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Trying to catch 'em all? Safety, respect come first

JBM-HH police warn against distracted driving, advise Pokemon Go players to respect 'hallowed grounds'

By Jim Goodwin
Pentagram Editor

No doubt the recently-released Pokemon Go smartphone app has become a digital sensation. Still, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall officials are asking those who are "catching them all" to do so with safety—and respect—in mind.

And while those who work and reside on the joint base are free to play the game, there are restrictions for just who can come on base, according to JBM-HH law enforcement.

"Our major concern is with people coming on post just to play the Pokemon game," said Alicia Foy, JBM-HH military police investigator.

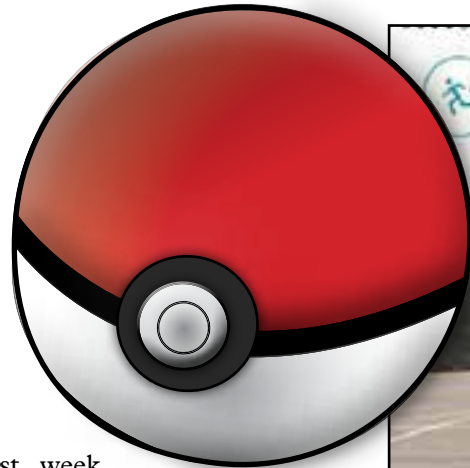
The game, downloadable as an app for Android and Apple

electronic devices such as smartphones, challenges users to capture fictional creatures called Pokemon (pronounced, "Poke-EE-mon"), which are located throughout different geographic areas, using a device's camera and Global Positioning System. When a player locates a Pokemon, they must "catch" it by tossing a virtual Pokeball at the Pokemon. From there, players can evolve their Pokemon, engage in battles at various Pokemon "gyms" (often located at churches), or collect special items at various Pokestops.

But seeking Pokemon on any portion of JBM-HH is not a valid reason for entry on base for would-be visitors, said Foy.

"There's multiple Pokestops and gyms on post," said Foy, who says she's played the game herself to learn more about it. "We urge people who are on base for a valid reason to use safety...to stay aware and to know that you are also on a federal installation."

Several military and other federal installations have released policy memos notifying as a caution to gamers that Pokemon Go is a no-go in certain areas; some have restricted game playing altogether.



Last week, Arlington National Cemetery officials posted a notice to the cemetery's website cautioning cemetery visitors that use of Pokemon Go and other smartphone games "on these hallowed grounds would not be deemed appropriate." More than 400,000 people, including three presidents and thousands of military veterans, are buried at the cemetery, which buttresses against the Fort Myer and Henderson Hall portions of the joint base.

The Department of Veterans Affairs released a statement declaring a similar policy, but went a step further, notifying visitors that

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GRAPHIC COURTESY GUV CALLAHAN

A Pokemon can be seen via a smartphone app called "Pokemon Go" on the grass in front of Old Post Chapel on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall July 14. JBM-HH law enforcement officials are reminding all who work, live and visit the joint base to be cognizant of safety and traffic regulations while participating in the game on any portion of the joint base.

Recruiting fair seeks to find jobs, provide career advice for veterans

By Guv Callahan
Pentagram Staff Writer

Transitioning out of the military into the civilian workforce can be a daunting task, but the Northern Virginia Technology Council and the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program are helping make it more manageable.

More than 50 veterans attended a recruiting fair July 14 hosted by the NVTC and SFL-TAP at the Community Center on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base.

During the event, job seekers were split up into groups that then met with recruiters from 10 different companies in 20-minute blocks.

Steve Jordon, manager of veterans employment and strategic initiatives for NVTC, said that every veter-

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PHOTO BY GUV CALLAHAN

Anne Dodson, recruiting manager for General Dynamic Information Technology, left, takes notes as she listens to job-seeking veterans and active duty service members during a recruiting fair July 14 at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. More than 50 veterans attended the fair, sponsored by the Northern Virginia Technology Council and JBM-HH's Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program. Unlike regular job fairs, this event put job seekers into groups who then met with recruiters from 10 different companies in 20 minute blocks.

JBM-HH Strategic Plan published, outlines 10-year mission roadmap

By Julia LeDoux
Pentagram Staff Writer

The blueprint that will take Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall to 2025 and beyond is complete.

The JBM-HH Strategic Plan outlines how the installation will define and meet its mission of delivering installation services in support of Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region/Military District of Washington and to the community it serves, explained Lavonda Lessane of the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office.

"This is how we envision where we are going to go," she said.

The plan's opening memo introduces the 37-page document and noting that it "provides a road map to empower and challenge the workforce to meet and overcome potential constraints [while] defining long-term strategic goals and objectives for carrying out its core

mission."

Work on the plan began in 2014, according to Lessane. A series of off-site meetings were held and out of those, three lines of effort or LOE's were developed. The LOE's include the development of a professional management workforce, effective base operations support services and infrastructure sustainment and revitalization.

"All of our directors were engaged in developing the plan and then we had additional personnel to assist also," she said.

JBM-HH's Strategic Plan is based on and aligned with the U.S. Army Installation Management Command's IMCOM 2025 and Beyond, a campaign plan released in November of 2015 that operationalizes the command's vision for the organization. The plan serves as a change management document that applies

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The Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Strategic Plan, now available online at <https://www.army.mil/article/171747>, outlines how the installation will define and meet its mission of delivering installation services in support of Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region/Military District of Washington and to the community it serves, according to Lavonda Lessane of the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office.

Only two more shows left!



PHOTO BY SGT. CODY W. TORKELSON

There are only two more performances of this season's Twilight Tattoo at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall's Summerall Field: July 27 and Aug. 3. If you have not experienced the telling of the U.S. Army story through this visual performance that combines music, reenactments, live cannons and other military pageantry, you're missing out! The tattoo is an hour-long, sunset military pageant featuring Soldiers of the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, The U.S. Army Drill Team, The U.S. Army Blues, a soloist from The U.S. Army Chorus and vocalists of The U.S. Army Band Downrange and The U.S. Army Voices. This event is free and open to the public. No tickets are required. Pre-ceremony live music begins at 6:30 p.m., all shows start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. For additional details, visit <http://twilight.mdw.army.mil/home>.

News Notes

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The Pentagram is excited to present a story about JBM-HH's history of innovation, a special submission penned by Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Commander Col. Patrick M. Duggan. Duggan, who took command June 28, writes regularly about cyber and special operations and has been published in Joint Defense Quarterly magazine, Special Warfare Magazine, Small Wars Journal and The Cyber Defense Review, among other publications. He will be a contributing writer on occasion for the Pentagram; see page 2 for his first piece.

