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Thousands flock to Arlington National Cemetery for Easter Sunrise Service

Senior Army chaplain: 'Readiness' is message in Christ's resurrection

By Arthur Mondale
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Three thousand filled the Vermont-quarried marble seats of Arlington National Cemetery's Memorial Amphitheater for the Easter Sunrise Service March 27.

The non-denominational worship service, hosted by Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Commander Col. Mike Henderson, began with a prelude by The U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own," conducted by U.S. Army 1st Lt. Richard K. Henebry, and a call to worship at 6:30 a.m., delivered by U.S. Army Chap. (Lt. Col.) Steven M. Jones, JBM-HH chaplain. Jones highlighted the moment by thanking attendees in the audience as well as deployed service members who could not be present.

"As we gather on this resurrection morning, I would ask you to join me in remembering all of our military service members who are unable to be with us today because of deployments to dan-

gerous places around the world," Jones said. "Be mindful also of their families and loved ones who celebrate this Easter without them. Because of them, you and I enjoy the extraordinary opportunity to worship in freedom here in this beautiful place."

For at least a handful of attendees interviewed by the Pentagram, the event was memorable, especially for those who were attending their first sunrise service inside Arlington National Cemetery.

"I hadn't been out to Arlington National Cemetery before, so this was really a significant time and occasion to venture here for the first time," said U.S. Army Pfc. Cody Morris.

"It's certainly a memorable experience and a really memorable place to be in," said U.S. Army Pvt. Dominick Perea. "A lot went into this event, and it's evident with the number of chaplains who came from across the National Capital Region and the remarks

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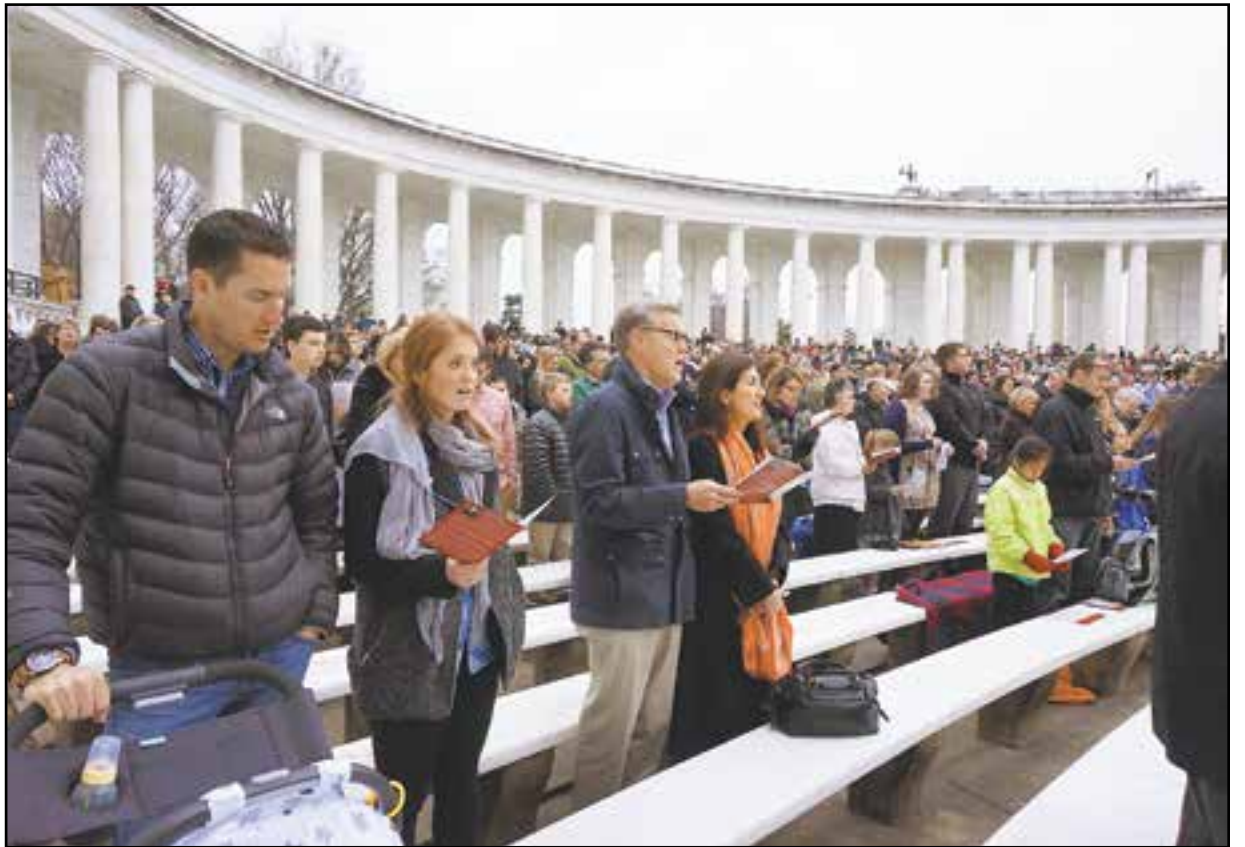


PHOTO BY ARTHUR MONDALE

Attendees of the Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington National Cemetery's Memorial Amphitheater partake in hymns and responsive readings March 27. The event has been an annual staple since 1927. Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall has coordinated the event the last two years.

Legislation bars some state IDs as unacceptable to access federal facilities

Starting April 16, at least four state and one American territory state IDs, drivers licenses will not be enough to gain access to JBM-HH

By Guv Callahan
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Beginning April 16, some driver's licenses and identification cards from some states and territories in the United States will no longer be accepted as primary identification for persons to gain access onto Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall and other federal installations.

As detailed in the Real ID Act of 2005, driver's licenses and identification cards from Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota, Washington and the territory of American Samoa currently do not meet federal regulations and cannot be used as primary forms of ID for base access.

"The Act established minimum

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PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. MICHEL SAURET

Sgt. Michael Villena (right), a U.S. Army Reserve military police Soldier with the 352nd MP Company, 200th MP Command, checks a driver's paperwork at one of the access control points on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Feb. 22. Beginning April 16, some driver's licenses and identification cards from some states and territories in the United States will no longer be accepted as primary identification for persons to gain access onto Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall and other federal installations.

