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THE YEAR IN REVIEW



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The Air Force Thunderbirds air demonstration team soars over McChord Field during the JBLM Airshow and Warrior Expo Aug. 27 and 28.

From annual exercises to celebrations, 2016 was year to remember

Northwest Guardian staff

The year 2016 was filled with reorganization for efficiency and steady training for continued readiness at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Northwest Guardian news staff was honored to cover a wide range of stories, such as ongoing unit exercises, improvements to base infrastructure and resources, visits from Department of Defense leaders and foreign allies, global missions that meant deployments and homecomings, sporting events and community entertainment.

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A look back at the year in sports on JBLM, 1B

How the JBLM Northwest Guardian brings readers the latest news and information evolved in 2016 as delivery of the print edition to base housing ceased and a new e-edition was introduced — making the base newspaper more accessible than ever before. This year, the Northwest Guardian published hundreds of local stories about the Soldiers, Airmen, family members and civilian employees at the heart of JBLM. The following are some of the highlights from 2016:

JANUARY

● **Airman rescues girl from icy lake:** Staff Sergeant Matthew Siegele, 627th Force Support Squadron sports and fitness non-commissioned officer in charge, had his situational awareness tested Jan. 1 when a

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Country artist Craig Campbell performs during a free USO show for JBLM service members and their families at Memorial Stadium on Lewis Main Aug. 9.

SEE JAPAN, 6A



SGT. JORGE HIGUERA 17th Field Artillery Brigade Public Affairs

Soldiers with 1st Battalion, 94th Field Artillery Regiment, 17th Field Artillery Brigade test fire a Reduced Range Practice Rocket at the Hayes Hill Firing Point on Lewis Main Sept. 27.

JBLM SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES

Tree decorations honor fallen service members

BY RIO FERNANDES Northwest Guardian

Joint Base Lewis-McChord's Survivor Outreach Services welcomed Gold Star families for the annual Fallen Heroes Memorial Tree Decorating event Dec. 9 to celebrate the memories of their loved ones and reconnect with one another.

"We are trying to bring joy to the families and show them that their loved one is not forgotten," said SOS support coordinator Rochelle Hicklin. "If that loved

one had never joined their branch of service, nine out of 10 times they would still be alive and that wife, that mother, brother, sister or child would still have their loved one. It's our responsibility to honor them for making that choice to fight for our country and keep us all safe."

Those present at the event spanned generations in age, featuring young children that

SEE TREE, 6A



NORTHWEST GUARDIAN Rio Fernandes

Alexander Evans, left, and his father Tony examine the ornament for Sgt. Adla Evans at the Fallen Heroes Memorial Tree Decorating Event Saturday.

YAMA SAKURA 71

Bilateral exercise enhances readiness

U.S. forces join Japanese allies

BY STAFF SGT. FRANCIS HORTON I Corps Public Affairs

KUMAMOTO, Japan — The Japan Ground Self-Defense Force and U.S. Army united for a bilateral training exercise known as Yama Sakura 71, Dec. 1 to Tuesday on Camp Kengun, located in Kumamoto, Japan.

The purpose of the exercise is to enhance U.S. and Japan's combat readiness and interoperability while strengthening bilateral relationships and demonstrating U.S. resolve to support the security interests of allies and partners in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

"Bilateral joint operations are not typical, but they are the way of the future," said Gen. Robert B. Brown, U.S. Army Pacific commanding general, a former I Corps commanding general. "From disasters to potential adversaries, we must work together and we must continue to build this alliance. We won't be doing anything alone."

I Corps and Western Army were the lead forces in this year's exercise, which is annual-

YAMA SAKURA 71

I Corps medics help to rescue Japanese man

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS COREY BEAL I Corps Public Affairs

KUMAMOTO, Japan — No one expects to be a first responder to a medical emergency, but that is what happened to three I Corps Soldiers during a cultural excursion while supporting exercise Yama Sakura, an annual bilateral training exercise in Japan between the U.S. and Japan Ground Self Defense Force.

Fortunately for an injured man, the Soldiers on scene Dec. 1 were Army combat medics Sgt. Mario Ratto, Spc. Sandy Rushing and Pfc. Jonathan Fish and jumped into action.

"We were just standing at the

SEE MEDICS, 6A

LAST ISSUE FOR 2016



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The Northwest Guardian will be available again on Jan. 6, 2017.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR

This is the final issue of the Northwest Guardian for 2016. We will resume publishing again on Jan. 6, 2017. Happy holidays!

SKIESUNLIMITED'S 'THE NUTCRAKER



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Clara (Anastasia Bordwell), left, and The Nutcracker (Kyle Wittman) perform a dance from the "Kingdom of Snow" scene in a SKIESUnlimited production of "The Nutcracker" at Evergreen Theater Dec. 9.

'Nutcracker' kids 'amazing'

Review: Dancers charm audience

BY RUTH KINGSLAND
Northwest Guardian

An elegant and sophisticated production, with just the right amount of amateur charm, delighted hundreds of audience members Dec. 9 and Saturday as Joint Base Lewis-McChord's SKIESUnlimited put on the timeless classic "The Nutcracker."

The more than 40-member cast of children and adults pirouetted and promenaded, performing JBLM's first full-length production of the ballet that is for many a primary part of the holiday season.

"It is amazing what these kids can do and all the smiles on their faces; you could tell they were having fun," said Linda Bordwell of Spokane after she watched with her 72-year-old husband, Duane, as their grandchildren, Anastasia and Jameson Bordwell performed.

Nine-year-old Anastasia portrayed Clara, the lead role in the production. Jameson, 5, played the role of Clara's little brother, Fritz, as well as a clown and soldier in other portions of the show.

Jameson appropriately stole the audience's attention several times, including when he, as Fritz, chased his older sister with a faux mouse, prior to Clara's falling asleep in front of the Christmas tree and dreaming the bulk of the ballet. That romp is what precipitated her dream's battle between a pack of mice and the Nutcracker and his soldiers.

The Nutcracker is a wooden toy that comes to life in Clara's



The Snowflakes perform a dance from the "Kingdom of Snow" scene in a SKIESUnlimited production of "The Nutcracker" at Evergreen Theater on Lewis Main Dec. 9.

dream. The young actor portraying the character, 11-year-old Kyle Wittman, also impressed the crowd as he stoically in character accompanied the enchanting Clara and also danced and battled the Mouse King — portrayed by the production's co-director, Melissa "Mel" Massey-Maroni.

Also a crowd-pleaser was the exquisite dancing of ballerina Abbey Moorehead in the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy. Moorehead has been dancing since she was 3 years old and now, at 21, she's a ballet teacher at SKIESUnlimited.

"I love to teach," she said of why she's not pursuing a professional career in the dance world. "I'm so proud of how these kids did tonight," she said after the Friday night performance.

One of the amazing dancers in the show was 10-year-old Skyler Ostendorf, whose dad, Sgt. Todd Ostendorf, 56th Multi-functional Medical Battalion, 62nd Medical Brigade, also held

his own on dancing with other adult and child party guests during of the show.

Skyler, who hopes to be a professional dancer with the New York City Ballet someday, held the attention of the crowd as he performed separate solo dances as both a Russian and Spanish dancer.

The costuming was dazzling and sets, though minimal, made for an atmosphere of holiday cheer.

One of several group ensembles in the production was the dance of the snowflakes, performed by several lovely young ladies in white. One of the youngest dancers was 4-year-old Isis Serna, the daughter of Staff Sgt. Luis Serna, 1st Battalion, 94th Field Artillery Regiment, 17th Field Artillery Brigade.

Serna was beaming after the show as he waited for his daughter to come off stage.

"She did outstanding and I couldn't be more proud," he said.

OPERATION COOKIE DROP

Airmen deliver cookies, good cheer

BY SENIOR AIRMAN
DIVINE COX
62nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

To a lot of people, the holidays mean more time to spend with family, but for Airmen living in the dorms, spending time with family isn't always an option.

Team McChord volunteers and supporters collected and packaged cookies Dec. 8 to 9 at the McChord Field Chapel Support Center for first sergeants to deliver to Airmen in the dorms.

Homemade cookies of all types and sizes were boxed Dec. 8 by volunteers and delivered to Airmen Dec. 9 at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

For more than a decade, the annual Operation Cookie Drop has continued to grow. This year, more than 10,000 cookies were collected from members of Team McChord and the surrounding communities.

"The holidays is a hard time of year for the Airmen," said Chika Kosinski, wife of Col. Leonard Kosinski, 62nd Airlift Wing commander. "It's difficult not being with family for the holidays, and for a lot of the Airmen it could be their first Christmas away from their families. We just want this little gift to cheer them up during this holiday season."

This was the second year that



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Master Sgt. Matthew Shaver, right, of the 627th Civil Engineer Squadron, prepares to deliver cookies during Operation Cookie Drop at McChord Field Dec. 9. Shaver and other McChord first sergeants delivered more the 500 boxes of cookies to Airmen in the dorms.

the Operation Cookie Drop has been a big basewide event. With the magnitude of cookies the Operation Cookie Drop received, Operation Cookie Drop has spread not only to Airmen in the dorms, but to the squadron and groups as well.

"We started with the Airmen in the dorms," said Master Sgt. Jason Torres, 627th Logistic Readiness Squadron first sergeant. "But, because of the great support from the local community, we were able to deliver

cookies to other units around base."