Come celebrate ACS' 51st birthday – July 22

Army Community Service will host a Music and Mocktails Open House July 22, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at ACS (Bldg. 201 on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH) in honor of ACS' 51st anniversary. This event, which will feature light refreshments and displays of ACS' history, is open to the entire JBM-HH community. Created in July 1965, then-Army Chief of Staff Gen. Harold K. Johnson approved establishment of ACS at all Army garrisons to "provide a flexible framework for the operation of a viable system of social services," according to ACS' online history. For more information, call 703-696-1200.

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Hot days, hard training



PHOTO BY SPC. DANIEL YEADON, 4TH BATTALION, 3D U.S. INFANTRY REGIMENT
U.S. Army Sgt. Blake Whitaker, team leader with Warrior Company, 4th Battalion, 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), leads his team in a room breach and clearing exercise July 15 during a training session at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia. Despite temperatures in the 90s, Honor Guard Company Soldiers successfully conducted Military Operations and Urban Terrain Training during a multi-day training session at the Marine base.

Directly from the commander

A History of Innovation, part 1 of 3

By Col. Patrick M. Duggan
JBM-HH Commander

Editor’s note: The Pentagon will publish occasional columns by writer Col. Patrick Duggan, JBM-HH’s commander. This is the first in a series of stories intended to provide context to the policies, endeavors and rich history of innovation of JBM-HH.

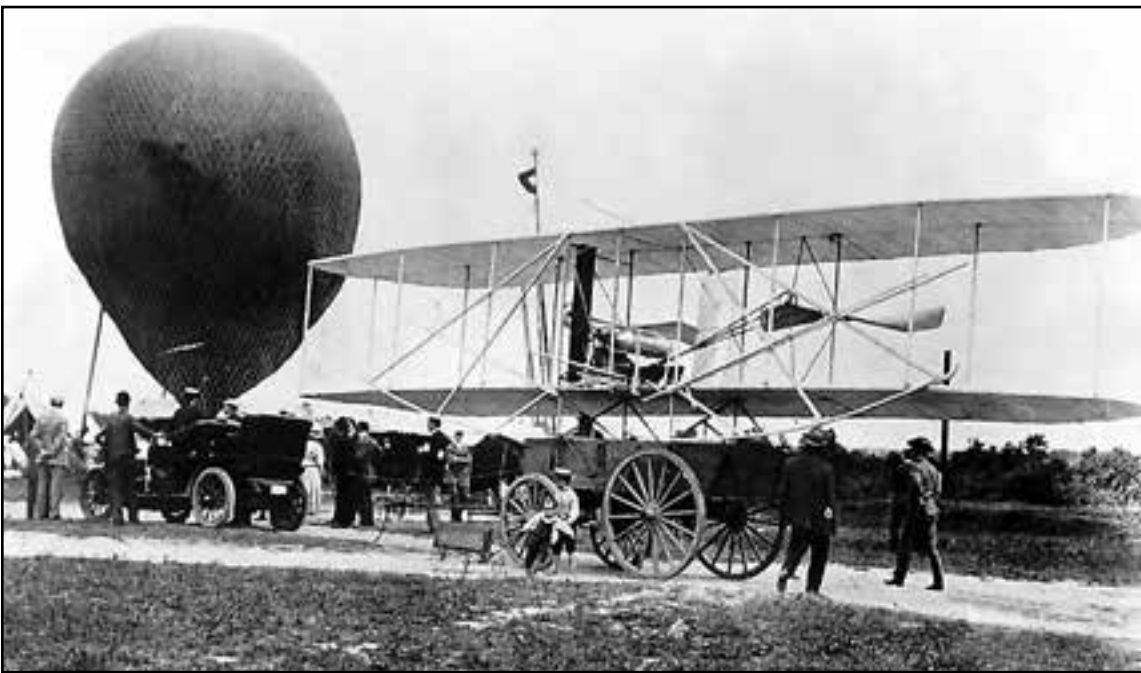
Innovation. It seems like a modern-day buzzword. Yet, a quick search on Google Ngram viewer shows that the word has actually been around for hundreds of years, since 1510, to be exact. And while the word innovation was not as popular in the Industrial Age as it is in today’s Information era, its spirit on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall certainly remains as powerful. You see, innovation has been a timeless companion to JBM-HH’s own history of innovation, and is figuratively, and literally, woven into the historical fabric of our nation. This article serves as part one of three short pieces which highlight JBM-HH’s own history of innovation, and how, even today, heralds future endeavors. JBM-HH recognizes that one can’t build a base of tomorrow using the infrastructure of the past,



OFFICIAL ARMY PHOTO
Col. Patrick M. Duggan, commander, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.

so it is exploring new community partnerships, innovative solutions and modern systems to propel its march forward. Luckily for JBM-HH, its rich history of innovation serves as a colorful guide to its “future of innovations.”

Early History
Starting from humble beginnings, what is now JBM-HH was once part of a 250-acre tract of forest appended to a larger 1,100 acre gentleman estate, owned by George Washington Parke Custis. G.W.P. Custis inherited it from his father John Parke Custis, who was Martha Washington’s son from a previ-



LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
The Wright Military Flyer arrives at Fort Myer, Virginia, aboard a wagon, attracting the attention of children and adults, Sept. 1, 1908. In addition to military aviation trials, Fort Myer was also the home of U.S. Army Observation Balloon training from 1902-1927.

ous marriage, and adopted son of President George Washington. G.W.P. Custis owned the property from 1801-1861, and lived in what is now the Arlington House, which overlooks Washington, D.C., and the Potomac River on Arlington National Cemetery grounds. G.W.P. Custis’s daughter Mary Anna Randolph Custis married then-Lt. Robert E. Lee, who also spent many years on the estate. Of note, one of the earliest tracts of land, located in the southern most portion of Arlington National Cemetery and the Navy Yard Annex, was called Freedman’s Village, and was a refuge for freed slaves from 1863-1866. The Freedman’s Village Bridge connects Washington Boulevard and Columbia Pike in Arlington and was dedicated last year in honor of that refuge for freed slaves.

