, culture and language. For additional information, call 703-696-3510/2177 or email victor.m.arthur.civ@mail.mil.

Baby Bundles – March 18

Prepare your home and relationship for the changes that are needed when your new baby arrives by attending Baby Bundles March 18 from noon to 2 p.m. in Bldg. 201 on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base. A brief overview of the labor and delivery process, newborn care and babyproofing your home will be discussed. Individuals will receive a bag of free baby care and safety items. For more information or to register, call 703-696-3512.

Women in Military Service – March 18

As you walk through Arlington National Cemetery, you can’t help noticing the names of women who improved society through their contribution to science, the arts, government and all other areas of American life. Women in Military Service hosts an event March 18 starting at the Arlington National Cemetery Welcome Center that will discuss the continuing legacy of women who have served in the Navy. Guest speaker is Dr. Regina T. Akers, historian at the Naval History and Heritage Command. A walking tour of the cemetery will cover women who have served across the armed services and other notable women who are buried in the cemetery. To register, visit <http://goo.gl/jREKxk>.

MOPH meets March 19

The Greater Washington, D.C. Chapter 53, Military Order of the Purple Heart will hold its monthly meeting at American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Avenue, Springfield, Va., March 19 at 1 p.m. The Warrior Cafe will be open prior to the meeting should anyone wish to come early and enjoy lunch. All recipients of the Purple Heart Medal are invited, especially new medal recipients. For more information, contact Commander Gordon Sumner at gordon.sumner53@gmail.com or William Lee at wlee95678@outlook.com.

ASBP blood drive – March 21

The Armed Services Blood Program will hold a blood drive March 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fort Myer gym on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base. Make your appointment online at militarydonor.com using sponsor code FTMEYER. Can’t commit to a time? Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Joseph Graves at 302-250-2121.

Seven Habits workshops March 21, April 8

MCCS Henderson Hall’s Marine Corps Family Team Building program offers three opportunities at the Pentagon to take a one-day The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People workshop. Dates are March 21 and April 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants will experience innovative exercises, case studies and poignant video segments, as well as learn from other participants. Registration is required. Call 703-693-8905 for more information and to register.

“Step up” Sexual Assault and Prevention Response training – March 22

Headquarters and Service Battalion on the Henderson Hall portion of JBM-HH is hosting a “step up” sexual assault and prevention response training for junior Marines (E3 and below) March 22, 8 to 10 a.m. in Room 104 in Bldg. 29 on Henderson Hall (battalion HQ building). The training is an annual requirement and cannot be completed on Marine Net. For more information, call 703-614-1471.

Job search for newcomer’s class – March 22

JBM-HH Army Community Service is hosting a job search for newcomer’s class for those seeking employment in the National Capital Region March 22, 9 a.m. to noon in the ACS classroom in Bldg. 201 on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH. The class will cover everything from conducting a job search, to planning transportation and travel routes to and from work. Registration is required to attend. For more information or to register, call Judy Joyner at 703-696-3047 or email her at judy.b.joyner2.civ@mail.mil.

Military-friendly job fair – March 23

Meet face-to-face with dozens of employers and government agencies with immediate staffing needs, as well as military-friendly schools and veteran service organizations March 23 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Army Navy Country Club, 1700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Va. Early registrants include National Security Agency, National Institutes of Health, HITT Contracting, AECOM, State Farm, PenFed, Pepco Holdings, Sears Home Services, Endeavor Air, BAE Systems, Prince William County Police, and more. This job fair is especially for transitioning and former military and family members seeking employment. Free and open to all job seekers. Business attire for attendees is recommended. Pre-register through <http://corporategray.com> to receive a job fair directory before the event; this also makes resumes available in advance to the participating companies.

Easter Sunrise Service announced – March 27

The annual Easter Sunrise Service, hosted by Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Commander Col. Michael D. Henderson, will be held Sunday, March 27, at Arlington National Cemetery’s Memorial Am-

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tion Accounting Agency recently identified commingled remains as Smith's by using two types of DNA analysis. Mitochondrial DNA analysis matched a brother and cousin. A Y-chromosome Short Tandem Repeat DNA analysis matched a brother. Dental analysis also matched Smith's records.