Kosinski said the aim of Operation Cookie Drop is not only to make being away from home on the holidays easier, but to say thank you to the Airmen.

"This is just a small token of our appreciation," Kosinski said. "This event is so much more than cookies, it is about keeping a beloved holiday tradition going that strengthens the bond between service members and the community."

NEWS IN BRIEF

16th CAB to deploy 800 Soldiers to Afghanistan later this winter

The Department of the Army announced Dec. 8 approximately 800 Soldiers from the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, 7th Infantry Division, stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, will deploy to Afghanistan this winter. This deployment is part of a regular rotation of forces in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

"The Soldiers of the Raptor Brigade have worked very hard to build readiness over the last year, and I am extremely confident in their ability to accomplish our upcoming mission," said Col. William A. Ryan, 16th CAB commander. "We employ some of the Army's most advanced aviation technology, but it is our tremendous team of Army professionals that will ensure mission success."

— ARMY NEWS SERVICE

62nd Airlift Wing effectively passes its UEI capstone event

The 62nd Airlift Wing completed its Unit Effectiveness Inspection capstone event, which was conducted Dec. 5 to Monday by Air Mobility Command's Inspector General team and the Air Force Inspection Agency. The inspection was to see how effective the wing is performing and accomplishing its mission.

The UEI is an external, continual evaluation of wing performance based on the four major graded areas:

- executing the mission,
- managing resources,
- improving the unit,
- leading people.

It is also graded on a three tier system which goes from ineffective, effective to outstanding.

After the UEI was over, the wing received the rating "effective."

"A rating of 'effective' means that the base is proficient and mission capable in all areas," said Lt. Col William Hunt, 62nd Airlift Wing inspector general. "We showed that our performance or operations meet expectations and mission requirements."

In addition to the inspection, the AMC inspector general also recognized multiple top performers, which included giving out six IG coins, 17 individual recognitions, and six team awards. The 62nd Operations Group, 62nd Maintenance Group, 62nd Medical Squadron, 62nd Judge Advocate and others received special recognition for exceptional performance.

With this new UEI, the wing will not have another inspection until December 2019.

— 62ND AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

It's the season for donating blood on Joint Base Lewis-McChord

Many of the military blood program's regular donors are on leave over the holiday months, enjoying time with family and friends — but the need for blood does not stop.

For this reason, the holiday season can sometimes be a difficult time of the year for the Armed Services Blood Program to collect much-needed blood for military operations overseas and here at home.

Those service members who are still deployed supporting contingency operations will not have a Christmas or New Year's like those serving state-side. The Armed Services Blood Bank Center-Pacific Northwest asks you to take some time during the last two weeks of December and come by its center to donate and give the gift of life.

There are two blood drives scheduled at JBLM over the Christmas holiday.

- Madigan Mall, Dec. 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Waller Hall, Dec. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This will not meet the entire blood requirements necessary to support contingency operations nor our local military hospitals.

The center will be open and accepting walk-in donations from Monday to Dec. 23, and Dec. 27-30 in order to meet the needs of our service members. If you are unable to attend one of the scheduled blood drives, you can visit the center at the Madigan Annex, located in Building 9904, on East Johnson Street, on Lewis Main from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call 253-968-1850.

— VICTOR L. SHERMER, ASBP-NW BLOOD DONOR RECRUITER

CYSS Holiday Fest at Hillside Youth Center Saturday at noon

Come to Hillside Youth Center for seasonal family fun Saturday. Kick off winter break with Child, Youth and School Services at the annual Holiday Fest.

Bring the entire Family to Hillside Youth Center for fun, friends and holiday cheer Saturday. The fun is from noon to 4 p.m. and includes carnival games, make-and-take crafts and cookie decorating, temporary tattoos, door prizes and much more merry winter fun.

Hillside Youth Center is located at 6397 Garcia Blvd. on Lewis Main.

For more information, call 253-967-3056.

— CHILD, YOUTH AND SCHOOL SERVICES

CP schools National Board Certificated teachers celebrated

Five Clover Park School District teachers were celebrated at a National Board for Professional Teaching Standards pinning ceremony and reception Dec. 6.

Harrison Preparatory School's Nina Lary-Kimmel and Park Lodge Elementary's Thomas Serriane achieved the distinction for the first time, while Beachwood Elementary's Leah Bearden and Clover Park High School's Ron Olson and Kitti Wheeler were recognized for renewing their certification.

Superintendent Debbie LeBeau opened the event with a speech describing the significance of national board certification. "National Board Certification is the highest teaching credential in our profession," she said.

LeBeau reported that more than 80 percent of studies done on student achievement show that students of National Board Certified Teachers outperformed those of their noncertified colleagues.

According to LeBeau, studies also show that NBCTs are especially effective with special needs and minority students.

There are currently 96 NBCTs teaching in Clover Park School District, with an anticipated 40 more to submit portfolios in spring 2017.

For more information certification, visit the National Board's website nbpts.org/national-board-certification.

— CLOVER PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"In service to his country as a Marine, in space, and in the Senate and throughout his life, Senator John Glenn embodied 'the right stuff.' Our military in particular benefited from his dedication and courage, first as a combat pilot in World War II and Korea, and later as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. But just as important as what (he) accomplished is how he accomplished it: with a combination of fierce determination and profound humility and always with integrity. I am deeply saddened by his loss, and I join all Americans inspired by his heroic example in expressing my condolences to his wife and family."

Ash Carter
Secretary of Defense

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HOLIDAY RUN: Eric Sanchez, right, was the overall winner of the annual JBLM Jingle Bell Jog 5K on Lewis North Saturday. **See story, 1B**

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● **Translating with finesse:** When bilateral coordination between two countries is part of a military exercise, one piece is vitally important: communication. This was especially true for U.S. and Japan Ground Self-Defense Force service members as they conducted a bilateral annual command post exercise known as Yama Sakura. Translating between the English and Japanese is a difficult task, but it is even more challenging for those translating for military forces.

● **Operation Christmas Drop:** Airmen from the 734th Air Mobility Squadron, Andersen Air Base, Guam, are working to uphold the tradition of Operation Christmas Drop by organizing the delivery of bundles to the people of 54 Micronesian islands, Dec. 3 to



Tuesday. The 734th AMS and Operation Christmas Drop, a private organization of 372 active volunteers, gathered donations and filled boxes destined to reach the hands of 20,000 people as a part of the Department of Defense's longest-running humanitarian mission. The 734th AMS plans and coordinates the logistical aspect of Operation Christmas Drop.

OPERATION BAYONET STRIKE

7th ID exercise builds readiness

BY PAMELA KULOKAS
Northwest Guardian

For the 7th Infantry Division at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, readiness is more than a buzzword — as proved by a successful iteration of the Bayonet Strike exercise, conducted in harmony with the 62nd Airlift Wing's Rainier War and the 51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion, 593rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command's Operation Desert Hawk Dec. 5 to 9.

As the Army transitions from training that ebbs and flows based on deployments to a culture of sustained readiness, Bayonet Strike aims to assess JBLM unit's ability to deploy service members, vehicles and equipment in a very short period of time — 96 hours.

Short-notice deployment exercises mean service members build a culture of readiness instead of waiting for a deployment date to dictate training, according to Col. Omar J. Jones IV, deputy commander of operations, 7th Inf. Div.

"The world today is more complex, and we don't have that predictability, that ability to



TECH. SGT. SEAN TOBIN 62nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Seth Lewis, right, 7th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, unloads a Stryker vehicle during the Rainier War exercise in Moses Lake Dec. 7.

have a large portion of the Army resetting," he said. "For us to be able to be ready when called and be able to deploy very quickly, it's a different model."

Bayonet Strike is repeated at JBLM every four to six weeks. While that might seem routine, Jones said lessons are learned every time — allowing complexity to build from one exercise to the next. On Dec. 7, the inspection of readiness systems grew to include loading 15 vehicles on

11 C-17 Globemaster III cargo jets from McChord Field.

The 51st Sig. Bn. flew to Arizona for a communications exercise at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson and Bisbee-Douglas Airport, Douglas, Ariz., to train on Tropospheric Scatter systems, while Soldiers from 7th Inf. Div. flew with four Strykers and other Army combat vehicles to Grant County Airport in Moses Lake. Adding the flight portion to the exercise provided

value for Soliders and Airmen, Jones said.

"Some of these Soldiers have never done that before, so the fact that we're doing that here, it really becomes good training for them," he said. "What I want is when they do deploy, whether it's for Pacific Pathways, whether it's for contingency operations, they feel like 'oh I've done this before' because they did it in training here hopefully multiple times with multiple repetitions."

Safely moving valuable equipment and passengers at a breakneck pace does not come easily. According to Maj. Andrew Boggs, chief of future operations, 7th Inf. Div. Headquarters, it takes months of planning to bring resources together. Due to joint basing, JBLM has a unique advantage, he said.

"You can train and meet the standard at any installation, but in order to take that standard and project that power, you have to go somewhere," Boggs said. "The fastest way the Army has to get somewhere is through the Air Force. By a robust partnership, we're able to do exactly the

things we would do as if we got the call (to deploy)."

There's tremendous synergy created by Army-Air Force collaboration on training objectives, Boggs said, a sentiment echoed by Lt. Col. Syd Hills, chief of sustainment, 7th Inf. Div. Headquarters. He said the exercise exemplifies jointness in its truest meaning and creates a more responsive, relevant team.