Innovative Design
JBM-HH has had an incredibly rich history of innovation since its beginning. As described in author John Michael’s book “Images of Amer-

ica—Fort Myer,” the base has witnessed numerous U.S. milestones ever since the Civil War. Subsequent to JBM-HH’s role as part of the 22 interlocking defenses encircling Washington, D.C., during the Civil War, then-Fort Cass and Fort Whipple were merged into a dedicated base for U.S. Army officer quarters. Part of its initial innovative design involved constructing officer housing to overlook the Potomac River instead of parade fields, which conflicted with military tradition of the time. Unorthodox thinking also led to building officer houses in a row, for a decidedly more urban feel than what was typical of U.S. Army fort constructions of the day. After the Civil War’s denuding of the forests in the area, fort planners deliberately planted shady trees along Grant, Jackson, and Lee Roads for aesthetic feel and Victorian charm, as well as erected street lights and street signs, in contrast to other spartan Army forts. Even the circulation patterns

of the roads; Washington Avenue, Grant Avenue, Jackson Avenue, Custer Road, Lee Avenue, and Johnson Avenue dated back to post-Civil War construction, and echoed the urban vibe. In short, JBM-HH bucked the military traditions of the day to innovate for the future.

Home of Innovation—Civil War to WWI

JBM-HH has been the home of many innovative organizations. From 1869-1910, JBM-HH served as the home of Signal Corps Officer training, and under the Chief Signal Officer of the Army and its namesake, Maj. Gen. Albert J. Myer, experimented and perfected many new communication technologies for the military. This included the signal system known as “wigwagging” that involved messaging with flags during day and lanterns at night. The Signal Corps established the Army’s first telephone system on Fort Myer in 1877, just 18 months

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This black and white image from the Library of Congress National Photo Company Collection taken in 1914 by an unknown photographer shows a group of Soldiers marching down a dirt road, now the paved Sheridan Avenue, alongside the U.S. Army barracks on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. JBM-HH has been home to many historical military innovations, according to author Col. Patrick M. Duggan, including the birthplace of military aviation, home to Signal Corps officer training, and the establishment of the U.S. Weather Bureau, among other firsts.

Community

+Chaplaincy: A sacred and called duty

*Editor's Note:
This is part one
of a two-part series
highlighting local
chaplains on
occasion of the
241st anniversary
of the U.S. Army
Chaplain Corps.*



PHOTO BY RACHEL LARUE

U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains, Chap. (Maj. Gen.) Paul K. Hurley, gives remarks on Chaplains Hill in Arlington National Cemetery, July 29, 2015, during a ceremony commemorating the 240th anniversary of the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps. A similar event marking the 241st anniversary of the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps is set for July 29 at 9 a.m.

Did you know? U.S. Army chaplains...

- † Were formally recognized as a Corps on July 29, 1775 (just 15 days after the establishment of the U.S. Army)
- † Are charged with advising commanders to ensure the free exercise rights for all Soldiers are upheld, including those who hold no faith
- † More than 25,000 have served in the U.S. Army as religious leaders.
- † Eight have received the Medal of Honor, including four during the Civil War, two from Vietnam, one in Korea and one during the Boxer Rebellion.
- † Currently, more than 2,700 chaplains serve the Total Army representing 140 different religious organizations.



PHOTO BY DELONTE HARROD

U.S. Army Chap. (Maj.) Alfred Wendel, a Catholic chaplain with Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall's Religious Support Office, has more than 45 years of military service, including 27 years as a military chaplain. Posing for a portrait inside JBM-HH's Memorial Chapel, Wendel says Soldiers, families and chaplains enjoy a unique relationship, one that involves confidentiality. "To me, that is a very sacred thing," he said during an interview with the Pentagram. The U.S. Army Chaplain Corps celebrates its 241st anniversary July 29.

"If someone comes to me with a different faith, I'm responsible to help them find a connection or to find a way to help them grow in their faith."

– U.S. Army Chap. (Capt.) Mark Worrell, JBM-HH deputy garrison chaplain



COURTESY PHOTO BY SGT. GORDON PENN

U.S. Army Chap. (Capt.) Mark D. Worrell, deputy garrison chaplain for Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, posing for a portrait, says that as a military chaplain he is responsible for helping Soldiers "grow their faith," regardless of Soldiers' individual religious convictions.

By Delonte Harrod Pentagram Staff Writer

In 1864, Joel Tyler Headley, an American clergyman, historian and author, cited Gen. George Washington in his book, a detailed account of how chaplains served in the American Revolution, as saying that Chaplain David Avery, born in 1735, was the "embodiment of all those qualities he wished in a chaplain."

Headley described Avery in his "Chaplains and Clergy of

Revolution" as being "fearless in battle," that he "nursed" Soldiers with care and that he was impassioned with a love for God and country."

Washington's comments about what a chaplain should be were nothing short of prophetic. U.S. military chaplains, formal positions in the military recognized by Congress on July 29, 1775, which made them equal to captains in rank and earned them \$20 a month, have endured for over 200 years. Thousands of uniformed men and women have served the

spiritual and religious needs of military personnel domestically and internationally.

"We have one of the most incredible traditions of this country," said Kenneth Botton, a retired Navy chaplain and coordinator of Chaplaincy Studies and affiliate professor of pastoral theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. "Right from the beginning it was our nation that brought a sense of the divine to Soldiers and meeting the religious needs of Soldiers that was intrinsi-

cally important... which is consistent with our Constitution."

Serving alongside Soldiers, caring for the sick and wounded, sometimes in the face of countless deaths, and shepherding Soldiers is a tradition that chaplains within the military will celebrate on July 29, the 241st anniversary of the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps.

Botton said that the role of

the chaplain is different from that of a pastor. Traditionally, a pastor is responsible for guiding congregants within his or her own faith and denomination, and it is these congregants who

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Rader Clinic staff mentor local high school students

By Arthur Mondale Pentagram Staff Writer

Six gifted Arlington County Public School students are learning the ins and outs of quality health care and warrior resilience during a summer internship at Andrew Rader U.S. Army Health Clinic at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.

The internship is part of the Profession-related Intern Mentor Experience (PRIME), a community partnership between Arlington County Public Schools, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and the Arlington Career Center, according to Becki O'Loughlin, PRIME summer coordinator for Arlington County schools.

"I've been putting students into internships for over 40 years," O'Loughlin said. "The earlier kids are exposed to the world of work—the essence of

a job—the better."

Thirty-seven rising juniors and seniors from Arlington were chosen to intern in a number of industries, from engineering and information technology to journalism, politics and finance, July 5 through July 29.

This is the second year Rader Clinic has participated in PRIME. Students are mentored by a variety of health care providers among Rader Clinic's military population.

Students worked four days per week alongside a mentor, tasked with working the same hours as their mentor, resulting in a better understanding of what could be their respective career paths, high-level functions and demands, O'Loughlin said.