Ten things to know around the DoD in April

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1. TRICARE reimbursement rates change April 1. The TRICARE Health Plan announced new reimbursement rates effective April 1 for applied behavior analysis (ABA) services, which are provided under the Autism Care Demonstration (ACD), according to a TRICARE news release. TRICARE's ABA coverage and benefits are not changing, but the new provider rates align ABA with all other TRICARE rates, ensuring the rates are reviewed and appropriately adjusted each year, reads the release. Addi-

tionally, TRICARE officials said that they recognize that a handful of geographic locations have fewer providers than needed, presenting a challenge to some beneficiaries. Accordingly, more than 700 new providers were recruited into the ACD in recent months, read the release at, visit <http://go.usa.gov/csxhj>.

2. Cyber ready. The end of March marked the activation of Marine Corps Cyberspace Warfare Group, at Fort George G. Meade, Md., in support of the U.S. Cyber Command and Marine Forces Cyberspace Command in defense of networks and communication. The unit is expected to be fully operational in 2017. Fort Meade is already

the home of United States Cyber Command, a sub-unified command established in 2009 by the Secretary of Defense.

3. U.S. Air Force unveils website for Medal of Honor recipients. The Air Force has created a new website dedicated to approximately 60 Airmen who received the Medal of Honor for exemplary acts of courage throughout their careers; including those killed in action and others who died as prisoners of war. The Medal of Honor is the highest military award for valor that can be bestowed upon a service member, the Air Force-designed Medal

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News Notes

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

DPTMS next bi-weekly Friday slow down is April 1

All sections of the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and "Security will have their bi-weekly slow down, rather than a complete shut

down, April 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The aim of the alternate Friday slow down is for all staff members to be able to participate in DPTMS strategy planning and training. Rather than closing down completely during this time, DPTMS will be available, but on a limited basis. The Operations Center will be open for emergency and planned events. Call them at 703-696-3291. The Security Office will be open for appointments only on slow down Friday. To make an appointment, call 703-696-0756/8341. For more information, call 703-696-3290/3291.

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

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World War I reenactment



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About 30 Soldiers from 4th Battalion, 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), spent March 18-20 participating in the filming of a World War I battlefield reenactment: The Meuse-Argonne offensive of 1918 launched to liberate Meuse of German hold. The filming is for a series of short video vignettes to be aired at the recently renovated visitor's center at the Meuse-Argonne Battlefield Memorial in Lorraine, France, beginning in the fall.

Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program seminars and workshops

Reservations are required. Spouses are encouraged to register and attend. Call the SFL-TAP office, 703-696-0973 or log-in at www.acap.army.mil. Available to all registered clients who have completed DD2648/2648-1 and initial counseling. Location of seminars and workshops are in the SFL-TAP Bldg. 404 on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH unless otherwise noted.

Retiring transition assistance program <i>8 a.m. to 4 p.m.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 11-15 or 18-22• May 9-13 or 23-27• June 13-17, or June 27- July 1	Finding and applying for federal jobs <i>9:30 a.m. to noon</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 27• May 26*• June 29*	Marketing yourself for a second career <i>1 to 3 p.m.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 26• May 24*• June 28*
ETS TAP <i>8 a.m. to 4 p.m.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 4-8• May 2-6• June 6-10	Federal resume <i>12:30 to 3:30 p.m.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 21*• May 19• June 23	Capstone (Every Friday by appointment) <i>9 a.m. to 11 a.m.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29• May 6, 13, 20, 27• June 3, 10, 17, 24
Entrepreneur track “boots to business” <i>8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 17-18• Sept. 6-7	Accessing higher education <i>8 a.m. to 4 p.m.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 10-11*• July 12-13*	
Business franchise opportunities <i>3 p.m. to 5 p.m.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 25• June 27*	Career technical training <i>8 a.m. to 4 p.m.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 19-20*• June 21-22	
	TRICARE benefits in depth <i>10 a.m. to noon</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 21*• May 19• June 23	

*Located in Education Center Bldg. 417, room 108/**218

This week in military history

Compiled by Jim Goodwin
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March 31 1801: Marine Corps Lt. Col. Commandant William W. Burrows rode with President Thomas Jefferson to look for “a proper place to fix the Marine Barracks on,” according to the Marine Corps History Division. Jefferson was a personal friend of the commandant, and was deeply interested in the welfare of the Corps. He accompanied Burrows on horseback in the morning to survey a place for the new barracks. They chose a square in southeast Washington, at 8th and I Streets, because of its proximity to the Navy Yard. It was also within easy marching distance of the Capitol.



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A Marine battalion in formation in front of the Commandant of the Marine Corps' house at the Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., in 1864. Established in 1801, the Marine Barracks at 8th & I Streets S.E. has served the Corps for over 200 years and is the Corp's oldest active post. Since 1906, every Marine Corps commandant has lived in this home.

April 1 1954: The U.S. Air Force Academy was founded in Colorado, according to multiple online records. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a law that created the academy.

April 2 1865: Confederate States of America President Jefferson Davis and most of his cabinet flee the capital of the Confederacy, Richmond, Va., according to an entry on History.com.

April 3 1969: Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird announces that the United States is moving to “Vietnamize” the Vietnam war as rapidly as possible, according to an entry on History.com.

April 4 1918: The Second Battle of the Somme – the first major German offensive in more than a year during World War I – ends on the western front, according to an entry on History.com.

April 5 1951: During the Korean War, Hospital Corpsman Richard DeWert is killed in action while administering first aid to an injured comrade, according to an entry on Navy.mil. He is posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

April 6 1955: On this day in 1948, the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) was reactivated on the Capital Plaza in Washington, D.C., according to an online history of The Old Guard. The reactivation was intended to ensure additional protection of the capital, national leaders and public property at the onset of the Cold War. As the oldest active infantry unit, The Old Guard was considered an ideal choice for the mission.

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Community

Medal of Honor recipients honor citizen heroes during Fort Myer ceremony

By Delonte Harrod
Pentagram Staff Writer

More than 20 Medal of Honor recipients honored service members and community members who have embodied the virtues of sacrifice, courage and love for their country during National Medal of Honor Day March 25 with ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.