"When the time comes to (deploy), we can do it more efficiently," he said. "The more deployable we can make (service members), the more lethal and effective they are."

The 62nd AW was able to meet several training objectives during the exercise, including cargo handling, loading and offloading, airdrops and other goals. Maj. Bradley Willis, a pilot with the 7th Airlift Squadron, evaluated pilots during the high-demand situation Dec. 7.

"You don't want to identify your flaws in execution, so put it into a training environment," he said. "If anything goes wrong today, we can bring it back, talk about it and find a good way forward in the future."

571ST SAPPER COMPANY, 864TH ENGINEER BATTALION, 555TH ENGINEER BRIGADE

Sapper Company ends training with a bang

BY RIO FERNANDES
Northwest Guardian

The deafening explosion of the bangalore torpedo echoed across Range 50 on the outskirts of Joint Base Lewis-McChord Dec. 7, as the 571st Sapper Company, 864th Engineer Battalion, 555th Engineer Brigade, completed live training in preparation for a trip to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., in 2017.

The training provided the Sapper Company members a chance to hone their skills of clearing obstacles in a new environment. More often than not, these trainings are conducted at Yakima Training Center, but high-ranking officials believed the value of a change of venue was worth cutting through the bureaucratic red tape.

"The value of having the training on JBLM comes from having the Soldiers see something different," said Lt. Col. Geoffrey D. Kuhlmann, deputy

commander of the 555th Engr. Bde. "If they keep training at the same place, they'll start to develop a pattern. We want them to understand what to do in different situations."

The majority of the training focused on using live ammunition, explosives and Mine Clearing Line Charge rockets to clear blockades and potential minefields, which Kuhlmann said is the Sapper Company's major mission. It featured a demolition team and shrapnel team clearing out barbed wire and mock explosives by using the Bangalore before charging forward and leading the MCLIC rocket to its position. From there, Soldiers set up the rocket to clear out the final obstacle to complete the training.

"It went really smoothly," said Spc. Croix Fries of the Sapper Company. "We are becoming more confident and comfortable in our skills. There is always more to improve on



RIO FERNANDES Northwest Guardian

571st Sapper Company Soldiers conclude training with a Mine Clearing Line Charge rocket firing on Range 50 Dec. 7.

though. Whether that be as a platoon or as an individual, we can always get better. I know

that all of this practice will pay off soon."

Live training really allows the

company to hone its skills. Whether that be focusing on the unit's shoot, move and communicate skills or practicing the technical skills of breaching and supporting the battalion, the practice reps are critical to improving as a unit, said 1st Sgt. Aaron Mang.

The training also served as a qualifier for a recently created certification that mandates companies have training featuring live fire. Beyond that, it also served as the unit's final live training simulation until it heads to Louisiana in 2017.

"Having this difficult and challenging live training is going to pay dividends when we finally get down to JRTC," Mang said. "We've been out here since Monday. It's amazing to see the Soldiers' confidence in their equipment, team and leaders improve from day one to day three. You can see the light bulb click."

LUNCH AND LEADERSHIP LECTURE

Former 62nd AW commander examines 'Leadership Over Time'

BY SENIOR AIRMAN JACOB JIMENEZ
62nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Retired Maj. Gen. Donald Brown, former 62nd Airlift Wing commander, shared his leadership experience at the Lunch and Leadership Lecture Dec. 2 at the McChord Field Chapel Support Center at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

December's Lunch and Leadership Lecture was called "Leadership over Time" and was about how leadership has changed over different generations.

Brown shared his experiences in the military and spoke about how he's identified many aspects of leadership displayed by the Airmen he worked with that

he didn't realize during his career. The general was the 62nd AW vice commander from 1976 to 1977. He served as the wing commander from 1977 to 1979.

"Take care of your Airmen," Brown said, who retired in 1987 after serving as the 22nd Air Force commander at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. "Make your organization the best it possibly can be."

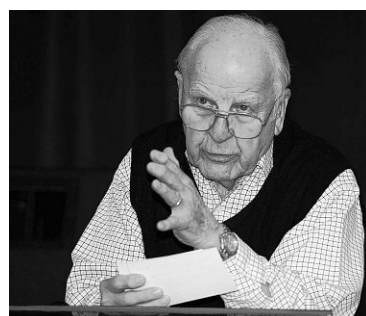
Brown spoke to Airmen about the different aircraft he flew during his career, his previous assignments and his time serving in Vietnam, where he flew nearly 150 combat missions. He also touched upon the importance of knowing who the Airmen are you work with.

"Get to know all your people," Brown said. "You might not agree with all of them or like them all but get to know them. What are the two most important words in leadership? "Thank You."

Event attendees agreed the information presented by Brown was useful and relatable.

"I liked all of the personal stories and personal accounts," said Senior Airman Tony Toy, 8th Airlift Squadron loadmaster. "It's nice that this is a relaxed environment and isn't super formal. I like that they brought in someone with his depth of experience."

Occurring the first Friday of every month, Lunch and Leadership Lectures provide an in-



SENIOR AIRMAN JACOB JIMENEZ
62nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Retired Maj. Gen. Donald Brown, former 62nd Airlift Wing commander, speaks at the Lunch and Leadership Lecture at Joint Base Lewis-McChord Dec. 2.

formal environment for Airmen to gain leadership advice during lunch. Airmen are encouraged to

bring a sack lunch and eat during the sessions.

"The whole purpose of this session is to be very informal," said Col. Stephen Snelson, 62nd AW vice commander. "We are very fortunate to have General Brown speak. He truly is a mobility statesman."

Open to all Team McChord members interested in leadership related topics, Lunch and Leadership Lectures can be helpful to front-line supervisors and leaders in all positions, said Capt. Nick DeFranco, 62nd AW commander's action group deputy chief.

To find out more information about future events, call the commander's action group at 253-982-7832

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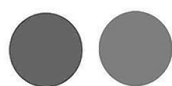
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STRAIGHT TALK

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What is your best memory from 2016?

"Visiting Zion National Park in my amazing home state — probably my favorite place on the planet."

— EMILY DEADMOND

"Starting graduate school!"

— ANNA BRUNN

"Coming back here after being gone for three years. I didn't think it would happen."

— LORI GREEN

"Getting my A&P license now to get an aircraft maintenance job."

— MOSHE BEN ISRAEL

"Walking into the Fisher House to make a donation. You should, too!"

— DER BIERMANN

"Watching the air show at JBLM back in August with the Thunderbirds."

— JASON WRIGHT

"Best Fourth of July ever. Love the fireworks."

— MAHIA KEMP

"The Harambe memes."

— MARCUS LEVERING

"Learning that my husband and I would become grandparents for the first time."

— DEE PIERSON

Next week's question

What goals have you set for yourself in 2017?

VIEW FROM THE TOP

A year of innovation and medical excellence

BY COL. MICHAEL PLACE
*Madigan Army Medical Center
Commander*

Over the past 12 months, Madigan Army Medical Center has been a whirlwind of activity and innovation. We opened three new in-school clinics for military kids, created single postpartum rooms for new moms, graduated 112 residents, and earned two awards for our efforts to make our hospital greener while improving the quality of the care we deliver to the Joint Base Lewis-McChord community.



Place

We kicked off the year by opening a new inpatient substance abuse treatment facility for active-duty service members. The voluntary program provides drug and alcohol substance abuse treatment to service members across the entire Pacific theater, from the west coast of the United States, to Alaska, Hawaii, Korea and Japan.

More recently, we resumed providing oversight of the clinical portion of the Army Substance Abuse Program. While Armed Forces Community Services continues to manage areas like ASAP education, training and substance testing, Madigan now provides the clinical staff.

Madigan also dedicated a lot of effort this year working to improve your in-patient experience. We paid close attention to our in-patients' feedback and made tangible changes such as hourly rounding, keeping inpatient floors quieter at night, and providing clearer patient education.

We made similar changes in our emergency department to make sure that our patients are triaged more quickly, and we provide the same quality of care more efficiently so that your stay in the emergency department is as short as possible.

We've been working behind the scenes as well to make Madigan better in other ways. Once again, we earned the America's Most Wired Hospital award for our information technology infrastructure and innovation.

We also earned recognition twice over for our efforts to be kind to the environment — we earned both the Practice Greenhealth Circle of Excellence award and the top award in our class in the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Net Zero competition.

Our staff is also diligently contributing to future medical care with our research advances in areas like early autism screening and precision medicine. In the meantime, we're



SUZANNE OVEL Madigan Public Affairs

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Keith Lemmon, right, treats Alise Pedrola, 13, at Madigan's School Based Health Center at Woodbrook Middle School recently.

training the next generation of health care staff.

We're happy to say that we graduated 112 residents this summer from 34 different medical programs.

We're proud that we have some of the best medical staff in the Army working at Madigan. Staff Sgt. David Nagle earned the title of Best Medic for all of the Regional Health Command-Pacific, and 10 more Soldiers earned their Expert Field Medical Badges this year.

We also shared our experts with the world in 2016; we flew Col. (Dr.) David Haight to the Olympics in Rio to serve as a primary care physician for the Olympic Village, and we sent Lt. Col. (Dr.) Eric Flake to the White House to provide insights that may help school educators be more aware of how to support military children.

As we celebrate our 25th anniversary in our current hospital early next year, we are planning for 2017 to be just as innovative in how we provide health care to our patients.