"Student interns have worked alongside staff in physical therapy, the laboratory, the

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PHOTO BY ARTHUR MONDALE

From left, U.S. Army Spc. Luis Vazquez, a physical therapy specialist with Andrew Rader U.S. Army Health Clinic, instructs high school students Jessica Lemus and Julia Churbuck on the importance of ankle stability using a single leg stand July 15 on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. Thirty-seven Arlington County Public School juniors and seniors were chosen to participate in the Profession-related Intern Mentor Experience (PRIME) program, which exposes gifted high school students to a number of professional and developmental industries. Six interned at Rader Clinic.

| ★ ★ ★ The United States Army Band ★ ★ ★ CALENDAR OF EVENTS | | |
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| July 21 | Noon | The U.S. Army Blues will perform at the Smithsonian Museum's Summer Concert Series at the National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. |
| July 21 | 7:30 p.m. | The U.S. Army Concert Band welcomes guest conductor and noted pedagogue Craig Kirchhoff as part of the 2016 U.S. Army Band Conductors Workshop at Brucker Hall on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH. |
| July 22 | 8 p.m. | The U.S. Army Concert Band will perform as part of the Sunsets with a Soundtrack Series on the West Side of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. |
| July 24 | 7:30 p.m. | The U.S. Army Blues will perform as part of the Fairfax County Summer Concert Series at Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale, Virginia. |
| July 27; Aug. 3 | 7 p.m. | Twilight Tattoo – A military pageant at Summerall Field on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH. The tattoo is an hour-long, sunset military pageant featuring Soldiers of the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, The U.S. Army Drill Team, The U.S. Army Blues, a soloist from The U.S. Army Chorus and vocalists of The U.S. Army Band Downrange and The U.S. Army Voices. This event is free and open to the public. No tickets are required. Pre-ceremony live music begins at 6:30 p.m., all shows start at 7 unless otherwise noted. |
| July 28 | 7:30 p.m. | The U.S. Army Rock Orchestra featuring Downrange will join forces for their annual rock orchestra extravaganza at Brucker Hall on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH. |
| July 29 | 8 p.m. | The U.S. Army Rock Orchestra featuring Downrange will join forces to perform as part of the Sunsets with a Soundtrack Concert Series on the West Side of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. |

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

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the department’s national cemeteries are not appropriate for an array of activities, including biking, dog-walking and recreational gaming.

“The concern is that it’s extremely disrespectful,” said Foy. “That’s not the reason you should be on cemetery grounds; it detracts from the cemetery and the hallowed grounds and everything that it stands for.”

Foy also advises against visitors jumping over the short, brick walls that separate JBM-HH from the cemetery in order to catch Pokemon: “That can be trespassing on a federal installation, and that is a criminal charge that can be pressed against them,” she said.

Law enforcement on base also have concerns that motorists are driving distracted while playing Pokemon Go, said Foy. JBM-HH regulation restricts motorists from driving while distracted, including the use of hand-held devices such as smartphones. Several news reports have detailed Pokemon

Go players, motorists and pedestrians alike, who have either been injured or killed due to accidents related to distracted movement both behind the wheel and while crossing streets.

“We have a hands-free policy,” said Foy. “You’re not to drive distracted, and even while walking you should maintain situational awareness.”

Additionally, Foy warned against gamers even appearing as though they are taking photos on any portion of the joint base in areas that may be off-limits to photography.

“If you are seen walking around with your phone up and it looks as though you’re taking pictures, an officer can stop you because we do have a lot of...sensitive locations here,” she said.

Gamers, as well as parents of children gamers, should be wary of the potential for criminality linked to Pokemon Go and similar games, said Foy. Reports have surfaced of criminals who lure players to secluded locations with the intent of robbing or harming them, she said.

“People need to be aware for their own safe-

Catch ‘em all, safely:



Always remember to watch where you are going and look up from your screen when you are playing Pokemon Go or any other augmented reality game. The real world can be very dangerous if you aren’t paying attention.



Pokemon Go was designed to bring people together in the real world as they search for Pokemon in common areas called gyms and Pokestops, but remember you may not know every person you encounter.



Be alert and use good judgment when interacting with people you don’t know. If someone seems up to no good, don’t hesitate to leave the area or call the police. Parents should consider setting limits for where kids can go while playing the game without adult supervision.



Play in groups of people you know. Groups can do a better job of monitoring the surroundings and are less appealing targets for unscrupulous people.



Be extra cautious if playing at night and wear reflective clothing.



Don’t wander into buildings or try to access other places where players might not be welcome. Police stations, churches, military installations and even private home owners have had to send unwanted Pokemon Go players away.

ty that if they are going to play, they need to be aware of their surroundings,” she said.

U.S. Army Installation

Management Command Public Affairs and Pentagon Staff Writer Guv Callahan contributed to this report.

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an’s transition is personal. And as a retired U.S. Navy captain with more than 30 years of service, Jordon knows how important that face-to-face interaction can be with recruiters.

“It’s really built around the personal connection between a recruiter and a veteran job seeker,” Jordon told the Pentagon. “As opposed to your average job fair, where you’ll get 30 companies, you’ll bring your resume, stand in line, offer them your resume, maybe answer a question, but then you’re moving on; this is much more like a speed dating opportunity, where in 20-minute blocks a recruiter will engage with veterans. We have four or five veterans per recruiter.”

Every veteran essentially gets 10 soft interviews throughout the day, Jordon said, and then recruiters can go back and tell their hiring managers if any of the attendees would be right for open positions.

“Recruiters can look to fill jobs and say, ‘You’re a pretty good fit, I’m going to look to see if my hiring manager wants to take it to the next level,’” he said. “That’s the essence... At the end of the day, it’s about getting jobs for our folks [who] served.”

Since the NVTC Veterans Employment Initiative was launched in 2013, Jordon said he can validate 4,000 veteran hires in that time frame. He also said that’s a conservative number.

But aside from actual job offers, Jordon said veterans walk out of the recruiting fairs with an-



PHOTO BY GUV CALLAHAN

More than 50 veterans attended a July 14 employment recruiting fair, sponsored by the Northern Virginia Technology Council and Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall’s Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program. Unlike regular job fairs, this event put job seekers into groups who then met with recruiters from 10 different companies in 20 minute blocks.

other valuable asset – advice from recruiters and perhaps a newfound confidence in their job search.

Recruiters look at resumes, listen to veterans’ “elevator pitch” speeches, and hear their concerns and issues with job-seeking.

“Not only are recruiters going to take a look at the resume to fill a job, but they’re going to make suggestions on that resume,” Jordon said. “Even if there’s no job opportunity...they’re going to walk away a much more confident, much more polished job-seeker.”

Jennie Salehi, executive recruiter for ICF International, said recruiters are able to give veterans the inside scoop and also better understand some of the anxieties veterans may have about looking for work.