Members of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, which is comprised of living Medal of Honor recipients, Donald Ballard and James A. Taylor, laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in recognition of National Medal of Honor Day. Following that ceremony, they presented four citizens and one organization with the Citizen Honor Awards in Fort Myer's Brucker Hall.

"Every year on this day the Medal of Honor recipients recognize and honor the service members who have sacrificed and fought to defend our freedom,"

said Tom Kelley, Medal of Honor recipient and president of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, according to a press release provided by the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation.

Recipients of the Citizen Honor Awards included U.S. Army veteran Chris Mintz of Roseburg, Ore., who confronted a shooter at Umpqua Community College and was shot five times while protecting others during the campus shooting. Another award recipient, James Vernon of Morton, Ill., was selected because he subdued an armed person who attempted to kill women and children in a public library. Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Eileen Hadbavny of Charleston, S.C., was selected for her commitment to serving veterans through the American Red Cross and several veteran service organizations, despite having a rare form of cancer.

New to this year's awards ceremony were two new Citizen Honors



PHOTO BY NELL KING

From left, Medal of Honor recipients Donald Ballard and James A. Taylor and U.S. Army Maj. Gen. L. Neil Thurgood salute during a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery in recognition of National Medal of Honor Day March 25. More than 20 Medal of Honor recipients attended the event, and then later presented four citizens and one organization with the 2016 Citizen Honor Awards during a separate ceremony at Fort Myer's Brucker Hall.

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Easter is over, but two more spring events coming in April



PHOTO BY JIM DRESBACH

Andrew Herring, 2, grabs one of 3,400 Easter eggs distributed throughout Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall's Child Development Center field during the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club Spring Fun Day and Egg Hunt March 28, 2015. This year's event takes place April 3, while the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard)'s Family Readiness Program is hosting the U.S. Army Caisson's Spring Open House and Hayride April 2 at Bldg. 236 on Fort Myer.

By Delonte Harrod
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Easter may be over, but egg hunting and other fun spring activities certainly are not on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.

The 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard)'s Family Readiness Program is hosting the U.S. Army Caisson's Spring Open House and Hayride April 2, while the Washington Chapter of the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club is hosting its annual Spring Fun Day and Egg Hunt is April 3.

Both events take place on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base.

Fun will include, games, food and prizes and to-be-announced special guests. When asked who the special guests are, Carla Moss, Information and Referral program manager for JBM-HH Army Community Service and volunteer organizer for both

events, wouldn't confirm, leaving the surprise for attendees.

The Spring Open House will offer a horse-drawn hayride for attendees, according to Moss.

"These two events are intended to bring together wonderful people of all ages and all ranks for some good old fashioned family oriented, safe and enjoyable," wrote Moss in an email. "Events such as these are nostalgic for those that often return to visit JBM-HH with their many generations of family members, loved ones and friends."

Moss intends for the events to provide meaningful and memorable moments for attendees.

"This could be a lasting memory, a family moment together, appreciation, or a small gift of happiness," she explained.

Every year, volunteers and participants from throughout the National Capital Region, including military veterans, make these two

annual events successful for those who are looking to have a couple hours of fun, said Moss.

"We owe the success of these two events to all of these wonderful people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make all of this happen every time," said Moss.

The Spring Fun Day and Egg Hunt will be held on the open field along Carpenter Road, across from Memorial Chapel and next to the Cody Child Development Center, from 1 to 3 p.m., April 2. The Caisson's Spring Open House and Hayride will be held at 201 Jackson Avenue (Bldg. 236) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Both events are free and open to DoD ID card holders.

Contact Carla Moss at 703-696-2178 for more information concerning these events.

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Pentagon tour guides rely on precision, practice to enhance visitors' experiences

By Spc. Brandon C. Dyer
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The Pentagon, home to the Department of Defense, is one of the most recognized buildings in the world, and as one of the most secure facilities in the world.

For thousands of people each year, it is also a place to visit.

Approximately 100,000 people received guided tours through the Pentagon's labyrinth of hallways and corridors. A Joint Armed Forces team of tour guides from the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard lead the public on a mile-and-a-half, hour-long tour through highlights of military history.

Types of people who take the tours range from school groups and fraternal organizations to ministers and secretaries of defense from all over the world.

An intense duty

Spc. Daryl D. Willard, a former Pentagon tour guide who performed over 700 tours, also performed duties as a Tomb Sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

"Training-wise, Pentagon tours probably required as much, if not more intensity, as the Tomb," said Willard.

The tour guide position was a natural fit for Willard, who worked as a live TV and Informercial pitchman before joining the military.

"Volume is a big performance

measure as a tour guide," said Willard. "You have to be able to project continuously."

Willard took a wide range of people on tours; from stars of the cable network show Duck Dynasty to the prime minister of Australia.

Tour guides must be members of their service's ceremonial guard. Ceremonial guards have certain customs and courtesies that tour guides must adhere to, so other, non-ceremonial military units cannot be assigned the duty.

That means the seven representatives for the Army come from the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard).

"We would be liaisons be-



PHOTO BY SPC. BRANDON DYER

Spc. Christopher Molitoris of the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) provides a guided tour of the Pentagon March 3. Soldiers from the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) contribute to a Joint Armed Forces Unit of Pentagon tour guides who provide tours to some 100,000 people annually. Molitoris has been a tour guide for a year and a half, and has conducted an estimated 1,500 combined public and VIP tours.

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★ ★ ★ The United States Army Band ★ ★ ★		
CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
April 2	11 a.m.	A bluegrass combo from "Pershing's Own" will perform at the Caisson Spring Open House at the Caisson Stables on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH.
April 7	12:40 p.m.	The U.S. Army Blues will perform in the Howard University Jazz Festival, 2400 6th Street N.W., Washington, D.C.
April 7	7:30 p.m.	The U.S. Army Voices will perform The Art of the Voice: Art Songs, Airs and Ensemble at Brucker Hall on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH.
April 9	7 p.m.	The U.S. Army Blues will perform at the West Virginia Jazz Orchestra Jazz Festival at Eastern Greenbrier Middle School in Ronceverte, W. Va.
April 9	7:30 p.m.	The U.S. Army Herald Trumpets will perform with the Arlington Concert Band at Yorktown High School, 5200 Yorktown Blvd., in Yorktown, Va.
April 12	7:30 a.m.	The U.S. Army Band will perform a chamber music recital: Musical Legacy of the Cold War: Music of the Space Age. The recital will feature music from Yuri's Night. Learn more at https://yurisnight.net .
April 14	7:30 p.m.	Guest conductor H. Robert Reynolds of the USC Thornton School of Music and a University of Michigan professor, leads The U.S. Army Concert Band in a special performance at Brucker Hall on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH.