Our young patients with autism will be able to get more on-site specialized care at the JBLM Center for Autism Resources, Education and Services which will begin to offer services in January. JBLM CARES will include onsite therapy as well as wraparound services for autism families such as a resource room,

system navigators, parent education and support groups and respite care.

Later in 2017, we'll open an Intrepid Spirit Center which will diagnose and treat traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress and chronic pain. We're partnering with JBLM and the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund to offer the first such center on the West Coast, which will provide patients with highly individualized, person-centered, rehabilitative care.

We're also expanding our clinic in Puyallup in to serve the growing population living nearby. Our patients will also benefit as we transition next summer to the Department of Defense's new electronic health record system, MHS GENESIS.

Madigan is proud to be the first large Department of Defense hospital to use MHS GENESIS, which will allow us to provide a higher level of care to our patients and unprecedented access for you to your health care information.

No matter the new program, project or research effort, the focus of all of our efforts at Madigan is you, the patient. Whether it's creating a new clinic, sharpening the skills of our staff or developing the medicine for tomorrow, you continue to be at the heart of everything we do.

Thanks for a great year!

CHAPEL SERVICES

CATHOLIC MASSES

Saturday, 4:30 p.m. — Madigan Chapel

Saturday, 5 p.m. — McChord Chapel No. 2 (reconciliation at 4 p.m.)

Sunday, 9 a.m. — Lewis Main Chapel

Sunday, 9 a.m. — Madigan Chapel

Sunday, 10 a.m. — McChord Chapel No. 2

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PROTESTANT SUNDAY

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8:30 a.m. — Traditional — McChord Chapel No. 1

10 a.m. — Contemporary — Four Chaplains Memorial Chapel

10:30 a.m. — Collective — Lewis Main Chapel

10:30 a.m. — Collective — Madigan Chapel

10:30 a.m. — Contemporary — Evergreen Chapel

11 a.m. — Contemporary — McChord Chapel Support Center

11 a.m. — Gospel — Lewis North Chapel

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JBLM SNAPSHOT



PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS LEVI READ U.S. Coast Guard Photos

An Army CH-47 Chinook helicopter aircrew from Joint Base Lewis-McChord flies over the Oregon coastline carrying a 14,000 pound buoy toward Tongue Point in Astoria, Ore., Monday. The aircrew assisted a Coast Guard cutter in recovering the beached buoy from just south of the entrance to Tillamook Bay.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Dec. 16, 1944: Battle of the Bulge begins.

Dec. 17, 1903: First airplane flies.

Dec. 18, 1620: Mayflower docks at Plymouth Harbor.

Dec. 19, 1972: Last lunar-landing mission ends.

Dec. 20, 1963: Berlin Wall opened for first time.

Dec. 21, 1988: Pan Am Flight 103 explodes over Scotland.

Dec. 22, 1775: Continental Congress creates a Continental Navy.

FIRST LADY VISIT

JBLM Gold Star family visits White House

First Lady hosts holiday cookie decorating party

BY RIO FERNANDES
Northwest Guardian

Lisa Hallett and her family were welcomed into the White House Nov. 29 to decorate cookies with the First Lady of the United States as she and the president's staff paid their respects to Gold Star families in the waning days of their administration.

Hallett, along with her three children — Heidi, Bryce and Jackson — and in-laws were just one of the many Gold Star families invited to the event. They were the only family to attend from Joint Base Lewis-McChord the day she referred to as "very special."

"There's never been a doubt in mind throughout this administration's time that military families are not forgotten and



Courtesy of Lisa Hallett

JBLM Gold Star wife Lisa Hallett, upper right, her children (from left) Heidi, Jackson and Bryce and her in-laws, Wendy and John Hallett, are pictured at the White House during a recent cookie decorating event.

that they are striving to take care of us," Hallett said. "They could've invited anyone to the

White House, but they chose the military to show their appreciation to, and that says a lot."

She described the cookie decorating event as a bit of whirlwind but one that she will cherish. The family was able to see a variety of iconic rooms around the White House, such as the Green and Blue Rooms, which holds the iconic White House Christmas Tree which was decorated with words of support for the military. Hallett's kids also had a chance to see the Gold Star tree and add their own gold star to honor their father's legacy.

The tour of the White House ended in a conference room where the kids were all greeted by the First Lady Michelle Obama.

"Michelle came into the room, looking beautiful as always, and spoke candidly about her and (President Barack Obama's) appreciation for the military," Hallett said.

From there, the First Lady escorted the kids into the East Room where they had the chance to decorate gingerbread houses, make stockings and

create Play-Doh ornaments. Although Hallett didn't go into the room with the First Lady and her kids, she did get to watch them. She said she couldn't help but notice how organic and genuine the First Lady's interactions with them were.

"It was a very personal event," Hallett said. "Jackson even wanted to show her a magic trick but didn't because he got a little stage fright. You could tell everyone was having a lot of fun."

The Halletts became a Gold Star family when Capt. John Hallett, of the 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 5th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division — now 2nd Brigade — was killed by an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan in 2009.

The family was brought to the White House early in President Obama's first term.

"It was very meaningful to be a part of the Obama's first year in office and then being able to be here for the end of it," Hallett said.

HERO AIRMAN

Airman saves the day, stops a violent crime

BY SENIOR AIRMAN
MACKENZIE RICHARDSON
92nd Air Refueling Wing
Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. — An Airman from Fairchild Air Force Base, near Spokane, was just killing time while looking for something to eat when he was faced with a life and death situation recently.

"I was doing my laundry at a laundromat in the Shadle area," said Air Force Senior Airman Logan Lingren, 92nd Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance technician. "While my clothes were in the washer, I walked over to a fast food restaurant when I heard a woman calling for help."

As Lingren entered the restaurant, he saw a distressed woman standing outside the men's restroom screaming for help. Lin-

gren rushed to the woman's aid, where she described the horrific scene of one man taking a knife from his jacket and stabbing another man.

Lingren and a restaurant employee immediately ran into the restroom, identified the man with the knife and forced him to the ground. They then successfully were able to restrain the man's arms and legs while attempting to remove the knife from his hand.

Lingren and the restaurant employee restrained the man until police arrived on scene and arrested him.

"Had I been in this situation again, I wouldn't have done anything different," Lingren said. "I hope if other people were in this situation, they would step in like I did."

Lingren has been at Fairchild



SENIOR AIRMAN MACKENZIE RICHARDSON U.S. Air Force Photo

Senior Airman Logan Lingren, right, 92nd Maintenance Squadron, helps with a sidewall skin for a landing gear wheel well Nov. 15.

since June 2012, and is considered one of the most capable Airmen in his shop.

"Working on a 60-year-old aircraft is not an easy task," said

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Todd Carri-co, 92nd MXS aircraft structural maintenance section chief. "I am able to put Lingren in (non-commissioned officer) positions

and know the job is getting done right."

Lingren runs numerous programs for his shop, including hazardous waste, ground safety and air quality control. He trains incoming Airmen on the basic aircraft structural maintenance skills needed to accomplish the mission.

Hailing from Virginia, Lingren has been living in the Inland Northwest for nearly five years. He enjoys riding his motorcycle and performs stand-up comedy. Lingren hopes to travel and study theater after completing his enlistment.

"I am grateful for having experienced such an event, and I believe most people would do the same if they were in the situation," Lingren said. "Until it actually happens, you'll never really know for sure."

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YAMA SAKURA 71

17th FA Bde. trains with its Japanese partners

BY SGT. JACOB KOHRS
17th Field Artillery Brigade
Public Affairs

Members of the 17th Field Artillery Brigade and the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force trained together during Yama Sakura 71, an annual bilateral-exercise, at Camp Kengun, Kumamoto, Japan, Dec. 6 through Tuesday.

This multidomain exercise brought a large contingent of U.S. Soldiers to Japan and saw even more participating digitally from bases in the United States.

“The 17th Field Artillery Brigade, in conjunction with our Japanese counterparts, is responsible for directing fire support and shaping efforts for I Corps and provided additional capabilities for Japan’s Western Army during the exercise,” said Maj. Carson Davis, an operations officer with the 17th FA Bde.

From the 17th FA Bde. tactical operations center on JBLM, Davis conducted mission command operations for the brigade, overseeing sustainment planning, field artillery operations, and intelligence analysis.



MAJ. TIM LYNCH U.S. Army Photo

Col. Andrew C. Gainey, 17th Field Artillery Brigade commander, left, and Col. Masateru Kabemura, Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force, speak during Yama Sakura 71 at Camp Kengun, Japan, Dec. 4.

With Davis and his team in the U.S., the Thunderbolt forward element, led by Col. Andrew C. Gainey, the brigade’s commander, interfaced directly with the I Corps shaping team.

Davis said Thunderbolt Soldiers on JBLM found themselves tackling challenges in a dynamic exercise that tested their ability

to manage resources and report information in an accurate and timely manner.

“Effective mission command and developing systems has become a large component of this exercise for our battalions. They’ve worked very hard and have done an incredible job,” Davis said.

According to Davis, the Thunderbolt Brigade consistently trains to integrate with partner militaries in support of I Corps and U.S. Army Pacific.

While the exercise is large in scale, Soldiers across the brigade took advantage of the opportunity to train specific skills to increase their own readiness. Specialist Adam Peterson is one of those Soldiers and a part of the brigade’s intelligence section.

“I am learning a lot about tracking battle operations and mapping enemy positions and damages,” Peterson said, who was on his first assignment as an intelligence analyst. “These are things that were not taught in school, and it’s really helpful seeing the intelligence estimates and how they work.”

