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## 'A SOLDIER'S SOLDIER'

### *Austin retires after 41 years of service*

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Army Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III retired April 5 after 41 years of service to the nation during a Special Retirement Review ceremony in Conmy Hall on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.

In light of unseasonably frigid weather, family, friends and peers packed into the building to witness the last day in uniform for a man who Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley called "one of America's greatest Soldiers."

Austin, a Georgia native and 1975 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, was one of the first military leaders to deploy into Iraq in 2003, leading the forward headquarters of the 3rd Infantry Division during the campaign to take Baghdad. He commanded

forces in Iraq from September 2010 through the completion of Operation New Dawn in December 2011.

Most recently, Austin served as commander of U.S. Central Command from 2013 to March 30, 2016, overseeing military operations in the Middle East and Central and South Asia. He was the first African-American officer to command an Army division and corps in combat and the first African-American leader of U.S. Central Command. Austin has passed the U.S. Central Command flag to Gen. Joseph L. Votel.

During opening remarks, Milley praised the years of service and work that Austin gave to his nation.

"Today Lloyd Austin ends his active duty military career as a Soldier," Milley said. "Gen. Lloyd

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PHOTO BY SPC. BRANDON DYER

U.S. Army Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III and wife, Charlene, participate in a Special Retirement Review and Farewell hosted by U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley in Conmy Hall on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall April 5. Austin, who most recently served as the commander for U.S. Central Command, retired from the Army after 41 years of service.

## JBM-HH learns how to 'beat the blame game' at Sexual Assault Awareness Month kick-off



By Delonte Harrod  
Pentagram Staff Writer

Stop blaming victims of sexual assault for sexual assault.

That was the message delivered through an interactive Sexual Assault Awareness Month presentation put on by Catharsis Productions and hosted by the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Sexual Assault and Prevention Office April 1 to service members and civilian employees on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base.

The presentation, titled "Beat the Blame Game," offered the audience a "provocative presentation" to change perceptions about victim-blaming and challenge assumptions and stereotypes about sexual assault victims, according

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PHOTO BY BOBBY JONES

Heather Imrie, Catharsis Productions' director of program management, addresses service members and federal civilian employees during an interactive Sexual Assault Awareness Month presentation called "Beat the Blame Game," hosted by the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Sexual Assault and Prevention Office April 1 on Fort Myer.

## MDW commander stresses importance of timely transitioning for Soldiers

By Julia LeDoux  
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Commanders throughout the Military District of Washington have been directed to ensure that separating and transitioning Soldiers connect with education and employment resource opportunities provided by the Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program 12 to 18 months before they leave the Army.

A policy letter signed March 14 by Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington Commander Maj. Gen. Bradley A. Becker provides additional guidance to base commanders on

the SFL-TAP and Credentialing and Career Service Program.

"All transitioning Soldiers deserve our support and commitment throughout the Transition Soldier Life Cycle by allowing appropriate time and access to the resources needed to successfully prepare them for civilian life," Becker wrote in the letter.

Becker added that 70 percent of separating and transitioning Soldiers "fail to arrive at SFL-TAP [in accordance with] Army Directive 2014-18, Career Readiness Standards. Moreover, these Soldiers arrive only six to eight months before separation and are in jeopardy of not receiving valuable education and employment

opportunities, according to the letter. Leaders must set the conditions which enable Soldiers to begin the process earlier (12-18 months)."

The policy letter mandates two critical programs to assist transitioning service members: the Veterans Opportunity to Work (VOW) to Hire Heroes Act and the Credentialing and Career Skills Program, explained Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Transition Services Manager Carlos Rodriguez.

"The intent is to have [transitioning and separating Soldiers] employed before they are separated," he said. "It might not work all

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*Gold Star Spouses' Day was April 5, but every day should be a day of remembrance for the fallen.*



*Never forget.*

#GoldStarWivesDay  
#GoldStarSpouses

## News Notes

### 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 Officers' Club, Bldg. 60. Registration is free and to register online go to [www.jbmhhMWR.com](http://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 chil-

dren 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.

### Therapeutic musical outreach event open to the public – April 9

The U.S. Army Band

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# Escorting a Marine general to rest



PHOTO BY CPL. CODY W. TORKELSON

Soldiers from the Caisson Platoon, 1st Battalion, 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) escort the remains of Marine Corps Gen. Earl E. Anderson during a procession to Anderson's final resting place in Arlington National Cemetery March 31. Anderson, the first aviator to become a four-star general in the Marines, served as assistant commandant of the Marine Corps from March 31, 1972 to June 30, 1975, according to All Marine Message 008-16. He died Nov. 12, 2015, just two days after the Corps' 235th birthday.