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.



Thousands of visitors fill the seats at Arlington National Cemetery’s Memorial Amphitheater, some as early as 4:45 a.m., for the annual Easter Sunrise Service March 27. U.S. Army Chap. (Brig. Gen.) Thomas L. Solhjem, the 25th deputy chief of chaplains for the U.S. Army, delivered the keynote sermon at the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall-hosted event.

PHOTOS BY ARTHUR MONDALE

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which touched pretty much everyone.”

“There’s a connectedness you get in this kind of fellowship,” U.S. Army Pfc. Jonathan Gretz added.

U.S. Army Chap. (Brig. Gen.) Thomas L. Solhjem, the 25th deputy chief of chaplains for the Army, delivered the keynote message.

“It’s my honor and privilege to bring you good news this beautiful Easter morning,” he told the crowd during his opening statement.

Solhjem delivered an Easter sermon about Christ’s resurrection, a story about a man’s journey: he spoke of Christ’s journey leading up to his death and his immortality thereafter. But Solhjem also left attendees with a lesson.

“The reality of the resurrection leaves us with the ultimate form of readiness,” Solhjem said. “Readiness is very important. It’s important to the military. It’s also important in life and extremely important in death...there



The U.S. Army Band “Pershing’s Own” and Chorus provided eight musical and choral renditions during the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington National Cemetery’s Memorial Amphitheater March 27.

is a certain hope and promise of a life to come.”

Others to take the podium included U.S. Army Chap. (Col.) Gary Studniewski, command chaplain for Joint Forces Headquarters-National Capital Region and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington; U.S. Army Chap. (Lt. Col.) Grace R. Hollis, Arlington National Cemetery; U.S. Navy Chap. (Cmdr.) C. Michael Pumphrey, U.S. Navy Joint Plans and Operations chaplain; JFHQ-NCR/MDW; U.S. Army Chap. (Maj.) Derek W. Murray, deputy chaplain, JBM-HH; U.S. Air Force Chap. (Maj.) Kevin M. Hudson, Arlington Nation-

al Cemetery; and U.S. Army Master Sgt. Rafael Lopez, command chaplain assistant for JFHQ-NCR/MDW.

The U.S. Army Band and Chorus played and sang the concluding postlude. Morris said that while the service was unique, Christian fellowship extends beyond a single celebration, such as the Easter Sunrise Service.

“I would tell others that came to stay spiritually active,” Morris said. “Yes, attending a high-profile Easter service like this is a great unique experience, but there’s more fellowship to do.”

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security standards for state-issued driver’s licenses and identification cards and prohibits federal agencies from accepting—for official purposes— licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet these standards,” reads the Department of Homeland Security website.

There are a couple of exceptions to the rule, according to Tracie Miller, physical security specialist at JBM-HH’s Directorate of Emergency Services.

Although Minnesota and Washington are not currently Real ID Act compliant, they participate in a program called the Enhanced Driver’s License (EDL), which produces IDs that surpass Real ID Act standards and therefore can be used to access the joint base as well as other federal properties, she said.

But not every ID card issued in Minnesota and Washington is an Enhanced Driver’s License, so visitors from those states will have to check to see if their license denotes whether it is an EDL.

“If a person’s driver’s license denotes that it is in fact an EDL, it will be accepted,” Miller said.

But if a person’s ID card isn’t an EDL, or if they have a license from Illinois, Missouri or American Samoa, they’ll need to use a different form of primary identification to access the joint base.

“If you’re coming on for a special event – a funeral, to attend church service – for any reason where you do not have an authorized form of DoD identification or an AIE pass, there are documents that you can utilize,” Miller told the Pentagongram.

She specified that if people from any of those states have a Common Access Card or another form of an authorized DoD ID, they will be granted access.

“If you have a CAC card, then that’s fine,” she said. “If you have an authorized DoD-issued ID card, then you are absolutely, 100-percent fine for entrance onto the installation.”

Acceptable documents and other federal ID cards that are authorized and accepted for access include military ID cards, U.S. passports, Personal Identification Verification cards, Veterans Health ID cards issued by the

Department of Veterans Affairs, the Transportation Worker Identification Credential, driver’s license issued by the U.S. Department of State; a U.S. certificate of naturalization or citizenship; a U.S. military or draft record; Department of Homeland Security Trusted Traveler ID card (Global Entry, NEXUS, Sentri, FAST) and native American tribal photo IDs.

Miller also noted that those with questions concerning acceptable forms of ID can always contact her at 703-696-5213 or JBM-HH DES’s police desk at 703-588-2800.

Miller noted that the list of states or United States territories that are or are not accepted under the Real ID Act will change.

“We may see states added or removed as they come into or out of compliance,” she said. “We would certainly update the public as soon as possible to let them know which documents are no longer accepted or are now currently accepted.”

And drivers should still carry their licenses, even if they are not Real ID compliant.

“They should still carry them on their person, of course,” Miller said. “These are still documents that you need to drive.”

She added Real ID non-compliant driver’s licenses are used by JBM-HH law enforcement personnel to help conduct background checks on personnel entering the base.

“We will still ask to see them as a secondary form of identification to complete a background check requirement for base access,” said Miller.

To check your state’s compliance level, visit dhs.gov. For more information and frequently asked questions about Real ID compliance, visit www.dhs.gov/real-id-public-faqs. The DHS website offers users the chance to sign up for by-state email updates that alert users to changes in their state’s compliance status with the Real ID Act of 2005.

Computer fillable forms forthcoming

JBM-HH DES has been phasing in new access regulations since January 2015. According to JBM-HH Regulation 190-16: Installation Access Control, which is available on the joint base website, those without acceptable forms of DoD identification who desire escorted or unescorted

access to Army installations will enter the installation through an authorized access control point, and they must be vetted utilizing the National Crime Information Center and the Terrorist Screening Database.