Peterson’s role in the exercise is to track every round the 17th FA Bde. fires and the damage that was reported to the enemy and their equipment. Eventually, this information helps to form a product known as a graphic intelligence summary.

The summary is the depiction of significant threats and their

possible activities, strengths and weaknesses to give commanders the opportunity to exploit and engage. All of this is a small part in the Army’s new land force concept of multidomain battle, and Peterson and his team have an impact across the board.

“I’ve found it really interesting,” Peterson said. “My team analyzes information collected from multiple sources and send it to become part of the exercise. I’m enjoying being a part of this.”

Further up the chain of command, Davis and his team take products, like the ones Peterson works on, and uses them to make recommendations to Gainey and the I Corps Shaping Team.

“Our primary objective is to support the forward elements on the ground in Japan,” Davis said. “This is done through the application of mission command systems using digital communications, which are tied into the I Corps fire operations. This allows our unit to train in a multidomain environment, and to ensure that the battalions have mission essential training.”

FROM PAGE 1A

JAPAN

ly co-sponsored by U.S. Army Pacific and the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force.

Yama Sakura underscores the strength of the close, long-standing relationship the U.S. has with Japan and the JGSDF. The exercise demonstrates continuing commitment to deepen our strong ties and mutual friendship.

“Yama Sakura was a tremendous exercise, not just because it was a great simulation, but because it shows what is possible with cooperation and the ability of our team to work together,” said Lt. Gen. Stephen R. Lanza, I Corps commanding general. “It is a bedrock of trust that unites us.”

While the exercise has clear goals of enhancing U.S. and Japanese combat readiness and interoperability, there also exists indirect goals, said Maj. Gen. James Pasqualette, U.S. Army Japan commanding general.

“The unstated directives are to take an already strong relationship with the U.S. Army and the Japan Ground Self Defense Force and make it even deeper and stronger through this huge exercise,” Pasqualette said. “We’re making an already strong relationship even deeper and stronger.”

Overall, the exercise comprised of approximately 1,600 U.S. service members worldwide to include simulations, assessments and support members, as well as about 4,600 JGSDF service members.

Since its inception in 1982, Yama Sakura has focused on the development and refinement of the JGSDF and U.S. Army Pacific’s efforts in the areas of bilateral planning, coordination and interoperability.

For the last three years, Australian Army officers have attended Yama Sakura as observers. The plan is to draft reports on how to include Australian forces into the exercise in the future, said Australian Army Maj. Gen. Gregory C. Bilton, U.S. Army Pacific deputy commanding general of operations.

“We’re evolving the exercise each year, making it more complex,” Bilton said. “Incorporating more joint aspects is an

important part of moving toward more realistically practicing contingencies that might revolve around the defense of Japan.”

Like all training exercises, Yama Sakura is ever changing and evolving.

“This is my third (Yama Sakura), I’ve seen that evolution of the exercise occur,” Bilton said. “I’ve seen both sides develop and incorporate the joint aspects more deeply with better levels of integration.”

For the future, leadership has high hopes of the strong relationship between the U.S. Army

and JGSDF deepening and interoperability increasing.

“I have watched General Lanza and General (Kiyoshi) Ogawa, the two (Joint Task Force) commanders and I’m confident they’re getting great experiences making both their staffs more capable and ready if called upon,” Pasqualette said, who served as an exercise director.

In the end, both fighting forces are walking away from the exercise with a stronger bond and better training.

“I feel it’s my responsibility to spread these lessons and the

fruit of these (exercises) all over the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force,” said JGSDF Lt. Gen. Kiyoshi Ogawa, Western Army commanding general. “We trained a lot,” he said with a smile.

“I want to thank General Ogawa for his leadership, his war-fighting spirit and the fact that he kept us focused on what really matters, and that’s fighting and winning,” Lanza said. “I look forward to continue working with the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Forces to conduct joint operations.”



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Lt. Gen. Stephen Lanza, front left, I Corps commanding general, and Lt. Gen. Kiyoshi Ogawa, commanding general of the Western Army, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, shake hands following a successful Yama Sakura exercise in Camp Kengun, Japan, Tuesday.

FROM PAGE 1A

MEDICS

tram station waiting to get back to post, when we saw a group of people standing around somebody in the middle of the road,” Ratto said.

That’s when the three sprang into action.

“We ran over there and saw an elderly Japanese man lying face down on the road,” Rushing said. “There was blood on the ground and he was just lying there face down. It looked like he was dead. He was not moving at all — I thought the guy was dead.”

“Private Fish was right behind me, and I had him check for any additional injuries before we turned him over,” Rushing said. “We kind of tag-teamed it and log rolled him over onto his back

while keeping his C-spine stable.”

That’s when the medics could see a little more with what they were dealing with.

“There was so much blood on his face and broken teeth in his mouth,” Fish said, who had only recently completed Advanced Individual Training.

But that wasn’t all. “We then saw that his airway was obstructed — he had fallen on his face and broken some teeth and had quite a bit of blood everywhere,” Rushing said. “We repositioned his airway and cleared his airway pulling broken teeth out of his mouth.”

That’s when the elderly man started regaining consciousness.

“He didn’t say anything, but you could tell he was starting to come back,” Fish said.

Fortunate to the situation, Rushing speaks Japanese and



SGT. 1ST CLASS COREY BEAL | I Corps Public Affairs

I Corps medics (from left) Spc. Sandy Rushing, Pfc. Jonathan Fish and Sgt. Mario Ratto rescued an injured Japanese man Dec. 1.

was able to communicate with the man to keep him conscious.

“He kept trying to fall asleep,” Rushing said. “So, I kept telling him, ‘Wake up, keep your eyes

open, and look at me.”

Meanwhile, Ratto assisted from the side while keeping them safe from oncoming traffic as his Soldiers aided the man in

the middle of the street.

“When the EMTs arrived, I told them we were also EMTs,” Rushing said. “They asked me what happened and I told them what we knew.”

The Japanese EMTs quickly took over the situation as more ambulances arrived. The three Soldiers then made their way back to Camp Kengun from a night they won’t soon forget.

“I thought my two Soldiers responded really well,” Ratto said. “They did everything they were supposed to do — they just performed excellently. If anything like this ever happened again, I wouldn’t think twice that my Soldiers couldn’t handle it.”

For the Soldiers, they just carried out what they were trained for.

“I did my job — I did what I’ve been trained to do,” Fish said. “I just hope the guy is OK.”

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TREE

only briefly knew their lost parent to elderly individuals that were honoring their spouse who died decades ago. This was done by placing an ornament, often with a loved one’s picture inside, on one of the two trees that will

be displayed until January.

While paying respects to lost loved ones is a somber experience, there was a lightheartedness to the event that everyone enjoyed. Whether it was the photo station where families could take silly holiday-themed photos with props, the holiday music in the background or the face painting kits, there was a warmth and laughter that

echoed around the building.

The holiday party also provided people a chance to reconnect during the holidays, which can be a difficult time for survivors.

“It’s easy to get lost during the first holiday as a survivor as you try to figure out what you’re supposed to during the holidays without them,” said SOS support coordinator Sarah Vargo, who lost her husband, Sgt. Jason

Vargo, in 2012. “Things like this allow us to create memories and connections that we wouldn’t have had otherwise.”

The connection between survivors is also a unique and powerful bond, as they are the only people that really grasp what the other is going through. It’s because of this, Vargo said, she really enjoys spending time at the holiday party with her

friends made over the years.

“There are just so many things that you don’t need to say (to) each other. It is a unique sense of empathy between survivors that you won’t find among other people,” she said. “I love seeing other survivors connect. The more healthy connections we have with people that don’t make us feel like an elephant with a neon sign, the better.”

JBLM PET BRIGADE

'Loving and cuddly' dog needs new home

Pet Brigade seeks family to adopt a sweet lab mix named Buttercup

BY RUTH KINGSLAND
Northwest Guardian

Everybody needs a nice, warm home for the holidays, and one older, currently homeless dog is no exception.

A large white, special needs dog, now-named Buttercup, was abandoned on Joint Base Lewis-McChord about a month ago by a military family who moved off base. She is floating nightly from home to home as she waits for her forever family to find and re-home her.

"She's a really nice dog, but she's either mostly deaf or really stubborn," said Riza Beleckis, one of two women currently caring for Buttercup, who is a kennel technician with JBLM's Pet Brigade.

Beleckis and fellow Pet Brigade employee, Breanna Byrd, alternate taking the dog home with them over night, which is a blessing for the big dog, who would have a rough time of it otherwise, especially with recent snow and cold temperatures.

Beleckis said a veterinarian who checked out the dog estimated Buttercup is about 10 years old, but don't let her age fool you. The loveable girl enjoys getting attention, smiling and playing — much like any friendly, younger canine, Be-

leckis said.

If you're fond of the large, white dog named Chance, voiced by actor Michael J. Fox in Disney's "Homeward Bound" movies, you might enjoy sharing your home with Buttercup, who looks similar and seems to have at least a bit of that adventurous spirit.

Buttercup is looking for a home with humans who don't mind her making use of comfortable furniture.

"She loves couches and beds," Beleckis said, adding when Buttercup stays at her house, the guest room's queen-size bed is the dog's accommodation.

Beleckis has two dogs of her own — border collie mixes — who aren't too accepting of sharing their mom with a third dog.