Smith's remains had been among 208 boxes of commingled remains returned to the U.S. by North Korea between 1990 and 1994. Recent advances in DNA technology and samples from Smith's relatives finally enabled the remains to be identified, said Air Force Lt. Col. Holly Slaughter of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

"I'm just amazed," said Smith's niece, Geneva Smith from Sherman, Texas. She was surprised when notified that her uncle had been found.

As next of kin, Geneva accepted the folded flag from atop her uncle's casket during the burial services at Arlington

National Cemetery. She said the services were "spectacular" and family members who attended were "overwhelmed."

"I'm so pleased in the way the military handles Soldiers coming back today," Geneva said.

A horse-drawn caisson from the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (Old Guard) brought Pfc. Smith to his final resting place in section 60 of the cemetery. Along the path, a line of veterans from the Patriot Guard Riders saluted.

"Everyone was so reverent and respectful," Geneva said.

Geneva, her daughter and her granddaughter each placed a single red rose on the casket.

Geneva said although the group of family members at the cemetery wasn't exceptionally large, "there are others here in spirit." Her father, Pvt. Smith's only brother, died in 2011. The two brothers had grown up together in Abbeville, Ga.

Although Geneva never met her uncle, she said her father talked about him all the time.

"If I could be like somebody else, I'd



PHOTO BY SGT. JOSE. A. TORRES JR.

Geneva Smith places a rose on the casket of her uncle U.S. Army Pfc. James M. Smith after his full military honors funeral at Section 60 of Arlington National Cemetery March 9.

like to be like him," Geneva said of her uncle. She said her father portrayed him as funny and full of good-natured pranks.

Pvt. Smith is among more than 200 Korean War casualties identified so far

by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency or DPAA.

"As advances in technology have happened, we are able to identify more and more," said Slaughter, a DPAA spokesperson.

JBM-HH Lenten and Easter services

March 18 –Lenten Fridays
6 p.m. – Stations of the Cross; 6:30 p.m. Penitential Supper

March 24 – Holy Thursday
7 p.m. – Liturgy of the Lord's Supper – no noon Mass

March 25 – Liturgy of our Lord's Passion and Death
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March 26 – Holy Saturday
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

March 27 – Easter Sunday
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“This will actually be in service for the Easter Sunrise Service [at ANC] March 27,” he said.

The vehicle runs on diesel fuel, can travel at speeds up to 30 miles an hour and can be driven to just about any event in the immediate area. If it is needed at a location outside of the immediate area, it will be put on a trailer and driven to the scene, explained Long.

The vehicle is equipped with additional external electrical outlets which can be used to power lights and an upgraded 3,500 kilowatt generator.

“It will also allow us to be able to transport the patient better,” he continued. “The [ATV] we have now, the back is exposed. This one is like an actual ambulance so it allows the paramedics and EMTs to work on the patient inside, in a controlled environment.”

Total cost of the vehicle was about \$70,000. Before selecting the unit, JBM-HH firefighters visited the Arlington Fire



PHOTO BY NELL KING

This all terrain vehicle is the 2016 Polaris Alternative Support Apparatus MS500 acquired by the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Fire Department. It has a full patient compartment in the back, with which the department can load and transport patients in, according to JBM-HH Fire Department Capt. William Long.

Department for a look at their ATV and based the decision to purchase the vehicle on what they saw, said Long.

“They are expensive,” admitted Long. “But, they are a unique unit. There are no others around here, except at the Arlington Fire Department.”

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cent have earned the EIB,” he continued. “Earning the EIB is amazing.”

Then-Army Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall initiated the development of the Expert Infantryman Badge in 1944 to honor the U.S. Army infantryman and to build and maintain esprit-de-corps within infantry units.

The badge was developed as a means of recognizing the infantry’s “tough, hard-hitting role in combat and proficiency in the combat arts,” according to an entry on the U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence website.

The Soldiers traveled to Fort A.P. Hill for a week of qualifying that tested both their physical and mental capabilities. In order to earn the badge, the Soldiers had to pass a physical fitness test with at least 80 percent in each category; both day and nighttime land navigation; and a series of tests in everything from weapons assembly, patrolling and first aid.