The Installation Access Control Pass application forms for contractors and visitors will be available online soon, Miller said. Officials are also working to upload a fillable version of these forms. Currently, these forms are included in the regulation on the website, but they are not fillable online and must be printed, filled in by hand and brought to the Visitor Control Center in Bldg. 415 on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base. Likewise, the completed forms can be submitted to security personnel at Hatfield Gate’s inspection lane upon joint base entry.

The versions of the forms included in the regulation are a new, updated version, Miller said.

Previous editions of the contractor and visitor access application forms are currently being accepted but will soon be phased out.

Miller noted that DES will soon announce a date when new versions of the forms will become the only forms accepted.

“We’re going to accept both versions right now, but at some point in the future only the 196-16a and 196-16b will be accepted,” she said.

Officials are also working on a way that will allow personnel to send an encrypted version of the completed forms to JBM-HH law enforcement officials. By encrypting the forms, which can only be done through a .mil email account, officials can ensure protection of person’s personally identifiable information, such as social security numbers or birthdays, during electronic transmission of the forms across the Internet.

Information about these access control updates will be published in the Pentagongram and posted to the joint base’s Facebook and Twitter accounts, as well as disseminated through email.

See future editions of the Pentagongram for more information about coming access control measures.

The joint base’s access control regulation can be found online at <http://go.usa.gov/cAeEx>.

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people to prevent and intervene to stop sexual violence. For more information, call 703-696-6497.

Caisson spring Open House and Hayride – April 2

The U.S. Army Caisson Platoon spring Open House and Hayride 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.

DMV on JBM-HH – April 5

The Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Soldier For Life-Transition Assistance Program is sponsoring a day with the Department of Motor Vehicle’s mobile unit April 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The unit will be parked at the lot across from the bowling center on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base. The service is exclusively for ID card/CAC card holders, including active duty and family members; retirees with a DD 214; DoD civilians and contractors. No appointment is necessary. With the latest technology, the wireless office on wheels offers all DMV services.

Play morning – April 7, 14, 21 and 28

JBM-HH Army Community Service hosts a morning playgroup for parents and their pre-school children April 7, 14, 21 and 28, 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.

Race along the River – April 8

The second race of the 2016 JBM-HH Commander’s Race Series moves across the river to Fort McNair for the 3rd Annual Cherry Blossom Race Along the River 4.5K run and 2.5K walk on April 8. Race begins at 6:45 a.m. at the Fort McNair Officer’s Club, Bldg. 60. Registration is free and to register online go to www.jbmhhMWR.com. Online registration will close at midnight April 4. Race day registration will be accepted at the Fort McNair Officers Club from 5:45 to 6:30 a.m. Awards will be presented for largest military unit, top male and female finishers of the run and walk, along with top finishers for each age division in the run. For further information or questions, contact Todd Hopkins at 703-696-0594 or 703-939-1045.

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.

Challenging behaviors workshop – April 8

Army Community Service and Marine Corps Family Services Henderson Hall present an Exceptional Family Member Program workshop on challenging behaviors April 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fort Belvoir ACS, 9800 Belvoir Rd., Bldg. 200, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Open to DoD identification card holders, the event features Dr. Joni J. Johnson, founder of Pediatric Partners for Attention and Learning, Inc. Johnson will speak about managing challenging behaviors in adults and children, using skills to defuse challenging situations and strategies for communicating effectively in challenging situations. Lunch is provided. To attend, register by April 4 by calling 703-696-8467; 703-693-5353 or 703-805-4418.

Anger Management classes offered – April 13

Army Community Service offers an Anger Management class April 13 at 9:30 a.m. that provides information on emotions management and the impact of unmanaged anger. Open to Department of Defense ID card holders. This class is held in the ACS classroom in Bldg. 201 on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH. For more information or to register, call 703-696-3512.

Strike out! Sexual Harassment & Assault Prevention bowling – April 14

The JBM-HH Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Office is hosting a bowling event called Strike Out! April 14 to generate awareness of sexual harassment and prevention. The event takes place 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the bowling center on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH (Bldg. 411 on McNair Road). Cost is \$5 per person. To register, visit <https://goo.gl/z7Fv59>. For more information, call Priscilla Ross at 703-696-6734 or email at Priscilla.ross.civ@mail.mil.

Education and career fair – April 14

Marine Corps Community Services Henderson Hall’s Marine and Family Programs holds a spring education and career fair April 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cpl. Terry L. Smith Gym on the Henderson Hall portion of the joint base. The event is free and military friendly, with over 100 representatives from schools and companies looking for highly qualified candidates. Resume review is available during the event. Free break and lunch refreshments are provided. For more information, visit www.mccsHH.com/SECF.

Baby Stages – April 15

Army Community Services offers a Baby Stages class April 15 from 10 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 201 on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base. This class provides an overview of the developmental milestones for children up to age 3. Learn how to assess your child for developmental milestones and learn about activities you can do to help improve you child’s social, gross, motor and cognitive

improve you child’s social, gross, motor and cognitive development. For more information and to register, call 703-696-3512.

Children’s Fair – April 16

Marine Corps Community Services Henderson Hall will host its 8th Annual Children’s Fair April 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cpl. Terry L. Smith Gymnasium on the Henderson Hall portion of JBM-HH. This event features games, crafts and special activities for children of all ages. Features include a caricature artist, bounce house, balloon artist, door prizes, a live D.J., self-defense for kids workshop, Zumba, cotton candy and a showing of the movie Minions at 1:30 p.m. This event is free and open to DoD ID card holders. Guests are asked to register at the front desk of the gym. For more information, visit www.mccsHH.com/ChildrensFair.

Save the date: Drug Take Back event – April 29

Did you know that expired drugs lose their potency and that disposing them in the trash or flushing them down the toilet can actually harm the environment? The JBM-HH Army Substance Abuse Program is hosting a drug take-back event April 29 at the Fort Myer Commissary from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Turn in your unwanted, unused and/or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications while helping the environment at the same time.

Can’t wait until April 29? Andrew Rader U.S. Army Health Clinic on Fort Myer now has a MedSafe container in its lobby. This container is a mailbox-like unit where medications can be securely dropped off during Rader’s normal business hours. For more information, contact the JBM-HH ASAP office at 703-696-3900.