"I'd keep Buttercup, but my dogs don't like her," Beleckis said.

Buttercup also appears to like men better than women.

"She's more fond of men," Beleckis said. "As soon as my husband comes home, she's like, 'This is wonderful.'"

She's pretty sure Buttercup would do best as the only dog in a single pet home.

"I'm not sure how she'd do



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Riza Beleckis is one of two JBLM Pet Brigade employees providing foster care for Buttercup, a 10-year-old lab mix, who's in need of a new home.

with cats, but (it's) probably better for her to be an only pet," Beleckis said.

Although Buttercup's hearing isn't great, and she's been through at least the recent aban-

donment, Beleckis is confident the dog would make a wonderful addition to a family.

"She's really good about having anything done to her, like checking her ears or mouth, and

she's very loving and cuddly," she said.

Anyone able to take on the sweet, big bundle of canine joy is encouraged to call the Pet Brigade at 253-912-4898.

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OPERATION DEPLOY YOUR DRESS

Dress recycling program coming to JBLM

You can find your dream outfit to help make your dreams come true

BY RUTH KINGSLAND
Northwest Guardian

If you've ever eagerly anticipated a formal event and worried you wouldn't have the right apparel for the occasion, you'll likely appreciate Operation Deploy Your Dress.

The program allows military spouses and family members a way to receive a free gently used or new formal dress or suit.

The first Operation Deploy Your Dress was launched in January 2016 by a group of Army spouses at Fort Bliss, Texas, hoping to boost the attendance at military balls by cutting the cost of wardrobes for young military spouses, according to Yvonne Coombes, a co-founder of the program and wife of Maj. Michael Coombes, Army Training and Doctrine Command at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, in Virginia.

Coombes said the Fort Bliss program was a big success and the third such program is currently in the prelaunch stages at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. The Lewis Community Spouses' Club is hoping to launch its Operation Deploy Your Dress in the coming months at the old Clarkmoor Elementary School on Lewis Main.

To help make dreams come true, gently used or new formal dresses, tuxedos, shoes, jewelry and other accessories are need-

ed for donations for the program.

"We're just waiting for the dresses to roll in," said Andrea Preusker, Lewis Community Spouses' Club member and chair of JBLM Operation Deploy Your Dress.

The local program has received less than a dozen dresses so far, but Preusker said she is hoping for many more in coming weeks.

The first Operation Deploy your Dress began as a dress swap among neighbors at Fort Bliss, according to Coombes. What started as a hope of getting 100 dresses snowballed into more than 5,000 donated dresses, as well as tuxes, shoes, jewelry, shawls, purses and other accessories. JBLM's program is hoping for the same kinds of donations, Preusker said.

"We collect for both women and men because the male military spouses need something to wear also," Coombes said.

When Coombes and her husband moved to Virginia last summer, she launched the second Operation Deploy Your Dress at that location.

That operation also was met with a strong response from people donating and accepting dresses and other items, Coombes said. The Langley-Eustis program collected 1,500 dresses. The space allocated for

the program was filled almost immediately and as many items were donated daily as were given out, she said.

"We had so many (donations), we were able to provide for other local (bases) including nearby Langley (Air Force Base) and Norfolk Naval Base," she said.

Because of the program's immediate success, founders contacted other military spouses across the country, including Preusker at JBLM.

"We reached out to some of the ladies at JBLM and trust that some of our Army sisters there can get that started," Coombes said.

Preusker said she is excited to see how quickly donations can come in at JBLM. She's already contacted some retail outlets and news media, but she expects to have more success after the holidays, since many stores are too busy right now, she said.

Preusker is spending much of her time on the project, despite being due to give birth any day now. Collecting dresses and other items for free dispersal to service members is just too important to put off, she said.

"We collect and distribute gently used and new formal attire to military ID holders ... to boost the attendance at military balls and other formal events," she said, adding that those events are an important part of the JBLM community.

"Military formal events help uphold tradition and build camaraderie among our military



RUTH KINGSLAND Northwest Guardian

Andrea Preusker, chair of JBLM Operation Deploy Your Dress, displays one of the dresses available once the program is launched.

members and their families," she said. "Operation Deploy Your Dress helps by cutting the cost of the evening so everyone

who wants to attend can."

For more information or to make a donation, call Preusker at 210-367-0577.

CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS

RHC-P staff improves organizational communication

Training session prepares team for high stakes

BY FLAVIA HULSEY
Regional Health
Command-Pacific

About 30 members of the Regional Health Command-Pacific from Joint Base Lewis-McChord and Hawaii participated in a two-day training session Nov. 28 and 29 at JBLM about having Crucial Conversations.

Based on the New York Times bestseller "Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes are High," team members learned to prepare for high-stakes situations, to create powerful dialogue, to create a safe environment for difficult conversations and to be persuasive not abrasive.

"Crucial Conversations offers a different set of tools, a different approach than we ordinarily use to try and help us get to a better place," said Judith Honesty, contractor, VitalSmarts, who led the training event.

Brigadier General Bertram C. Providence selected the training after having experienced it during his time at Forces Command



FLAVIA HULSEY Regional Health Command-Pacific Public Affairs

Judith Honesty, middle, a contractor from VitalSmarts, introduces herself at the start of Crucial Conversations training at Joint Base Lewis-McChord Nov. 28. Honesty led the training for about 30 members of the Regional Health Command-Pacific team.

as the command surgeon, said Col. Scott Avery, RHC-P chief of staff, who was also among the attendees.

"People are the number one resource that we have," Avery

said. "The Army invests in people, and we do so by investing in continuing education, training and so forth. That investment is critical."

Regional Health Command-

Pacific has undergone significant change, especially in the past year. The former Pacific Regional Medical Command and Western Regional Medical Command merged to form one

team, RHC-P, in January.

"We're one region," Avery said. "Sometimes we need to come together, take a time out and grow."

Honesty, who has provided this training for audiences as wide-ranging as small nonprofits to large multinational corporations, said it is applicable to everyone in everyday life.

"What you all experience over these couple of days will help you in this organization but it will also help you as you go back to your families and into your communities," Honesty said.

The Crucial Conversations training was just one event as part of the region's overall organizational training plan. Team members also recently participated in a Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness session that brought leaders together from JBLM and Hawaii via video teleconference to focus on bettering the organization.

RHC-P orchestrates the delivery of world-class medical care for service members, families and eligible beneficiaries, and provides medical readiness and diplomacy in support of U.S. Army Pacific in the Pacific Command area of responsibility.

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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Wreaths to honor fallen service members

Volunteers will adorn gravesites

BY RUTH KINGSLAND
Northwest Guardian

Although volunteers from Joint Base Lewis-McChord have participated in the annual event at other cemeteries across the state in previous years, this is the first time volunteers will lay wreaths at Camp Lewis Cemetery, 3991 Cemetery Road, on Lewis Main, Saturday during the annual Wreaths Across America Day.

Nearly 1,000 wreaths will be distributed to veterans' graves at the JBLM site beginning at 9 a.m., with most local and national services beginning at the same time.

In 2015, more than 900,000 wreaths were placed at military headstones in cemeteries across the country. This year, similar numbers are expected as headstones are adorned with greenery Saturday.

The event began in 1992 and honors the fallen who served. The first ceremony was at Arlington National Cemetery, and the event now includes ceremonies at more than 1,000 locations, including Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Evergreen Washelli Memorial Park, 11111 Aurora Ave. N., in Seattle. Joint Base Lewis-McChord's I Corps Color Guard will present the colors for that event.

The JBLM wreath laying is open to the community and will include volunteers from JBLM's Better Opportunities for Single Service members, the Mary Bell Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the American Legion Auxiliary Pat Tillman Memorial Unit No. 53.

"It's taken a community to put this together, from Boy Scouts to military and Interstate Distributor Company, the (Tacoma-based) truck company delivering the wreaths," said Donna Dahl-



Two noncommissioned officers from the 864th Engineer Battalion, 555th Engineer Brigade, carry wreaths to the Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Evergreen Washelli Memorial Park during the 2014 wreath-laying ceremony in conjunction with Wreaths Across America.

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strom, JBLM's cemetery responsible official.

Dahlstrom said she is delighted to finally have a Wreaths Across America ceremony at JBLM.

"We're so honored to do this

this year; this is really awesome," she said.

Several JBLM service members have participated in the event previously, including Staff Sgt. Jani Michielsen, the BOSS representative from 2nd Battal-

ion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. Michielsen participated in the wreath-laying event at Fort Bliss, Texas, for three years.

"I'm so glad we (have) the ceremony here now," she said.

Michielsen said she has a strong emotional bond to veterans. Her brother, 1st Lt. William Edens, died in 2005 while deployed with a JBLM unit in Iraq.

"It means so much laying wreaths on the graves of the veterans who served before us," Michielsen said.

Chief Master Sergeant Nicholas A. Hollinger, superintendent of the 627th Air Base Group, also will participate in the Camp Lewis Cemetery ceremony.

"It is an honor for me to attend these memorial ceremonies that honor the dedication and sacrifices of our fallen heroes and remember with those who are sponsoring and volunteering for this event," Hollinger said. "I have several family members who have served our military in previous wars, and I owe it to them to never forget their unwavering patriotism and belief in the freedoms our flag represents."

Additional military Wreaths Across America ceremonies Saturday include Lower Valley Memorial Gardens in Sunnyside, Wash., where the guest speaker will be a representative from Yakima Training Center. Washington state's Civil Air Patrol cadets also are scheduled to place wreaths on tombstones at the Tahoma National Cemetery, 18600 S.E. 240th St., in Kent, Wash.