## Fort Myer Bus Schedule

### Route 9 (rush hour only) L10

#### Ft. Myer (a.m. schedule)

Ft. Myer Dining Facility Bldg. 404	Ft. Myer Henderson Hall MCX	Pentagon Transit Center (L10)	Ft. Myer Rader Clinic	Ft. Myer CDC Bldg. T-482	Ft. Myer Officers' Club Bldg. 214
5:05 am	-	5:15 am	-	-	-
5:25 am	-	5:35 am	5:45 am	5:49 am	-
6:00 am	-	6:11 am	-	-	-
-	6:21 am	-	6:24 am	6:29 am	6:32 am
6:35 am	6:39 am	6:45 am	-	-	-
-	6:56 am	-	6:58 am	7:03 am	7:07 am
7:12 am	7:16 am	7:26 am	-	-	-
-	7:36 am	-	7:38 am	7:43 am	7:46 am
7:49 am	7:52 am	8:00 am	8:11 am	8:14 am	-

#### Ft. Myer (p.m. schedule)

Ft. Myer Officers' Club Bldg. 214	Pentagon Transit Center (L10)	Ft. Myer Dining Facility Bldg. 404	Ft. Myer Rader Clinic	Ft. Myer Henderson Hall MCX	Ft. Myer CDC Bldg. T-482
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4:54 pm	-	4:57 pm	5:00 pm	5:02 pm	-
-	5:11 pm	-	-	5:21 pm	-
-	-	-	5:23 pm	-	5:25 pm
5:29 pm	-	5:35 pm	5:39 pm	5:41 pm	-
-	5:51 pm	-	-	6:01 pm	-
-	-	-	6:03 pm	-	6:05 pm
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-	-	-	6:29 pm	-	-
-	6:36 pm	-	-	-	-

### Route 13 (departs approx. every 60 mins.) L8

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The JBM-HH 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 online at <http://go.usa.gov/csk9j>. For more information or questions on these shuttle services, please call 703-696-7136.

## This week in military history

Compiled by Jim Goodwin  
Editor, Pentagonagram

**April 7 1991:** U.S. military planes began airdropping supplies to Kurdish refugees who were facing starvation and exposure in the snow-covered mountains of northern Iraq. The United States warned Iraq not to interfere with the relief effort, according to an entry on History.com.

**April 8 1942:** Overwhelmed by numbers and short of food and equipment, American and Filipino forces that remained on the Bataan peninsula are ordered to destroy their equipment prior to a surrender, according to an entry on History.com.

**April 9 1946:** Some 81 years after The Old Guard's witnessing of the surrender of Lee to Grant at Appomattox, Va., the unit moved to Berlin to become part of the occupying forces of the German capital, according to an online history of The Old Guard.

**April 10 1959:** Marine Corps Lt. Col. John H. Glenn Jr. is named as one of seven Project Mercury astronauts selected for space training, according to the Marine Corps History Division. All seven astronauts were volunteers and selected by NASA from a group of about 110 test pilots.

**April 11 1963:** About 100 U.S. Soldiers of the Hawaiian-based 25th Infantry Division are ordered to temporary duty in South Vietnam to serve as machine gunners aboard Army H-21 helicopters, according to the This Day in Military History website. This was the first American commitment of combat troops to the war and represented an escalation of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.

**April 12 1861:** The American Civil war begins when Confederate forces fire on Fort Sumter, S.C., according to an entry on Navy.mil. The Union Navy plays an integral role in blockading the Confederates, keeping them contained – both diplomatically and economically – from other nations.



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This artwork, which appeared in Harper's Pictorial History of the Civil War, depicts Union vessels in waters of Charleston Harbor as the firing on Fort Sumter by Confederate forces begins in April 1861. The Union Navy plays an integral role in blockading the Confederates, keeping them contained – both diplomatically and economically – from other nations, according to an entry on Navy.mil.

**April 13 1861:** After a 33-hour bombardment by Confederate cannons, Fort Sumter finally surrenders, marking an initial victory in the Civil War for the Confederacy, according to the This Day in Military History website. Over the course of the shelling, some 4,000 rounds were lobbed at the fort. The only casualty was a Confederate horse.