“The benefit of this format is you’ve got direct access to recruiters who can give you the inside scoop, the tips of the trade, the pet peeves that recruiters have and think about,” she said. “For us, it’s less about connecting them with actual jobs that we have and more about helping with the process of getting a job. We’ve

been having some fairly heartfelt conversations about the struggles that people have and the bias that can be out there, and how to get past that.”

Master Sgt. Edwin Muzo, who has spent 28 years in the Maryland National Guard and been deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq, said he’s been to a number of normal career fairs, but that he benefited from the format of the recruiting event.

“The format was really useful,” he said. “I’ve been to regular career fairs, where you go into the hotel, and you get their card and you never really hear back from them. It felt a little more personal. They seemed to be generally interested. And it’s really because of the volume, so you don’t have thousands of people showing up.”

Salehi had the following tips to offer to veterans transitioning into the civilian workforce:

Think about what kind of company you want to work in. “Have a sense of the kind of culture you want to work in; big, small,” she said. “When you understand the things that are important to you, then you can start to narrow down and find

ever changing landscape.

“It is our ability to identify, manage and mitigate risk that will enable us to successfully support the operating force,” states the document.

The plan states that three major challenges facing the joint base in the future are resources, service delivery methods and infrastructure.

Stressing that personnel are the joint base’s most precious resource, the plan notes that the installation’s workforce is the engine that drives the command to successful mission accomplishment.

“As IMCOM moves forward, it will be important to find people with the right skills, develop our personnel and enable them to execute our mission in the most effective ways possible,” the plan states.

Base leaders will also focus renewed attention on the cost of operations, according to the plan.

“As a command we need to capitalize on savings at all levels; enterprise, regional and local ... we must use our resources wisely by delivering the right services at the right cost and assessing these services through a

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Marine Corps CFT – July 22

The S3/Training Section of Headquarters and Service Battalion, Henderson Hall, is holding a Combat Fitness Test for those Marines who desire to complete this annual training requirement July 22. Marines desiring to take the test should muster at 6 a.m. at the CFT field next to Memorial Chapel on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH. Marines must wear the seasonal MARPAT (deserts) for this test. Additionally, Marines will be paired up with another Marine within 10 pounds of their weight to facilitate the maneuver under fire portion of the test. Marines should also bring their Common Access Cards for verification and training submission into the Marine Corps Total Force System. For more information, call 703-693-9063.

Dive-in Movie Nights at JBM-HH July 23, Aug. 13

JBM-HH Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Dive-In Movie nights are back at the Fort Myer Officers’ Club Pool Complex. Future “Dive-In Movie” nights include a viewing of “Despicable Me” on July 23 and “Hotel Transylvania 2” Aug. 13. Gates open at 8:15 p.m. and show time is 9 p.m. Admission is free; audience members must provide their own floatation – lounge rafts or inner tubes. In the event of severe weather or high winds, showings will be cancelled. For further information, call 703-939-1045.

Parents Power Walking Group – July 25, 27

Parents Power Walking Group will be held July 25 and 27 from 9 to 10 a.m. at Long Bridge Park in Arlington, Virginia. Hosted by JBM-HH Army Community Service, this weekly group offers military parents a chance to meet other parents, have fun and get in shape. The group combines walking with specific muscle conditioning exercises along the walk routes. The group is for parents, caregivers and children (in strollers, up to age 5). All fitness levels are welcome. For more information or to register, call 703-696-3512.

AMEDD recruiting – July 26

Fort Myer is hosting an AMEDD briefing July 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in room 110 in Bldg. 417. A U.S. Army Healthcare Recruiting Team from the U.S. Army Medical Recruiting Center will brief on qualifications and application procedures to service members interested in becoming a U.S. Army healthcare professional. If you are interested in becoming a U.S. Army healthcare professional, please RSVP by email to karen.r.powell.civ@mail.mil or for more info please call 703-696-1541/1652/3178.

Army Substance Abuse Prevention training – July 27

The Army Substance Abuse Prevention team will host substance abuse training for active duty Soldiers and Department of the Army civilian July 27 in the Town Hall (Bldg. 243) on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about this annual training requirement, call JBM-HH Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program Specialist George Suber at 703-696-3900.

GoArmyEd 101 registration deadline – July 27

Registration for the Aug. 2 Introduction to GoArmyEd class is July 27. The Fort Myer Education Center offers this interactive class to orient Soldiers to the GoArmyEd website for access to Tuition Assistance at the Fort Myer Education Center, Bldg. 417 in room 107. The class provides instruction on TA

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Congrats, Arthur!



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From left, Thomas “Tommy” Burr, the 109th president of the National Press Club, and Arthur Mondale, Pentagon staff writer, stand for a photograph following Mondale’s acceptance into the National Press Club July 12 at the National Press Building in Washington, D.C. According to the club’s website, the NPC was founded in 1908, has members representing every major news organization and serves as a place for newsmakers and journalists seeking professional advancement and fellowship. Moreover, guests of The Club have included U.S. Presidents, members of Congress and celebrities. Mondale, an award-winning journalist, spent seven years as an on-air television reporter in Louisiana and North Carolina before transitioning to print journalism in the National Capital Region.

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to all of IMCOM’s components, including JBM-HH, and directs base commanders to incorporate the plan’s strategic framework into installation plans, said Lessane.

The plan begins in Fiscal Year 2016, with a strategic period of five years, but has a strategy projection as far as 2025, explained Lessane.

“As we adapt to the ever-changing surrounding environment, we are focusing on the mission and increasing our service efficiency to strengthen our position as a responsive, technically innovative organization supporting customer needs and expectations for our current and future missions,” the document reads.

While the document acknowledges that the Army faces both an uncertain fiscal environment and multiple potential threats in the global environment, it also reiterates that IMCOM has the ability to adapt to an

cost culture, performance oriented customer feedback lens,” the document notes.

According to the plan, base leaders will also focus on preserving the natural resources found on the installation.

“Natural resources have become a national security issue,” the plan states. “Our command has a great responsibility when it comes to natural resources as we manage large areas of water, energy and land. It is our inherent duty to manage these resources wisely and find the most effective ways to preserve precious resources for future generations.”

The plan also states that Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization Funds must be stretched to capitalize on the most effective architectural engineering concepts in order to revitalize existing facilities and communities.

The plan is available online at <https://www.army.mil/article/171747/>.

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primary care clinic, pharmacy, immunizations, the dental clinic; they’ve really rotated through a variety of positions,” said U.S. Army Capt. Dana Bal, the clinic’s pharmacy chief.