The national multilocation event isn't just about decorating veteran tombstones, according to the wreathscrossamerica.org web site.

"It has been said that a person dies twice: once when they take their final breath and later, the last time their name is spoken," the site states.

At each grave, those who place the wreaths are asked to say the veteran's name and thank them for their service. In that way, the veterans are honored and remembered, and their name and memory lives on.

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Transitions

GOODJOBS! PROGRAM

Interview, resume skills training available

BY RIO FERNANDES

Northwest Guardian

The GoodJobs! program aims to help people leaving the military community with every aspect of the job hunt and offers informational sessions about the program every Friday at the Starbucks on South Tacoma Way in Lakewood for transitioning service members.

These sessions lay bare all of the services GoodJobs! offers, such as unlimited one-on-one resume appointments, mock interviews, job leads and networking opportunities. This program, overseen by Goodwill, works with more 1,400 employers — all of whom are interested in hiring service members.

“If you are planning on staying in Washington after your service, we want to help you as much as we can,” said Troy Falardeau, the military and veteran outreach coordinator for the program. “We are going help service members, their spouses and families get the jobs they want and the ones that they are qualified for.”

In addition to the session at Starbucks, GoodJobs! also has informational seminars at the Veterans Outreach Center in Lacey every fourth Thursday of the month. Both of these sessions allow attendees to learn more about what GoodJobs! is and how they’ll be able to connect with the jobs they want.

“We know people in a variety of different in fields and companies (who) we can reach out to, to make sure that your resume is seen,” Falardeau said.

Although Goodwill has been around for more than 100 years,



CHRISTINA LIPIN Goodwill

Terrence Hodge, left, and Linda Starling, right, talk during a networking event organized by Operation Good Jobs!

this military-based career assistance program has only been around for four. In its short existence, it has helped thousands of deserving military members find well-paying jobs. The program is funded through a mixture of state grants and donations from national busi-

nesses like Walmart, Bank of America and a variety of local businesses.

Another point of pride at GoodJobs! is that the staff understands the needs and value of the military community; they are all either retired service members or affiliated with the

military community. This allows them to uniquely understand why companies should be looking to hire military people.

“Companies understand that there are countless reasons to hire someone from the military,” Falardeau said. “You can get an employee that you know

understands how to show up on time and be prepared. They know how to work in a team. Employers that care about their bottom line look and say, I want these kind of people.”

For more information, contact troyf@goodwillwa.org or call 253-573-6788.

AMERICAN DREAM U

Seminar encourages lifelong career development

BY MAJ. TONY MAYNE

75th Ranger Regiment

For the fifth time in the last 15 months, Master Sgt. Ret. Jesse Yandell was in front of active duty Rangers. Talking with Rangers is nothing new for Yandell, a recently retired veteran of 18 years in the 75th Ranger Regiment.

Yandell brought the American Dream U team to Joint Base Lewis-McChord recently to introduce the 2nd Battalion Rangers to a totally new concept — lifelong career development.

“The effort of the Army’s Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program is right on the mark only if the Soldiers are receptive to the program well before they begin their transition,” Yandell said.

Yandell is a successful organizational management and leadership consultant and serves as a senior military adviser to American Dream U. American Dream U is a veteran empowerment organization that focuses on service member education of the employment marketplace.

“What we are seeing is that success in transition is linked to leader involvement throughout a service member’s career,” Yandell said. “Organizational culture has been and will continue to be the impetus to a successful transition.”

And that is what brought Yandell and his American Dream U team of entrepreneurs to Joint-Base Lewis-McChord again.

The American Dream U pre-



Courtesy Photo

Scott Mann, “Mission America” author, speaks to Soldiers at the American Dream U Career Development Seminar at Joint Base Lewis-McChord recently.

sents included Ranger veteran Matt Griffin, co-founder of Combat Flip Flops, who was recently featured on the show “Shark Tank;” Kevin Kearnes, founder of Career Attraction; and American Dream U founder Phil Randazzo.

The two-day career devel-

opment workshop provided the Rangers a crash course in practical preparation for lifelong success, not just transition.

First, the American Dream U team stressed the importance of continued service in the Army.

“You are in an organization that pays you for professional

education in your field, that provides college education opportunities, and provides a predictable schedule for promotions,” Yandell said. “Sure, the deployments are tough and it takes a toll, but how many days do you think the panel you have heard from spend at home — it

is pretty comparable.”

Second, the American Dream U presenters told the Rangers to be wary of forgetting the Army’s culture once a decision was made to look for civilian employment and education opportunities.

“Your service in special operations may get you a foot in the door, an interview or two perhaps or a better chance at getting in a top tier school, but with that opportunity is the expectation that you bring the same level personal discipline, commitment to teamwork to your new employer or school,” Yandell said.

Third, each of the American Dream U presenters spoke of the importance of their personal and professional networks.

“You are the sum of who you surround yourself with, so if you think you have a passion for a career or you want to go to an Ivy League school go get to know those people,” Yandell said. “You establish and grow your network through your desire to be better today than you were yesterday; if you do that then you will make that call, make that connection that will positively impact your life.”

The overwhelming response of the Rangers in attendance was positive. The Rangers echoed appreciation of the unfiltered advice that placed the responsibility of career development on squarely on their shoulders.

PIERCE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Program offers free computer skills training to service members

BY RIO FERNANDES

Northwest Guardian

Since its beginning in 2015, the Pierce County Library system’s Microsoft Office skills Open Lab has helped more than 2,000 service members and their families better prepare for the transition into the civilian workforce. The lab program is free service to the military community that certifies participants in an array of computer skills that many job openings require.

These classes allow people to certify as a Microsoft technology associate or a Microsoft Office specialist — titles that many

employers take seriously.

“Eighty to 90 percent of job applications specify that their preferred applicants have some kind of training in Microsoft and its Office programs,” said Vincent Calip, the Pierce Library’s digital literacy associate. “We want to help people get their foot in the door with important computer training.”

Similar programs are offered at technical colleges and community colleges, but those programs often come with registration fees. The library’s Open Lab is free of charge and is located in Lakewood at Rally

Point 6. It also allows participants to qualify to enroll in the MSSA — a program offered by Joint Base Lewis-McChord to help people with a baseline of technological savvy to enter the tech industry.

Developing a proficiency in Microsoft Office programs goes beyond people just interested in breaking into the IT or tech field, according to Calip.

“The Microsoft Office specialist is a universal skill,” Calip said. “It’s for everybody. Somewhere on an application, you’ll see something saying a preferred of required qualification

To learn more

To register or learn more about the program, send an email to openlab@piercecounitylibrary.org or call 253-777-0556.

is to be proficient in Microsoft Office. Everyone has their own reason on why they need to know this stuff, and we want to help people master it.”

When the pilot program originally launched, officials weren’t sure how it would be received or how many people would sign-up.

They then pleasantly watched as it blossomed into the helpful service it is today. The program isn’t just for service members, though. If you’re a spouse, a member of the National Guard, or a reservist, these classes are open to you.

“We aren’t in the business of making money,” Calip said. “The Pierce County Library system is in the business of trying to assist this military community. It’s our obligation, since JBLM sits right in the middle of Pierce County, to make sure that we do our part to help.”

Community Ledger

ATTENTION

Event announcements must be received no later than the Friday before publication. They can be emailed to nwgeditor@nanguardian.com. Announcements can be viewed online at nanguardian.com. The Northwest Guardian office is in the basement of 1010 Liggett Ave. on Lewis Main. For more information, call 253-477-0182.



SNAPSHOT

4-6 ARS deploys

Spc. Luis Alfaro says goodbye to loved ones during the deployment ceremony for 4th Attack Reconnaissance Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, 7th Infantry Division, Dec. 7. The Soldiers of 4-6 ARS will be bringing world-class aviation support to their mission in the U.S. Central Command area.

CAPT. BRIAN HARRIS 16th Combat Aviation Brigade

LET'S HEAR IT

What do you want to know in 2016? The Northwest Guardian, Joint Base Lewis-McChord's command authorized source for installation news and information, wants to hear from you. Go to the JBLM Facebook page to answer the Straight Talk question of the week on Page A4, or submit a 1MB JPEG of your favorite photo of life on JBLM. Got a news tip or know a story you'd like to see in the Guardian? Coordinate with your unit public affairs section, then call 253-477-0182.

SCHEDULED FAMILY DAYS FOR 2016

The following are the scheduled dates for Army's Day of No Scheduled Activity, Air Force's Family Days and federal holidays on Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

Dec. 23 — Army DONSA
Dec. 26 — Christmas Day observed

LIBRARY HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

The McChord Library is hosting its open house Friday. The entire community is invited to the event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by to enjoy refreshments and music, with a chance to win a giveaway and meet your librarians and library staffers. For more details, call the McChord Library at 253-982-3454.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT THE CLUB

Santa's looking forward to having company for breakfast Saturday. Join in the fun when you reserve your places for Breakfast with Santa at the Club at McChord Field from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Also bring your camera for a photo with Santa and let your kiddos create and take home a holiday craft with help from the Arts and Crafts Center. Family or individual photos with Santa taken by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff will also be made available online. The cost is \$13 for ages 10 and older, \$10 for ages 3 to 9 and \$2 for ages 2 and younger. Advanced purchase is required; call 253-982-5581. Payments can be made by phone. The Club is located at 700 Barnes Blvd.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING FEST IN LEAVENWORTH

Plan now to take a motor coach trip with Leisure Travel Services from Lewis Main to the mountain village of Leavenworth for the Christmas Lighting Festival Saturday. The cost is \$45 per passenger. Trip isn't recommended for children ages 5 and younger due to the long ride and 14-hour day. Call 253-967-3085 for reservations.