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# Human ribbon honors April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

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Marines, Soldiers and civilians got an early start honoring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month when they formed a human ribbon March 31 in front of Bldg. 29 on the Henderson Hall portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.

“For this year, we’re doing a human awareness ribbon to show all our support for child abuse and neglect prevention,” explained Katie Groseclose of the Marine Corps Community Services Henderson Hall’s Family Advocacy Program.

Holding blue and silver pinwheels, service members wearing their uniforms of the day stood

shoulder-to-shoulder with their civilian counterparts, many of whom wore blue, the color symbolizing child abuse prevention, for a group photo of the human ribbon they formed.

April has been recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month since 1983. The theme of the month this year is Protect Our Children: Supervised, Safe and Sound.

Groseclose said that strong and nurturing communities that are supportive of families are vital in preventing child abuse and neglect.

“That can mean engaging with them, mentoring with them, at home and at school,” she said. “It’s really important that we take

a moment during the month of April to mentor our children, our nieces, our nephews, our neighbors and that we are hearing their voice and we want them to grow up to be strong, successful adults.”

Other events that will mark April as Child Abuse Prevention Month on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall include a pinwheel parade at Cody Child Development Center on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base April 8 at 10 a.m. and the Blue Tie Affair, which recognizes children’s heroes, April 27 at 1:30 p.m. at Spates Community Center on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base.

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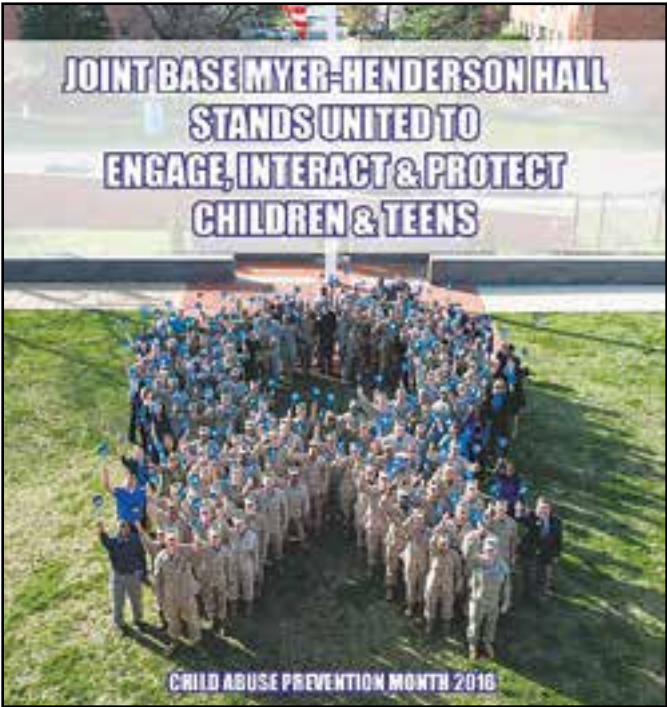


PHOTO BY SGT. ALVIN WILLIAMS JR.

About 180 service members and federal civilian employees made up a blue human ribbon in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month March 31 in front of the Headquarters and Service Battalion building on the Henderson Hall portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. April is also Month of the Military Child.



PHOTO BY ARTHUR MONDALE

Visitors to Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall enjoy a horse-drawn hayride during the U.S. Army Caisson Platoon’s Spring Open House and Hayride April 2, hosted by the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard)’s Family Readiness Program, on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base. Caisson Platoon Leader 1st Lt. Daniel Nicolosi said the event was a way to tell the Regiment’s story to the public.

# Caisson Spring Open House and Hayride showcases Old Guard mission significance

By Arthur Mondale  
Pentagram Staff Writer

Visitors from across the National Capital Region got an up close and personal glimpse of the horses and horsemen who comprise the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard)’s Caisson Platoon during the platoon’s Spring Open House and Hayride April 2 hosted at the Caisson stables on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.

The event, coordinated by The Old Guard’s Family Readiness Program, attracted dozens of families. Young children rode in hayrides—horse-drawn carts stuffed with hay to provide cushion for passengers. There were also arts and crafts, egg hunts, a bounce house and prizes.

And of course, participants had the chance to meet the platoon’s steeds.

In all, the colorful and cheerful event

was a stark contrast to the platoon’s normal silent and solemn demeanor when performing their duty: transporting fallen service members to their final resting place in Arlington National Cemetery.