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.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Joint Services Exceptional Family Member Program conference and resources fair April 23 at the Joint Base

Anacostia-Bolling Officer’s Club, 50 Theisen St., Washington, D.C. Assistance is needed with manning the registration tables, directing vendors to their assigned tables, handing out goodie bags, assisting with the flow of traffic and manning the coloring table. Those who cannot stay for the whole event are welcome to volunteer. If interested, contact Robin White at 703-696-8467 or via email at robin.s.white1.civ@mail.mil.

Fort Myer ID center accepts web-based appointments

The DEERS/ID card section on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH now accepts appointments online. Appointments can be made by visiting <http://go.usa.gov/cY5qV> online. Available appointment dates are annotated in green on the site. Customers merely select the available date and appointment time, input a few details, and click “submit.” This new system will allow customers to lock in an appointment online instead of walking in to the office in hopes of an available time slot. Those who are unable to access the website can still call the DEERS/ID card section to make an appointment at 703-696-2188.

MCCS Henderson Hall announces new retail hours

Marine Corps Community Services Henderson Hall recently announced new operating hours for several of its retail stores. 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.

Sign up for the JBM-HH eBulletin: News you can use

Want to know what’s happening around Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall right away? Then sign up for the weekly JBM-HH eBulletin, delivered directly to patrons via email. This regular update includes the latest traffic, readiness, family and other key events happening at all three portions of JBM-HH (Fort Myer, Fort McNair and Henderson Hall). Sign up to receive the eBulletin

via the JBM-HH website at: <http://go.usa.gov/csa6m>. Recipients can also opt out at the same website.

News Notes submissions

Send your submissions for the April 14 edition of the Pentagongram via email at pentagramjbmhh@yahoo.com no later than noon, April 6. 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.

DoD Shuttles and The Myer Flyer

Compiled by JBM-HH Public Affairs

There are a variety of ways to get to and around the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall community and shuttle buses are one of them. The shuttle routes between the Pentagon Transit Center and JBM-HH are routes 9 and 13.

The Logistics Readiness Center runs Route 9 “The Myer Flyer” and Washington Headquarters Service (Pentagon Motor Pool) operates Route 13.

Route 9 “The Myer Flyer” operates Monday through Friday (except for holidays) from 5:05 a.m. to 8:41 a.m. and 4:25 p.m. to 6:29 p.m. with a route between the Pentagon Transit Center and JBM-HH stops. Route 13 operates, Monday through Friday (except for holidays) from 8:25 a.m. to 4:23 p.m. with

a continuous route between the Pentagon Transit Center and JBM-HH stops. Specific bus stops on JBM-HH are listed in the online schedule, which can be accessed at the below URL.

“The Myer Flyer” shuttle schedule is accessible online at: <http://go.usa.gov/cksk9j>.

The Washington Headquarters Service DoD Shuttle Bus schedules for DoD shuttles serving the Pentagon Transit Center can be found online: <http://go.usa.gov/cksk9V> (NOTE: Common Access Card required to access this schedule). Additionally, DoD Shuttle Bus users can request to be notified via email when changes are made to the WHS DoD Shuttle Bus schedule; requests should be emailed to whs.pentagon.em.mbx.dod-shuttle-bus@mail.mil.

For more information or questions on these shuttle services, please call 703-696-7136.

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tween the DoD, the Army,” said Sgt. Kyle M. Poole, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the Army tour guides. “We are a face to the force.”

Tough auditions

Tour guides are first chosen from volunteers who respond to an open call on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. The initial audition includes memorizing a short script and an interview, said Poole.

Successful Soldiers have an extensive knowledge of the Army, a solid physical training test score and professional appearance, said Poole. Those selected then move onto a three-week training cycle that requires the memorization of 33 pages of information that must be recalled verbatim, said Poole.

Tour guides must also master reciting the script while navigating the escalators and multiple floors in one of the world’s largest office buildings. Tour guides must walk backwards, using lighting fixtures and fire extinguishers as guideposts, said Poole.

Willard said he did fall once, over a misplaced bench. The Pentagon has three times as much floor space as the Empire State Building.

Willard said the Pentagon is like a small city, with everything from doctor’s offices, dentists, a post office, a bank, gift shops, pharmacy, flower shops, 35 different food vendors, a 125,000 square foot gym and a Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles office.

When being evaluated, new tour guides are asked to give a tour to three senior tour guides. The senior tour guide will do their best to disrupt the trainee by acting like “the most belligerent tourist you can possibly have” said Willard.

“Initially, you are expected to do everything on route, on script,” said Willard. “And once you qualify with your pre-evaluation and final evaluation, then you are allowed to do the public tours.”

Precision and detours

Tours also have no set route. Due to security considerations, construction, or time restraints, tours will be detoured through any number of varied formulations, said Poole.

“We can basically go anywhere,” said Poole. “There are so many different sections, there’s no set thing.”

Poole said the 33 pages of information is also a mere starting point. Tour Guides are expected to come up with a minimum two of their own facts about each of the sections (Korean War, Eisenhower, MacArthur, etc.) and personalize their tours, said Poole.

“You have to submit the two facts and then we thoroughly review them,” said Poole. “You never want to give false information.”

After performing hundreds of tours, tour guides challenge themselves to keep growing and personalizing their knowledge.

“Tour number 1,000 has to be just as engaging as tour number one was,” said Willard. “To all of them, it is tour number one.”

Willard said he would research the scale model planes

in the Air Force section and be able to come up with interesting facts.

“I always had one trivia question in there too that I would throw at people: which one is Air Force One?” said Willard. “None of them are Air Force One, since none of them has the president on them currently at the time.”

One place tours always make a stop is the Pentagon 9/11 Memorial, said Poole.

“Nobody honestly cares about how many tiles there are on the ceiling,” said Willard. “What they care about is the fact the Pentagon remained still open even when it was hit by an airplane.”

“It’s people’s actions that make the United States what it is,” said Willard. “Not just a building.”

VIP tours

After training, tour guides are on probation for two to four months. After completing this period tour guides can wear the Office of the Secretary of Defense Badge.

The average tour guide serves no more than two years, said Poole.

After four months, tour guides have an opportunity to advance to VIP tours.