“It’s been a long-held goal for me, so it’s



PHOTO BY CPL. CODY W. TORKELSON

A Soldier with the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) reads a map during testing for the Expert Infantryman Badge at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., March 9. Forty-four Old Guard Soldiers were awarded the coveted badge March 11 during a ceremony at Conmy Hall on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall following weeks of academic, physical fitness and infantry field tactics training and preparation.

good to finally achieve,” said Capt. Craig Morin of earning the EIB. “It’s been in the back of my mind for several years. I was just happy to be out there with my Soldiers and conduct some world class training.”

The testing concluded with a 12-mile ruck march that Soldiers had to complete in under three hours.

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phitheater. The non-denominational worship service will begin with a prelude by the U.S. Army Band “Pershing’s Own” at 6:15 a.m. The service is scheduled to begin with a call to worship at 6:30 a.m. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. This year’s Easter message will be delivered by Chap. (Brig. Gen.) Thomas L. Solhjem, Deputy Chief of Chaplains, United States Army. An interpreter for the hearing impaired will be present. For details on how to enter the cemetery, gate and parking lot openings and shuttle service information, please visit <http://go.usa.gov/cG72j>. For more information, please call 703-696-6635.

Washington CID Bn. moving – March 28
The Washington Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Battalion, currently at 105 Fenton Circle, Bldg. 305, Fort Myer, is moving to new quarters at 106 Stewart Road, Bldg. 313, Fort Myer. They will be moved in and open for regular operations March 28. For more information, call 703-696-5998/5898/1708.

DPW: A/C conversion for JBM-HH buildings completed by May 5
The Directorate of Public Works began the annual change over process of converting facility systems from heating to air conditioning in preparation for the summer months. All facilities should have A/C properly operating by May 5. There may be some unseasonable warm or cool periods during this transition, and building occupants may experience some discomfort. Based on weather forecasts and past history, this is the best time to do the conversion. During the conversion period, please refrain from calling in service orders for “no heat” or “no air conditioning,” unless it is an emergency or in a facility that has been designated as a Key

Mission Critical Facility. DPW work crews will be diverted from the above priorities only for emergency repair. In general, heat and air conditioning emergencies are defined as instances in which indoor temperatures are below 55 degrees or above 90 degrees.

If you have such an emergency, please call 703-696-3263/64/65. For additional information call 703-696-3820.

Play morning – March 31
JBM-HH Army Community Service hosts a morning playgroup for parents and their pre-school children March 31, 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the ACS classroom in Bldg. 201 on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH. The playgroup provides time for socialization, play, craft, music and story time. For more information or to register, call 703-696-3512.

Save the date: SHARP interactive presentation – April 1
April is Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention Month and the JBM-HH Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention Office is hosting an interactive presentation April 1 called “Beat the Blame Game” at 9:30 a.m. in the Town Hall center on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH. This presentation will focus on how to stop victim blaming, retaliation and reprisal while empowering people to prevent and intervene to stop sexual violence. For more information, call Yolanda King at 703-696-6497 or email at yolanda.m.king.civ@mail.mil.

Caisson spring Open House and Hayride – April 2
The U.S. Army Caisson Platoon spring Open House and Hayride, hosted by the U.S. Army Caisson Platoon will be held April 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bldg. 236 on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base. The event is free and includes hayrides, games, food, prizes and a surprise guest appearance or two. The event is rain or shine and is open to the public. First come, first served on the treats and prizes. For more information, call 703-696-3018.


Pinwheel parade – April 8
Join the Family Advocacy Program as it

kicks off Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Month of the Military Child with its 5th annual pinwheel parade April 8 at 10 a.m. at Cody Child Development Center on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base. Parents and children are invited. Children not already registered with the CYSS program must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. For more information, call 703-696-3512.

Food truck now available at MCX
A food truck that serves Mexican food is now available Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Marine Corps Exchange on the Henderson Hall portion of JBM-HH. The truck, operated

by Rito Loco, serves fish, shrimp, carne asada, veggies, rice bowls, salads, yogurt and much more. For a full menu, visit www.mccshh.com/pdf/Rito_Loco.pdf. The truck accepts cash and credit cards.

News Notes submissions
Send your submissions for the March 31 edition of the Pentagram via email at pentagramjbmhh@yahoo.com no later than noon, March 23. Submissions must be 100 words or less and contain all pertinent details. Submission of information does not guarantee publication. Please note that unless otherwise noted, all events listed are free and open to all Department of Defense ID card holders.



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