“This open house is kind of a way for Caisson Soldiers to tell our story and how we and our horses serve the fallen heroes who serve our nation,” said U.S. Army 1st Lt. Daniel Nicolosi, Caisson Platoon leader. “It takes a lot of responsibility to be a Caisson Soldier and they’re put under a lot of pressure and interact with the families of fallen service members.”

“These horses belong to the people and this event serves as a great opportunity to open up our operation to the public,” said Col. Johnny K. Davis, The Old Guard’s commander. “What an honor to give visitors a view of the 58 horses as-

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# Renovations, upgrades ongoing at JBM-HH Library

By Melani Kimery  
JBM-HH Librarian  
Family and Morale,  
Welfare and Recreation

Have you noticed changes in the library on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (Bldg. 417) and wondered what was going on, and how these changes were going to result in better library services?

As directed by the head of Army Libraries, we are performing standard library maintenance tasks. One of these tasks, referred to as weeding, has a criteria established by the American Library Association. Weeding has not been performed in our library for many years. Standing operating procedures calls for a continual review of library holdings (books, videos, audio materials, etc.) and the removal of resources that meet specific criteria, which includes patron usage.

Our library has limited space and we

must continually make room for new materials. Weeding is necessary to ensure our resources remain current and relevant. Our library is a recreational library and is not chartered to archive and preserve materials as is common for an academic or special library. We collect information and provide access to information. We love books as much as anyone else and sometimes hard decisions have to be made.

Because of weeding, we are able to continue to add to our collection of materials and provide better community resources. To achieve this, we are:

1. Adding Blu-Ray Movies to our collection.
2. Increasing the study areas for groups of users.
3. Finding space where large project groups can meet.

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PHOTO BY DELONTE HARROD

The Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Post Library, located in Bldg. 417 on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base, is undergoing a “weeding” — the addition of new material to the library’s collection, as well as the addition of more study areas and installation of a Radio Frequency Identification system that will allow users to self-check-out materials.

★ ★ ★ The United States Army Band ★ ★ ★		
CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
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 p.m.	The U.S. Army Band “Pershing’s Own” will perform a special musical therapeutic session that celebrates the spirit of resilient Soldiers and Families and highlights the powerful role music can play in healing. This event takes place at Brucker Hall on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH.
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 <a href="https://yurisnight.net">https://yurisnight.net</a> .
April 14	7:30 p.m.	Guest conductor H. Robert Reynolds of the USC Thornton School of Music and a University of Michigan professor, will lead 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](http://www.usarmyband.com/event-calendar.html).



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Austin, in my view...defines what it means to be a leader. He's fought bravely, he's led fearlessly, he's dedicated himself to the welfare of Soldiers and their families, and he's sacrificed selflessly for our country."

Milley, who first met Austin when Austin was a lieutenant colonel in the 10th Mountain Division over 20 years ago, also stressed the profound effect Austin had as a leader, especially on other leaders who have served with him.

"All of us consider him a national treasure," Milley said. "He was literally, not only to me but to so many others, a big brother, a coach, a mentor, a confidant, a guardian angel and a friend. In so many ways, Lloyd Austin raised an entire generation of generals and flag officers."

Milley also thanked Austin's family, especially his wife, Charlene, noting that the Austins will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary in less than 90 days.

"Charlene has been a great wife and a supportive Army spouse," Milley said. "She has been a leader in our community for over three decades."

Austin is a "Soldier's Soldier," according to Milley, exhibiting deep loyalty and humility.

"He is one of those rare officers who not only has a deep understanding and practical experience of tactics and operations, but he has demonstrated over and over again that he has equal skill at the strategic level," Milley said.

Although 41 years in uniform is a massive accomplishment, Austin said an Army career wasn't always the plan.

"I actually planned to stay in the Army for just five years, then get out and go to law school," Austin told the crowd during his address. "However, I quickly learned that I love Soldiers and I love being around Soldiers and I love being part of a winning team."

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to event organizers.

The event took place in Fort Myer's Town Hall, where JBM-HH Commander Col. Mike Henderson implored attendees to acknowledge individual roles in preventing and reacting to sexual assault.

"We all have a part in combating sexual harassment and sexual assault and this month offers us an excellent opportunity to focus attention on our roles," said Henderson during his opening remarks.

The presentation emphasized this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month theme of Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know Your Part. Do Your Part. The 90-minute presentation served as the joint base's kick-off event for raising awareness about sexual assault throughout April.