Spc. Christopher Molitoris has been a tour guide for a year-and-a-half, and has conducted an estimated 1,500 combined public and VIP tours.

Guests of the chairman or members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff are typically those who receive VIP tours, said Molitoris.

There are many areas of the Pentagon not included in the public tour route that are accessible on a VIP tour, said Molitoris.

VIP tours are a separate entity that tour guides must pass another test to be certified to conduct.

Tour guides are given a room somewhere within the Pentagon, an amount of time to conduct a VIP tour, and an end point.

AVIP tour must start and end within three minutes of the allotted time.

Content of a VIP tour is left to the discretion of the tour guide.

Willard said tour guides cannot repeat any corridors on the tour and must think of things to talk about in blank corridors. Unlike the public tour route, VIP tours may not have things to point out to show them along the way.

“You have to know your way around really well,” said Willard. “There are 17-and-a-half miles of corridors.”

The biggest difference between a public and Pentagon tour guide is that a public tour guide has to talk about what they have memorized, while a VIP tour guide has to talk about what they know, said Willard.

The duty becomes a very personal mission for the men and women who perform it.

“I loved it,” said Willard. “I loved giving these people an impression of the United States military that perhaps they didn’t have before.”

Pentagon tour guides ultimately become the personification of the DoD.

“You are really representing yourself,” said Molitoris. “You might be the only representation of your branch to another country, or maybe a child; they see you as the Army, you are the symbolism of the Army.”



PHOTO BY SPC. BRANDON DYER
Spc. Christopher Molitoris of the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) provides a guided tour of the Pentagon March 3. Soldiers from the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) contribute to a Joint Armed Forces Unit of Pentagon tour guides who provide tours to some 100,000 people annually. Molitoris has been a tour guide for a year and a half, and has conducted an estimated 1,500 combined public and VIP tours.

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Safety chief to joggers: Preventative measures critical to avoiding accidents



Runners participate in the Shamrock Shuffle 5K race and 1-Mile walk March 18 on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. JBM-HH Chief of Safety and Occupational Health Adrain Kendrick advises runners to stay safe on the road by following a few simple safety guidelines, including: run against traffic, wear reflective material and avoid wearing headphones while jogging or walking on roadways.

By Delonte Harrod
Pentagram Staff Writer

Spring has arrived, which can lead service members and civilians to get out and exercise, according to Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall’s Chief of Safety and Occupational Health Adrain Kendrick.

But he wants joint base employees, service members, residents and guests to be safe in doing so.

“The National Capital Region offers some of the best sites for jogging and walking during this time of year, which all become even more attractive for jogging and walking when the cherry blossoms are in full bloom,” said Kendrick.

Kendrick, drawing from safety tips compiled by the Road Runners Club of America, said runners should run against traffic, making them more

likely to be visible to drivers. He also added that runners, joggers or walkers should wear reflective material, a common practice by military service members who train during early morning hours.

Kendrick also noted that runners should not wear headphones while jogging on roadways because they need to be able to hear their surroundings and be fully alert on the joint base’s roads; drivers should acknowledge their rite of passage before crossing the road; should carry identification cards with name and phone number; write phone number and blood type on the inside sole of the running shoe; run with a partner or dog; and avoid unpopulated areas, deserted streets and overgrown trails.

Kendrick said people should make sure they are equipped to make the right decisions when out exercising, especially those using any portion of JBM-HH as a place to run.

“We haven’t had any joggers hit, but we have had a lot of near misses,” he explained. “Sometimes it’s the joggers running out in front of the vehicles, sometime it’s the vehicles not paying attention because they are distracted.”

In addition to the possibility of distracted drivers, the base has a low visibility problem largely due to when service members train and when civilians choose to jog in the early mornings, usually between 5:30 and 7 a.m.

For additional outdoors spring and summer safety tips, visit the U.S. Army Combat Safety and Readiness Center’s website at <http://go.usa.gov/cGfyB>

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Is Roth Right for Me?

By Beth Perry
Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board



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Similar to private sector 401(k) plans, the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) is a defined-contribution plan that provides uniformed services members and federal employees the opportunity to save for additional retirement security. To sign up for the TSP or increase your contributions, log into myPay.

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Roth means you pay taxes on the money you save before it goes into your TSP account. If you select this option, more money will come out of your paycheck up front, but Roth has a huge benefit. Since you’ve already paid taxes on what you contribute, it will be tax-free when you take it out. And any Roth earnings in your account are also tax-free if you meet certain IRS conditions.*

Here’s what that can mean for uniformed services members: Any combat zone pay you receive is always tax-free. If you contribute it to our Roth option, your earnings can be tax-free as well.* On the other hand, if you contribute combat zone pay

to our traditional option, the IRS will still tax your earnings.

There’s something else to consider. Think about your current tax rate and compare it to what you expect your tax rate will be when you need your savings. For example, you may be in the early stages of your career and expect to earn more as you advance. You might think tax rates will go up. Or, since any future income you receive from a military pension is generally taxable, you may want tax-free TSP income in retirement. Any of these could mean Roth is right for you.

Think Roth is right for you? You can sign up for Roth TSP by logging into myPay. Click “Traditional TSP and Roth TSP” from the main menu, and then scroll to “Contribution from Roth TSP.” Decide how much of your pay you’d like to save (7 percent, for example). Then click “Save” at the bottom of the screen. For more information about our Roth option, watch “Is Roth Right for Me? (Uniformed Services)” at youtube.com/tsp4gov.

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of Honor was created on April 14, 1965. President Lyndon B. Johnson first presented the Medal of Honor on Jan. 19, 1967, to Maj. Bernard F. Fisher, who flew combat sorties during the Vietnam War. The website can be accessed at www.af.mil/MedalofHonor/ByName.aspx.

4. Spirit of Service Award. The United States Marine Corps is seeking nominations for the 15th Annual American Legion Spirit of Service Award. The award is presented annually to an enlisted member (E5 and below) from each of the military services for outstanding volunteer service performed off duty in their local community. The awards are presented during the American Legion's national convention, which is taking place in Cincinnati, Ohio, from Aug. 26 to Sept. 1. The application deadline is May 13. For more information about the nomination process, see Marine Administrative Message 078/16 at <http://go.usa.gov/cp7EH>.