Julia Churbuck, 16, a student at Washington-Lee High School, and Jessica Lemus, 16, Wakefield High School, are two people the Pentagonram interviewed while working in Rader Clinic’s physical therapy section.

“A physical therapy tech sees about eight or nine patients a day—and these students are working alongside me for at least seven of them—for the full hands-on experience,” said U.S. Army Spc. Luis Vazquez, a physical therapy specialist at Rader Clinic. “With the military, any kind of injury can happen.”

Churbuck, the daughter of a helicopter pilot, plans to enter the United States Naval Academy to become a naval flight officer and eventually enter medicine. She said her experience thus far this summer has increased her interest in the latter.

“To see people enter [Rader Clinic] in a lot of pain, and then leave feeling much better, showed me that this field is a lot more rewarding than I thought it was,” Churbuck said. “The staff here personally know their patients and build a rapport



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From left, U.S. Army Spc. Luis Vazquez, a physical therapy specialist with Andrew Rader U.S. Army Health Clinic, and summer interns Jessica Lemus and Julia Churbuck perform shoulder strengthening exercises in the clinic’s physical therapy section on the Fort Myer portion of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall July 15. Lemus and Julia Churbuck are part of 37 Arlington County Public School juniors and seniors chosen to intern in a number of industries from July 5 through July 29 through the Profession-related Intern Mentor Experience (PRIME).

with them, making them stronger than before.”

Lemus, whose brother served in the U.S. Army, said her internship has reaffirmed her commitment to a career in physical therapy in either the military or civilian sector. She advises other high school juniors and seniors to seize the benefits an internship can offer.

“Before you go to college you should already know what you want to do,” Lemus said. “College is not the place to change majors, go back to the drawing board and start all over. But also, knowing what you want to do helps when applying to colleges. Some colleges are better in specific majors than others. I’m glad I got an internship as early as I could.”

Fellow Washington-Lee

High School students Quinn Smith-Perry, 17, and Biruktawit Tibebe, 17, echoed the same sentiments.

“It’s important to go into college with a plan,” said Smith-Perry, who is interested in medical research. “You’ll save significant time and money.”

“If you’re in high school and still undecided about what you want to do in your future, do an internship,” said Tibebe, who plans to be a dentist. “It’s going to be worth the investment.”

Following the completion of PRIME summer internship, participants earn one college credit from Northern Virginia Community College.

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Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program
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
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- July 25-29
- Aug. 8-12 or 22-26
- Sept. 19-23 or 26-30

ETS TAP
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- Aug. 1-5
- Sept. 12-16

Entrepreneur track boots to business
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- Sept. 6-7

Business franchise opportunities
1 to 3 p.m.

- Aug. 29

Finding and applying for federal jobs
9:30 a.m. to noon

- July 27*
- Aug. 24*

Federal resume
12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

- Aug. 18
- Sept. 8

Accessing higher education
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Sept. 13-14*

Career technical training
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Aug. 16-17

TRICARE benefits in depth
10 a.m. to noon

- Aug. 18
- Sept. 8

Marketing yourself for a second career
1 to 3 p.m.

- July 26*
- Aug. 23*
- Sept. 27*

Financial Independence
10 a.m. to noon

- July 26*
- Sept. 27*

Capstone
(Every Friday by appointment)
8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

- July 22, 29
- Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26
- Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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



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come to the pastor rather than the pastor being amongst the people.

“The chaplain is the person who incarnates their group’s religious perspective,” explained Botton. “[Chaplain]s are literally where the Soldiers are.”

For example, because chaplains and Soldiers serve together, they often experience the same things together, said Botton. Accordingly, chaplains develop a relationship with the Soldier because they can relate to the Soldiers sorrows’ and joys.

“A chaplain is a Monday through Sunday [person] and not just a Sunday person,” explained Botton. “Some of my best discussions happened at 3 a.m.”

U.S. Army Capt. Mark Worrell, deputy garrison chaplain for Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, understands what it means to be among Soldiers. At one point, Worrell was stationed in Iraq, where he cared for the needs of 450 Soldiers, many of whom did not share the same faith. As a chaplain, Worrell said, his job is to help each Soldier grow in their respective faith.

“If someone comes to me with a different faith, I’m responsible to help them find a connection or to find a way to help them grow in their faith,” he explained.

Worrell also said he traveled through southeastern Iraq to check on Soldiers.

“I would help them through hard times and just being there when they needed somebody or even if they didn’t know they did,” he said.

Worrell, who’s been a chaplain for eight years, said service as a chaplain is a call from God to serve Soldiers. He said that he was first exposed to the idea of chaplaincy while attending seminary at Baptist Bible College in Pennsylvania.

A former youth pastor, Worrell said that he met Chap. (Col.) James May, an alumnus of Baptist Bible College who served at Arlington National Cemetery while attending seminary. Worrell, along with classmates, went on a trip to West Point. It was these two experiences that opened him up to the idea of serving in the military as a chaplain.

“I got to meet some men who loved God and Soldiers, who wanted to minister in whatever way God wanted to use them,” he said.

Worrell said that it is a joy to walk in the steps of those who have died serving, like Capt. Dale Goetz. Like Worrell, Goetz was also a Baptist commissioned chaplain. Goetz died in Afghanistan while on his way to conduct services for troops in 2010, according to multiple news sources.

“It means a lot to carry on that legacy,” said Worrell. “He was on his way to spend some time with his Soldiers, to share his faith, to share who God was to him and what that meant. And so he died in the process of doing that, and that says a lot to me.”

Worrell is not the only one who has a reverence for the chaplaincy.

“I believe that people are created in the image and likeness of God and I believe that God’s presence is in the people who are around me,” said U.S. Army Chap. (Maj.) Alfred Wendel, a Catholic chap-

lain at JBM-HH. “And [I] need to treat them with dignity and respect, whether the person is living or deceased. That to me is a sacred duty.”

Wendel grew up in a military family. His father was an Army officer, so he wanted to carry on the family tradition of serving his country. He enlisted in the Army in 1970, but didn’t start serving as a chaplain until he joined the Wyoming National Guard on Oct. 1, 1989, as a first lieutenant.

“I wanted to serve in the military,” said Wendel. “I come from a military family. My dad was an Army officer, so I grew up in that.”

Wendel said that being a chaplain didn’t come until after he was ordained a priest.

A huge part of being a chaplain is being with Soldiers and their families, said Wendel. “Being with Soldiers and ministering to them is a great responsibility,” he said.

Wendel said Soldiers, families, and chaplains enjoy a unique relationship, one that involves confidentiality.