Yolanda King, JBM-HH sexual assault response coordinator, said that blaming rape victims for what happens to them silences their voices and makes them feel unsafe. That makes it more difficult for victims to come forward to report the crimes and share their stories, she said.

"Blaming the victim marginalizes [them]... and it fails to hold the appropriate person accountable, the offender," said King, JBM-HH sexual assault response coordinator.

The purpose of the presentation was to sharpen attendees' discernment on how victim blaming is defined, as well as the underlying assumptions that contribute to shifting blame on victims versus perpetrators, according to Heather Imrie, guest speaker and Catharsis Productions' director of program management.

**Unlearning can crush assumptions**

Imrie, who has worked with male and female sex abuse victims for more than 20 years, presented what she characterized as research-backed findings as to why cultures of victim blaming in America develop, especially in the military. Her presentation included the most common reasons why people blame victims and support perpetrators, and then dismantled those arguments through logic and tapping the military's core values.

Imrie said that people in general need to unlearn worldviews that give



PHOTO BY SPC. BRANDON DYER

**Family members of U.S. Army Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III, standing left on the reviewing stand, clap as The Old Guard U.S. Army Fife and Drum Corps participates in a Special Retirement Review and Farewell for Austin, hosted by U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley, in Conmy Hall on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall April 5. Austin, who most recently served as the commander for U.S. Central Command, retired from the Army after 41 years of service.**

And that team wins and is made great on the backs of the men and women who serve in uniform, Austin said.

"This business is all about people," he said. "We don't win our nation's wars simply because we have the most technologically-advanced military in the world, and we do. We win wars because we have the very best people serving in our ranks."

Austin stressed the importance of noncommissioned officers and squad leaders, and their ability to inspire their troops. He recounted the story of a young Soldier who rushed an enemy position to eliminate a threat and allow his fellow Soldiers to advance.

"There is no other profession on earth where a 19-year-old kid will get up and run towards an enemy position to save his buddies," Austin said. "And that young Soldier did so because he trusted his squad leader."

Austin also thanked his wife and family, calling Charlene his "rock."

"This ceremony is as much about you as it is about me," he told her. "I'm looking forward to the many great adventures that lie ahead of us."

Finally, Austin took a moment to speak about the future of the military.

"I am filled with optimism because I recognize that today's generation of leaders is even better than my generation," he said. "They will confront any challenge, and they will refuse to fail. We must not fail them...We have the most powerful and capable military on earth. We must ensure that we continue to invest in that critical capability despite the many competing priorities."

In a statement from the White House, President Barack Obama congratulated Austin on his retirement and thanked him for his many years of service.

"General Austin's character and competence exemplify what America demands of its military leaders," Obama said in the statement. "Over the last three years...Austin has overseen military operations in one of the most demanding regions of the world, including operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and our broader counter-ISIL campaign. These are among his many accomplishments over a storied military career."

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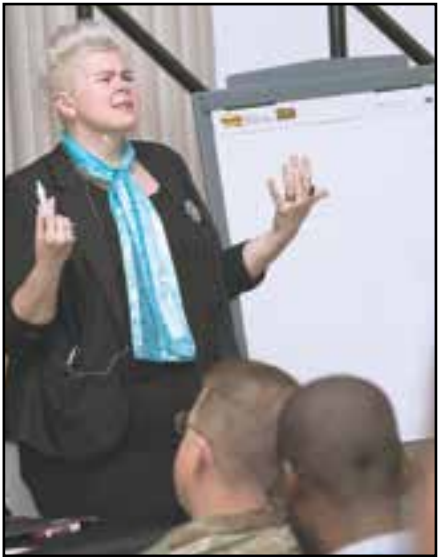


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**Heather Imrie, addresses service members and federal civilian employees during an interactive Sexual Assault Awareness Month presentation called "Beat the Blame Game," hosted by the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Sexual Assault and Prevention Office April 1 on Fort Myer. The purpose of the presentation was to sharpen attendees' discernment on how victim blaming is defined, as well as the underlying assumptions that contribute to shifting blame on victims versus perpetrators.**

Imrie said the warrior narrative has to be reframed differently to create a culture that encourages men to ask for help.

"If we are going to unlearn that, we have to start with affirming that it is O.K. for men to be the complicated, emotional creatures that they are," she said. "Even saying that sounds feminine, some would say that I am making this a feminine argument, which is nonsense."