5. Naval Academy seeking STEM students. Applications for the 2016 Naval Academy Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Summer Program are open at www.usna.edu/admissions/STEM. Session dates include June 6 to 11 for rising 9th graders; June 13 to 18 for rising 10th graders; and June 20 to 24 for rising 11th graders. The annual summer program is designed to expose young people to STEM concepts and technologies and to encourage 9th to 11th graders to pursue studies in engineering and technology throughout high school, college and beyond.

6. Annual leadership conference now held in D.C. Registration is now open for active-duty service members, retirees and veterans of all branches interested in attending the 5th Annual OutServe-SLDN 2016 Leadership Conference, happening May 19-22 at the Capital Hilton. The event provides a platform to network and attend discussions surrounding issues and the future of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) military community. The four-day agenda includes an evening with singer-songwriter Steve Grand, and attendance of the Hall of Heroes National Dinner and Awards May 21 at 7 p.m.

7. April 22 is Earth Day. The U.S. Army joins in the celebration of Earth Day on April 22. In 2016, the Army pledged to continue to focus on preserving cultural and historical resources, to include environmental standards that enable Army operations essential to Soldiers, their families, and civilian supporters. The Army is committed to technological innovations and energy solutions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate climate change; reducing energy consumption, repurposing and recycling, and enhancing the resiliency and readiness of military installations through energy efficiency and renewable energy. Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall and Pentagon-specific Earth Day events will be announced in forthcoming issues of the Pentagongram.

8. Month of the Military Child. April is designated as the Month of the Military Child/Child Abuse Prevention Month. Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall recognizes this annual observance with a series



Hundreds of visitors watch the U.S. Army Military District of Washington's production of Twilight Tattoo, an hour-long military pageant featuring Soldiers from the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) and The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, June 26, 2013. The 2016 Twilight Tattoo season begins May 4 and runs through August.

PHOTO BY JEREMY KERN

of events, beginning this year with the JBM-HH's 5th Annual Pinwheel Parade April 8 at 10 a.m. at the Cody Child Development Center on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base. Parents and children are invited. For a listing of more events, visit www.jbmhh-MWR.com.

9. Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention. April is also Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Commander Col. Mike Henderson signed a proclamation recognizing the joint base's support of this observance. The kick-off event is an April 1 interactive presentation called "Beat the Blame Game" at 9:30 a.m. in the Town Hall on Fort Myer.

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 details about either event, check out this week's "News Notes" section.

10. Twilight Tattoo season returns. This year's Twilight Tattoo season begins May 4 and runs through Aug. 3 with performances held every Wednesday, with the exception of July 6 and 13. The popular annual event will be held on Summerall Field on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall from April through June. Performances are held on Whipple Field on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base from July through August. Twilight Tattoo

is an hour-long, live-action military pageant featuring Soldiers from the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) and The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own." The U.S. Army Blues, vocalists from The U.S. Army Band Downrange and U.S. Army Band Voices, The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps and The U.S. Army Drill Team will also provide attendees with a live look at the nation's history. For more information on group reservations, contact the U.S. Army Military District of Washington at 202-685-2888 or email usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.jfhq-ncr-pao-web-events-omb@mail.mil.

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After-school kids urge everyone to ‘kick butt’



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Students of the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall School Age/Middle School and Teen after school program march while displaying their anti-smoking posters near the Cody Child Development Center on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base March 16. The students made posters, performed an anti-smoking play and chanted anti-smoking slogans for “Kick Butt Day.”

By Delonte Harrod
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The children of the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall want smokers to kick the habit—for good.

Students in the JBM-HH School Age/Middle School and Teen after school program, held at the Cody Child Development Center, made posters, performed an anti-smoking play and chanted anti-smoking slogans during a road march on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base March 16 for Kick Butt Day.

Kick Butt Day is a nationally recognized event in which kids around the U.S. take a stand against the marketing of tobacco products by big tobacco companies to children. The day is also dedicated to raising awareness and strongly encourages local and national elected officials “to take action to protect kids against tobacco companies,” according to the Kick Butt’s website.

“I think it is a great way for people to understand how bad [smoking] is for you and that you really shouldn’t do it because you can die from it,” said Riley England, one of

the children who attends the after school program at the Cody Child Development Center.

Jalayah Chatman, 10, said she was marching for her grandfather who died of lung cancer. She said that she wanted to make people aware of the dangers of smoking.

“I don’t want anyone else or their families to have to go through that,” she said.

Jerel Burton, training specialist for Strong Beginnings, and Samar Brown, supervisory program specialist, said that they were extremely proud of their children because they were the ones who came up with the slogan, “If You Love Your Heart, Don’t Start,” and created posters and T-shirts to match.

The event is critical because it provides knowledge of the dangers of smoking, said Burton. He said that knowledge could help them to make very wise decisions and be “effective citizens in their communities.”

“So the more knowledge that we give them at a young age, the better they will be at making their own choices as they get older,” said Burton.

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From left, Medal of Honor recipients Donald Ballard and James A. Taylor and U.S. Army Maj. Gen. L. Neil Thurgood lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery in recognition of National Medal of Honor Day March 25. More than 20 Medal of Honor recipients attended the event and then later presented four citizens and one organization with the 2016 Citizen Honor Awards during a separate ceremony at Fort Myer’s Brucker Hall.

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Awards created by the society to “recognize young heroes and community service organizations,” according to the society’s website. The two new awards include the Young Hero Award and the Community Service Hero Award.

Myles Eckert, 10, received the first-ever Young Hero Award for raising \$2 million donated to various charities that support Gold Star military families; and United Through Reading, a non-profit organization, received a Community Service Hero Award for creating opportunities for service members who are serving overseas to read to their children using pre-recorded videos.

“Like our individual courage and service

awards, our two new awards demonstrate that individuals can directly impact and improve our communities,” said Kelley.

Greta Van Susteren, the master of ceremony and host of the Fox News Channel show On the Record, said the Citizen Awards were given to people who just wanted to help.

The Citizen Awards are a subset of the Medal of Honor, according to Kelley. The awards program was created by past recipients of the Medal of Honor, according to Kelley.

“[They were created] to encourage and inspire service and valor in communities across America,” said Kelley, according to the same press release. “With these awards, we’re asking all Americans to consider how they can serve and build a stronger America.”

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