“To me that is a very sacred thing,” he said. “Soldiers and their families can come and talk to me and that is between us.”

Wendel also said that he has to make sure that he is upholding the values of the military and his faith. He said that military standards and values aren’t only for those who come to him for counseling, but are also meant for him.

“I also have to be thinking about it myself and I have to live up to it,” he said. “This is a great duty and a great honor.”

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Cleaning up your act can help the environment

By Jen Tolbert
Environmental Management Division, JBM-HH Directorate of Public Works

While many of us have completed our spring cleaning for the year, it’s important not to forget about cleaning for the environment. Not only will you be helping to protect the environment, but you can also help to protect your families, pets and even local wildlife while outdoors this summer.

There are several small tasks you can add to your cleaning to-do list that can quickly reduce the potential for polluting the environment. Clearing out old cleaning supplies and vehicle maintenance materials reduces the risk of chemicals reaching the environment through leaks and broken or tipped over containers. Try to store any remaining cleaning supplies, oils or chemicals indoors.

Take a look around your yard for potential pollutants. Litter can pollute the environment, particularly if it flows into storm drains and ends up in local streams. According to a San Diego State University study on the toxicity of cigarette butts to marine and freshwater fish, cigarette butts are especially harmful to the environment as they are the number one littered item in the world; there are an estimated 4.5 trillion butts thrown away every year, which may introduce over 4,000 chemicals to the environment.

Pet waste is another culprit of water quality pollution. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, “pet waste contributes nitrogen, phosphorus, parasites and bacteria to water bodies when it is not disposed of properly.” These contaminants pollute runoff and negatively impact plant and aquatic species. Not only does pet waste pollute bodies of water, but it can also spread diseases to other animals and humans, so be sure to scoop the poop whenever you walk your dog.

There are also many environmentally-friendly lawn care methods to consider. According to the Chesapeake Bay Program, “fertilizer and pest control products contribute to

- Help the environment; practice eco-friendly cleaning:**
 - Wash your car at a facility where the polluted wash water is managed and treated instead of running off the driveway and directly into storm drains and streams. If you do wash your car at home, use biodegradable, phosphate-free soaps and wash it on gravel or grass instead of pavement.
 - Recycle as much as you can! Most paper, plastic, glass, and metal items can be recycled. Also consider donating items such as electronics and clothing so that they can be used again.
 - Take used chemicals, oils, paints, fertilizers, pesticides and other unused chemicals to a local household hazardous waste drop off area.
 - Use environmentally friendly cleaning supplies, including reusable materials such as a mop instead of a device with disposable pads; use rags instead of paper towels.
 - Use less! For example, for home improvement projects, use an online paint calculator to calculate the amount of paint you’ll need, which can reduce the amount of used paint you need to dispose and save you money.

‘dead zones’ that form in the Bay each summer: large areas of the Bay where fish, crabs and other life are unable to exist.” It is important to apply the smallest amount of pesticides and fertilizers necessary to reduce the potential risk of these dead zones. Be sure to read the directions for these chemicals to make sure you use the right product for the job and use only the amount necessary. Returning grass clippings to the lawn can also reduce the amount of fertilizer needed, as they will get recycled back into the soil and are a valuable source of nutrients. Use a mulching blade on your lawnmower to help this process.

Using rain barrels to collect water for watering your garden plants is another great way to help protect the environment, and it can lower your water bill. Just don’t leave the water uncovered as mosquitoes use still water to lay their eggs.

Next time you are in a cleaning mood, consider changing your methods a bit or adding a few of these items to your to-do list and help protect not only the local environment and water quality, but your families, pets and community as well.

Calling all retirees: JBM-HH Military Retiree Council seeks local retiree participation



PHOTO BY NELL KING
Active duty service members, military retirees and veterans dance to music aboard the Odyssey Cruise Ship Nov. 24, 2015, during the 14th annual Thanksgiving Cruise down the Potomac River. The Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Military Retiree Council is actively seeking military retirees in the National Capital Region to participate in council activities.

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

Retired in northern Virginia? There are over 140,000 military retirees in Virginia, with a large percentage of them in northern Virginia. This is a popular place to retire because of its almost unlimited resources that can satisfy most any hobby or outside interest. There are also many historical, cultural and recreational sites inside and just outside the D.C. beltway, not to mention the excellent medical care and base facilities for retirees.

Regardless of what you are doing once retired in the area, I strongly encourage you to look into the JBM-HH Military Retiree Council. The council meets quarterly to share information on activities on JBM-HH and information regarding retiree benefits. It is also an excellent venue to network, enabling you to reach out

to any point of contact who might be of some benefit to you and your family. The council is also interested in what insights and skills you may have that could benefit others. Your input is appreciated.

If you think you might be interested, simply send me an email at rc-sail@hotmail.com. Make sure the subject line is JBM-HH Military Retiree Council or something similar.

I can provide you with further information, answer questions you may have, or at least guide you to the right source. You may also attend one of our meetings, where you will meet some great folks, both retirees and non-retirees who are in key positions at JBM-HH. If interested, you can also request to become a member of the council and participate as much or as little as you wish. Staying in touch with the military community as it changes in this area can be extremely beneficial to you and your family and can spark new avenues of interest.

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Smith Gym closure
July 28

The Cpl. Terry L. Smith Gymnasium on the Henderson Hall portion of the joint base will close at 7 p.m. July 28 for entomology maintenance. The gym will reopen at 9 a.m. on July 29. Call 703-614-6332 for more information.

Baby Bundles – July 29

Army Community Service is hosting another of its Baby Bundles classes for new and expecting parents July 29, noon to 3 p.m. at the ACS classroom in Bldg. 201 on the Fort Myer portion of JBM-HH. This class teaches parents the essentials of newborn parenting. Registration is required. To register or for more information, call 703-696-3512.

Did you know?
August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month

Did you know that every member of the Army and Marine Corps communities plays an important role in preventing terrorist acts? By inculcating antiterrorism principles and concepts throughout anti-

terrorism plans and programs, we protect the Army community from terrorists. By understanding the indicators of potential terrorist activities, and reporting suspicious behavior to military police or local law enforcement, our community members serve as “sensors” to enhance and extend the Army protection posture. Look for more details and coverage of this annual observation in August editions of the Pentagram.

Accessibility town hall – Aug. 3

The Washington Headquarters Service is hosting an accessibility town hall Aug. 3 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Pentagon Library and Conference Center, room B6, with a live video teleconference to the Mark Center Conference Center, room 24. This event features a panel of facilities management and accessibility advocates who will provide an overview of services available to tenants and respond to concerns about accessibility on WHS properties in the National Capital Region. Those with accessibility concerns related to WHS facilities in the NCR are encouraged to voice them during this town hall.