Despite the steep hill of unlearning, Imrie said she is convinced that people can unlearn these kinds of stereotypes. Generational adaptation to continual digital, technological change is proof that this hard work of unlearning can be accomplished, she said.

"So we can unlearn these things, and we can get centered on what healthy sexual activity is, so it is easy for women and men to spot what unwanted, aggressive, violent sexual behavior is," she said. "That rape is not sex by any means and when we understand that sex is two people wanting to come together, instead of sex being by any means necessary, it will make it easy for us to [become] interveners."

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"Pershing's Own" are hosting a Therapeutic Outreach Program with the JBM-HH Survivor Outreach Services Office April 9 beginning at 7 p.m. in Brucker Hall on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base. The program features musicians with backgrounds in musical therapy who will present a special program and concert that celebrates the spirit of resilient Soldiers and Families, and highlights the powerful role music can play in healing. For more information, call 703-696-3718.

Shredding events  
announced

The Environmental Management Division of Public Works has announced the next mass paper shredding schedule for JBM-HH: April 13, on the Fort Myer and Henderson Hall portions of the joint base:

- Henderson Hall: Bldg. 29 from 9 to 10 a.m.
- Fort Myer: Bldg. 59 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Fort Myer: Bldg. 321 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Additionally, the shredding event will extend to the Fort McNair portion of JBM-HH on April 14. Shredders will be at Bldg. 29 from 9 to 11 a.m., and Bldg. 62 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, including what to include and what not to include for shredding, call Mark Luckers at 703-696-2012.

Spring Salute 5K – April 13

Marine Corps Community Services Henderson Hall's Oohrah! Run Series begins with the annual Spring Salute 5K race April 13 at the Cpl. Terry L. Smith Gymnasium on Henderson Hall. The race will begin at 6:45 a.m. Check-in and late registration will be accepted on site beginning at 5:45 a.m. The first 100 participants will receive a T-shirt. The top three male and female finishers will receive medals and prizes. In addition, there is an optional Color Fusion portion to the race in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This portion serves to boost awareness of child abuse and sexual assault prevention. Participants will receive sunglasses and a bandana for use during the Color Fusion. To register online, go to <http://goo.gl/0N7nIK>. For more information, call 703-693-9146.

Prostate cancer support group meets  
at Belvoir April 14

A prostate cancer support group meets at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital the second Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be April 14, 1 to 2 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Urology Clinic, Sunrise Pavilion, second floor. Spouses/partners are invited to attend. For more information, contact retired Col. Jane Hudak at 301-319-2918 or [jane.l.hudak.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:jane.l.hudak.ctr@mail.mil).

New phone scam alert

The Charlotte, N.C., FBI Field Office released a press release recently warning North Carolinians of a phone scam that spoofs FBI telephone numbers on the victim's caller ID.

The scam involves someone claiming to be an FBI agent and demanding repayment for a school loan, parking ticket, or other matter and threatens the victim with arrest if the fees are not paid via MoneyGram, according to the release. The FBI reminded that they do not call private citizens requesting money and that people should limit the information freely provided online, including social media sites, to help avoid identity theft and other types of fraud. Individuals receiving such calls or needing to report any Internet-related crime can file a complaint through the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at [www.IC3.gov](http://www.IC3.gov).

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](mailto: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. The Education Services office and Career Resource Management Center on the Henderson Hall portion of JBM-HH will be closed April 13-14 in preparation for this event. For more information, visit [www.mccsHH.com/SECF](http://www.mccsHH.com/SECF).

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



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signed to the unit.”

Moreover, for more than 65 years, the regiment operates “on call” on a daily basis throughout the entire year, Nicolosi said.

“I think when guests leave this open house they’ll have a better understanding of the dedication that goes into our mission because it’s not just serving the family of the fallen at one point in time,” he said. “We serve them for a lifetime because they will forever remember what Caisson provided. And these relatives do come back to these stables and say, ‘Hey, you buried my brother, my sister, my son, or my daughter and we’re just here to see the horses and the Soldiers that contributed to my family’s closure.’”

More than a spring tradition

For some families who attend the open house annually, the event has become somewhat of a tradition, according to Carla R. Moss, event coordinator and information and referral program manager for JBM-HH Army Community Service.

“This event is not only about showcasing the U.S. Army Caisson Platoon for the National Capital Region as a whole, but it’s also an annual tradition for some families who know these horses and these Soldiers more personally,” she said.

She added that the event offered activities for new and returning guests alike.

The Caisson Platoon’s stables were transformed into a Spring-themed festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the open house. While all activities appeared popular with attendees, the highly anticipated attraction was the hayride.

“I was in the Old Guard from

1994 to 1997 and this is the first time me and the family have come out to this event,” said U.S. Army Capt. Phillip Compean. “You can’t come to this event without going on a horse ride.”

“Kids love hayrides,” said his wife, Kari. “Just look at the long line.”

Meanwhile, first timers like the Wallace family were more interested in the opportunity to feed the horses happily situated inside the stables.

“Who could pass up a very interactive opportunity like this to see a friendlier side of the military with their family,” said U.S. Army Capt. Aaron Wallace.

The morning and afternoon was a meaningful and memorable way to better reach the D.C.-metro community, according to organizers. But the event foreshadowed the start of the busy season for members of The Old Guard collectively, who also perform ceremonial duties for a variety of public and military special events within the National Capital Region.

“The Old Guard is unlike the actual conventional U.S. Army and few are selected to come to Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall to serve in this capacity,” said U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Dustin Moss, a member of The Old Guard’s Presidential Salute Battery. The battery’s cannons—fired in honor of the President of the United States as well as other significant ceremonies and special events—were on display for guests.

“Everybody is getting locked in for the [presidential] inauguration and rehearsals have already begun,” Moss said. “There’s a lot of work to be done and everything has to be perfect from the uniforms to the execution.”

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Children enjoy a crafts station as well as other activities inside the Caisson Platoon's stables during the U.S. Army Caisson Platoon's Spring Open House and Hayride April 2 on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. Children also participated in a scavenger hunt, egg roll, bounce house and other family-friendly activities at the event.



The Wallace family enjoys a scavenger hunt inside the Caisson Platoon's stables, one of many family-oriented activities during the platoon's Spring Open House and Hayride April 2 on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.



Attendees to the U.S. Army Caisson Platoon's Spring Open House and Hayride get the opportunity to feed one of platoon's 58 horses who live in the Caisson stables April 2 on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. The 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard)'s Caisson Platoon stables were transformed into a Spring-themed festival of activities for children and adults alike.


From left, U.S. Army Col. Johnny K. Davis, the commander of the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), greets U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Dustin Moss, a member of The Old Guard's Presidential Salute Battery, during the U.S. Army Caisson Platoon's Spring Open House and Hayride April 2 on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. “It's not often that members of The Old Guard get to open our doors and encourage the public to come on in and get a snapshot of what our Soldiers actually do,” Davis said.




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# JBM-HH Safety: Bicyclists, motorists must share the road, obey traffic laws

By Julia LeDoux  
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*Editor's note: This is the second in a four-part series of articles on spring safety.*

When warm weather makes a comeback, it means that more people will be enjoying activities outside. One of the most popular outdoor activities in the National Capital Region during spring and summer is bicycle riding.

Roads on all portions of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall see an uptick in bicyclists as the days lengthen and weather improves, said JBM-HH Safety Officer Ron Foster.

Before taking your bicycle out for that first warm weather ride of the year, Foster said bicyclists should check to make sure their tires have not dry rotted during the winter. He also recommends adjusting brakes before the first ride of the season.

"If you have a bike with the new disc brakes, they should be

adjusted once a year," he said. "If you have the older brakes with shoes, make sure they are not worn."

Area bicycle shops provide a tune-up service and will check gears, brakes, tire pressure and tires for a nominal fee, he said.

"Same thing, you do a tune up on your car, do a tune up on your bike," he said.

Foster said wearing proper safety equipment, including helmets and gloves, is a must for all bicyclists, no matter their age or skill level. Service members are required to wear reflective gear when riding bicycles, on or off military installations.

"Make sure you ride with the flow of traffic and not against the flow of traffic, just like a motor-cycle or any other motor vehicle," he cautioned.

Bicyclists should also obey all traffic laws, be aware of their surroundings and ride as close to roadside curbs as possible, he said.