This event will be photographed. For questions or to submit accessibility concerns, email WHS.accessibility@mail.mil.

Guest speaker for prostate cancer patients, families – Aug. 4

Dr. Lloyd Glover will present A Urologist is Diagnosed with Prostate Cancer—Now What? Aug. 4, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the America Building of Walter Reed National Military Medi-

cal Center (America Building, 2nd floor, Room 2525) and at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital via video teleconference (Oaks Pavilion, 1st floor, Room 332). A DoD ID is required for base access to Walter Reed. For those without a military ID, call the Prostate Center at 301-319-2900 at least four business days prior to event for base access. For more information, contact retired Col. Jane Hudak at 301-319-2918 or jane.l.hudak.ctr@mail.mil.

Save the date: Grant Hall open house – Aug. 6

JBM-HH announces its next quarterly public open house of Grant Hall’s historic third-floor courtroom from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 6. Located on the Fort McNair portion of the joint base, the courtroom is the site of the military tribunal, held from May through June 1865 of those thought responsible for the plot to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln.

Members of the public are invited to attend the free event. Guests without a Department of Defense, federal or AIE (Automated Installation Entry) ID are now required to register to attend at <https://goo.gl/c7XkK4>. Once you have completed your reservation, print a copy of your confirmation page to present to the gate guard on the day of the event.

If your computer server does not allow you to access the registration site, email your reservation to usarmy.jbmhh.asa.list.pao-all@mail.mil. Full names of all attendees are required, as well as a valid telephone number or email address.

Thrift Shop summer hours announced

The Fort Myer Thrift Shop has announced its summer hours of operation and will be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., until Aug. 17. The shop will open on Saturday, Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more details, visit www.fortmyerthriftshop.org or call 703-527-0664.

AFAP seeking quality of life issues

Do you have a quality of life issue you would like to be heard by senior leadership?

Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) is a program that provides Soldiers, civilians, retirees and their families a voice in shaping their standard of living by identifying issues and concerns for Army senior leadership. If it is a program or service, AFAP can improve it. If it is a policy, AFAP can change it, and if it is a law, AFAP can amend it. Issues can be submitted directly to AFAP Program Manager Kathy Feehan at kathryn.k.feehan.civ@mail.mil or online through the AFAP Issue Management System at www.myarmyonesource.com.

Women’s empowerment group

A women’s empowerment group meets Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m., twice a month on the Henderson Hall portion of the joint base. The group is open to active duty personnel and the spouse or intimate partner of active duty personnel. Pre-registration is required by calling 703-693-7181.

Death notice

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Sgt. 1st

Class Michelle L. Beasley, Joint Communications Integration Element, must contact U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Trevor Day, the summary courts martial officer for the Soldier. Beasley passed away June 29. Call Day at 703-872-1553.

Death notice

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of CW3 Gerald L. Cole, Headquarters, Department of the Army, 3/5/7, Pentagon, must contact U.S. Army Lt. Col. William “Mat” Anderson, the summary court martial officer for the Soldier. Cole passed away July 1. Call Anderson at 703-695-9846.

News Notes submissions

Send your submissions for the Aug. 4 edition of the Pentagram via email at pentagramjbmhh@yahoo.com no later than noon, July 27. 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.

Correction

The Pentagram published incorrect information in its July 14 “This week in military history” column (page 2). John Paul Jones died in 1792, not 1779. Also, Benjamin O. Davis Sr. was the first African-American officer to become a general officer in the regular U.S. Army, not the first African-American to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy. We apologize for these errors and will continue to strive to scrutinize our historical sources for accuracy.



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after Alexander Graham Bell received his patent, which connected the base via direct circuit to Washington, D.C. In 1878, the Army installed an additional 45 miles of copper lines across the surrounding area, which connected nearby cities to the base. The Signal Corps also standardized the use of heliograph tactics for the military, which involved directing and flashing sunlight to convey messages over great distance, and often used Whipple Field and the foot of the Washington Monument to pass heliograph traffic.

In 1870, the U.S. Weather Bureau was established on JBM-HH. The Weather Bureau relied on extensive trans-national telegraph lines to compile voluminous dispatches, processing up to eight reports a day from 224 weather stations, to feed D.C. decision makers. JBM-HH was the home for one of the first electric passenger train service cars from 1890-1930, connecting Rosslyn to the base. The passenger terminal was located at the intersection of Lee Avenue and McNair Road, just across from the former base hospital that is currently JBM-HH’s headquarters. JBM-HH was the

home of U.S. Army Observation Balloon training from 1902-1927. Flight training on SR-1 (semi-rigid dirigible) started in 1908, with SR-1 achieving the first earth to balloon radio transmission the same year. One of the dirigible’s first three graduates was Lt. Thomas Selfridge who would unfortunately later become the first fatality in military aviation history Sept. 17, 1908. This occurred when one of the propellers on the Wright Flyer shattered, resulting in the aircraft plummeting 75 feet across from what is currently JBM-HH’s Tri-Services Parking Lot (across from Spates Community Club), killing Self-

ridge, and injuring pilot Orville Wright. Wright was hospitalized for six weeks. JBM-HH was the home for the establishment of U.S. Army Aviation, and during September 1908 and September 1909, Wright launched numerous demonstration test flights for the U.S. Army on Summerall Field. The flights culminated in a 10-mile trip to Alexandria, averaging 43 mph, in September 1909, after which the Army formally accepted Wright’s design and started training aviation pilots of its own. JBM-HH was the home of the nation’s first wireless communication towers in 1913. Known as the “three

sisters,” they were three radio towers that resembled the Eiffel Tower, and existed until 1940. The tallest was 600 feet and the other two were 450 feet tall, and in 1915, they achieved the nation’s first Trans-Atlantic voice communication to Paris, France. Incidentally, the three sisters connected the transmission with the real Eiffel Tower. Also of note, the entire U.S. started to set its official time according to the radio signals of JBM-HH’s three sisters. During World War I, JBM-HH was used as a central location to train Soldiers on trench warfare, and was overseen by experienced French and U.S. expe-

ditionary officers. On the grounds of what is currently the commissary, U.S. doughboys practiced some of the first combined arms warfare tactics of the modern age. In 1917, JBM-HH became one of the first sites to host Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) summer training after Congress passed the National Defense Act of 1916, which established ROTC programs across U.S. universities and colleges. *The Pentagon will publish part II of JBM-HH’s history of innovation (mechanization and reorganization) in an August edition, and part III (Base of tomorrow) in September.*



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