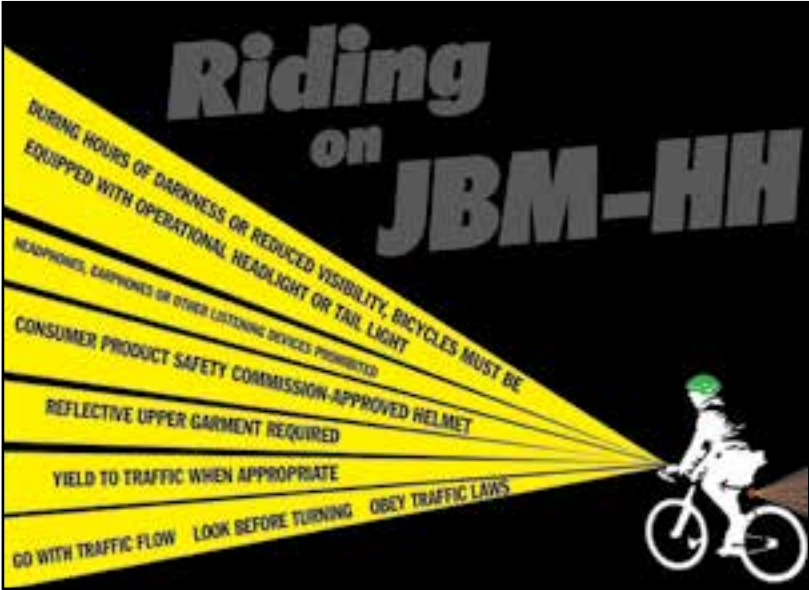
"Stay within the bike lanes should you have one," added Foster.

Bicyclists should use proper hand signals when making turns to let drivers know their intentions, he said. To signal a left turn, simply extend the left arm to the left. To signal a right turn, stick the upper part of the left arm should be bent at the elbow at a right angle and the forearm vertically to the ground. To signal a stop, extend the left arm horizontally and angle the forearm vertically downward.

Motorists should also be aware of bicyclists on area roads and highways and exercise patience when sharing the road, he said.

"[A motorist] can startle a bicyclist and cause them to fall and that can cause an accident as well," explained Foster.

Foster suggested that younger, inexperienced riders avoid areas on the Fort Myer portion of the base with steep hills such as McNair Road and Jackson Road.



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In addition to these safety tips and requirements, JBM-HH Safety Officer Ron Foster says bicyclists should check to make sure their tires have not dry rotted during the winter. He also recommends adjusting brakes before the first ride of the season.

"If they are not experienced, they can fall and it would not be good for the kids," he said. "Stay on the flat surfaces, such as Lee Avenue and Sheridan Avenue." For more bicycle safety tips, vis-

it the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's website at <http://go.usa.gov/ceMNG/>.

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Retired Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Rholondra Louis, left, and Air Force Master Sgt. Erika Frazier, speak with a business representative during a June 4, 2015, Hiring Heroes Career Fair in the Spates Community Club on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. Under a new policy letter signed by Military District of Washington Commander Maj. Gen. Bradley A. Becker, Army garrison commanders within the district are directed to ensure that separating and transitioning Soldiers connect with education and employment resource opportunities provided by the Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program at least 12 to 18 months before they leave the Army.



PHOTO BY DELONTE HARROD

The Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Post Library, located in Bldg. 417 on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base, is undergoing a "weeding" — the removal of outdated books, the addition of new material to the library's collection, as well as the addition of more study areas and installation of a Radio Frequency Identification system that will allow users to self-check-out materials.

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the time, but if we help a few of them, it will be awesome."

Rodriguez said SFL-TAP actually has three tracks that transitioning Soldiers can pursue: An educational track for those who want to attend college or technical school; an employment track; and an entrepreneurial track for those who want to start their own business.

"It's a very comprehensive program," he said. "For these things to work, they need to start at least 12 months before transition. That has been difficult because of the mission."

The policy leader directs that Soldiers must complete a three-hour, pre-separation counseling session documented on DD Form 2648, Preparation Counseling Checklist and 2648-1, TAP Checklist, no later than 12 to 18 months prior to leaving service or 24 months if retiring.

A transition point of contact must also be appointed by base commanders who

will work with the SFL-TAP office and update the command on compliance with the VOW Act and career readiness standards.

Noting that SFL-TAP is a commander's program, Becker wrote that commanders are responsible for ensuring that Soldiers participate in and meet all transition requirements.

"Soldiers will execute transition plans in conjunction with training and mission requirements," reads the letter. "Soldiers will attend scheduled transition appointments approved by the commander."

The policy letter also directs that hiring events be utilized to the greatest extent possible on installations and that commanders develop a SFL-TAP policy within their commands.

The policy letter's directives apply to all Soldiers and their family members who utilize Soldier For Life -Transition Assistance Program Services at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall; Fort Belvoir, Va.; and Fort George G. Meade, Md.

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