OPERATION ANGEL TREE AT EXCHANGE

Brighten the holiday season for a McChord Field family in need at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Now through Sunday, the Angel Tree is located between the two entrances at the McChord Field Exchange food court. Remove an angel from the tree, purchase a gift and put it in the box with angel attached. For more information, contact ruan.brits@us.af.mil or dawn.kloos.2@us.af.mil or your first sergeant.

ARMY, AIR FORCE PCS MOVE WORKSHOPS

Joint Base Lewis-McChord's Armed Forces Community Service hosts a First PCS Move workshop every Monday from 3 to 4 p.m. at Waller Hall, 2140 Liggett Ave., Lewis Main, and the second Thursday of each month at the Service Member and Family Readiness Center, 551 Barnes Blvd., McChord Field. For more information, call 253-967-3633 or 253-982-2695. To register, visit jblmafcscheckappointments.com.

JBLM HOME FIRE SAFETY CLASS

Base housing residents are required to take a Family Housing Fire Safety class within 30 days of moving in. Service member must attend; spouse is welcome and encouraged. Classes take place Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m. at Bldg. 2014, Fire Station 107 Pendleton on Lewis Main.

BUILDING MANAGERS FIRE SAFETY CLASS

All building managers on Joint Base Lewis-McChord are required to take a Building Managers Fire Safety Class. Classes take place on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. Bldg. 2014, Fire Station 107 Pendleton, on Lewis Main. The next class is set for Wednesday. For more information, call 253-966-7164.

PAJAMA STORYTIME AT MCCORD LIBRARY

All children are invited to a free special holiday pajama storytime at McChord Library Wednesday at 6 p.m.; registration required. Sip hot cocoa and snuggle with stuffed animals while listening to holiday favorites under the Christmas tree. A super-secret holiday guest will make a special appearance. Register at jblmmwr.com/libraries and click on the calendar of events. McChord Library is at 851 Lincoln Blvd., ground floor, McChord Field. Questions? Call 253-982-3454.

HOST YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE CLUB

Host your unit or squadron holiday party at The Club at McChord Field. Your group, large or small, can plan fully catered options — sit-down, buffet and more. For more information or to schedule

an appointment, call 253-982-5581. Take a look online at what you'll get for your party at jblmmwr.com/club/catering.

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Not into baking or don't have time for finding fancy dessert recipes? Order freshly baked festive desserts from American Lake Conference Center. Place your order a week ahead for parties, meals or cookie exchanges. Choose from freshly made fruit, cream, holiday and pumpkin pies. A variety of cookies and assorted cookie platters have all your favorites. Candies, flavored fudge platters, cakes, pound cakes and bread pudding are also available. For the entire selection and menu of prices, visit americanlakeconferencecenter.com or call 253-966-4998. American Lake Conference Center is located at 8085 NCO Beach Road on Lewis North.

NOON YEAR'S EVE STORYTIME AT LIBRARY

All children are invited to McChord Library's free Noon Year's Eve party Dec. 30 at 11:30 a.m.; registration is required. Help count down the end of the year to start 2017 with a celebration. Register at jblmmwr.com/libraries (click on the calendar of events) starting Friday. The McChord Library is located at 851 Lincoln Blvd. on the ground floor, McChord Field. For more information, call 253-982-3454.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT SOUNDERS LANES

Enjoy New Year's Eve with your friends and family at Sounders Lanes and ring in 2017 on east coast time. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and bowling

starts at 7 p.m. The party includes pizza, finger foods and veggies, the laser maze, party favors, door prizes and a glass of sparkling cider to ring in the new year. The cost per person is \$25. You must purchase your tickets in advance. Capacity is limited to 72 people. Get your spaces saved early; this popular party sells out fast. For more information and tickets, call Sounders Lanes at 253-982-5954 or visit 737 Jackson Blvd. at McChord Field.

THE WZ CELEBRATES NEW YEAR'S EVE

Ages 18 and older have a place to celebrate a rockin' New Year's Eve at Lewis North's Warrior Zone. Invite your friends to the party starting at 9 p.m. with a patio buffet, deejay, dance floor, all-evening gaming tournaments that begin before the party and lots of cheer. The Warrior Zone is located at the corner of 17th and D Streets. Call 253-477-5756 for more information.

VEHICLE STORAGE AT AUTO CENTER

Indoor heated storage will be available at the Lewis Main Auto Center in January, in addition to the current outdoor covered storage for vehicles. Outdoor space is \$45 per month for vehicles 20 feet and under, \$50 for 21 to 30 feet, \$55 for 31 to 39 feet and \$60 for more than 40 feet. Indoor space is \$83 for vehicles up to 20 feet. Call 253-967-3728 for more information.

MILITARY CAREGIVER PEER FORUM SET

The Military Caregiver Personalized Experiences, Engagement and Resources Forum meets the first Wednesday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. at the

Fisher House, 9999 Wilson Ave., on Lewis Main. Military family life counselors will listen to issues impacting your day-to-day quality of life, hear your needs and connect you with other military caregivers for practical and social support. The next forum is set for Jan. 4. For more information, call 253-329-6546.

JBLM NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION

Joint Base Lewis-McChord has grown and changed over the years. Whether you're new, returning or just want to learn your way around, all service members, civilians and adult family members are invited to attend the Newcomers' Orientation Tuesday Jan. 10 at American Lake Conference Center, 8085 NCO Beach Road on Lewis North. Report time for Soldiers and Airmen is 7:30 a.m. Orientation begins at 8 a.m. Complimentary hot breakfast and free on-site child care is available with registration; call 253-966-2977. For more information, call 253-967-3633 or visit jblmafcscheckappointments.com.

FIRE PREVENTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Seven times a day, someone in this country dies in a home fire. The American Red Cross is launching a nationwide campaign to reduce the number of home fire deaths and injuries by 25 percent over the next five years. The Red Cross is joining with fire departments and community groups nationwide to canvass neighborhoods off base, install smoke alarms and deliver fire prevention information in places with a high numbers of fires. Join the Red Cross Home Fire

Preparedness Team today and start making a difference. A week prior to the event, two or three volunteers are needed to canvass the selected neighborhood off base and hang door knockers making residents aware that we will be in their area Jan. 14 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to install smoke detectors. Thirty volunteers are needed Jan. 14 to conduct home visits off base, test existing smoke alarms in homes, replace batteries as needed and install smoke alarms within the home according to manufacturer's instructions. Email jenee.alston2@redcross.org or adrienne.bolton@redcross.org.

SMA OF NORTHWEST MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly general membership meeting of the Sergeants Major Association of the Northwest meets at the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Samuel Adams Brewhouse (renovated Cascade Community Center, Bldg. 2400 on South Division Street) on the third Thursday of every month. Social time begins at 4:30 p.m. and official business at 5 p.m. Next meeting is Jan. 19.

REGISTER FOR 2017 HOMEBREW

If you're into making homebrew, start your mash and get ready to enter your best batches into the 2017 JBLM homebrew competition for bragging rights — Best of JBLM or Best of DOD. Military competitors who identify themselves at registration also have a chance at the Commander's Cup award. Online registration is open Jan. 1-30. Competition is only open to beer; ciders and meads will not be judged. Fee is \$7 per entry. Entries will be judged by certified experts Feb. 4. Winners will be announced at Brewfest Feb. 10. Event organizers are encouraging homebrewers to provide samples at Brewfest, where winners will be announced and awarded prizes and medals. The event is an AHA/BJCP sanctioned competition, hosted by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Homebrewers of Puget Sound. Call 253-967-5776 for more information, or visit jblmmwr.com/brewfest.

USE OF SPACE HEATERS AT JBLM

The Joint Base Lewis-McChord Fire Department is not the authority for the use of space heaters on the installation in your work area. Directorate of Public Works' Energy Conservation is the OPR for the use of all space heaters. Point of contact is Eric Waehling at 253-966-1772, eric.r.waehling.civ@mail.mil or Sakhawat Amin at 253-966-9011, sakhawat.amin.ctr@mail.mil. If DPW authorizes the use, JBLM Fire Prevention will ensure space heaters are used in a fire safe manner.

GET THE BEST DEALS ON TEXTBOOKS

The next college quarter starts soon. Don't break the bank on books; let Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Bookstore inside Stone Education Center help you get your books for less. Call 253-964-8185.

TRANSITIONS: INFORMATION TO HELP WITH LIFE CHANGES

Find jobs on the "JBLMunlimited" website at jblmunlimited.com or on Facebook at [facebook.com/jblmunlimited](https://www.facebook.com/jblmunlimited).

A LIST OF UPCOMING EMPLOYMENT FAIRS

The following is a snapshot look into some upcoming employment fairs and networking opportunities:

Operation GoodJobs!
Fridays 2 p.m. Starbucks, 10314 S. Tacoma Way, Lakewood. For more information, email vet-servicesinfo@goodwillwa.org or call 253-573-6789.

Career Skills Program Briefings take place Mondays at Hawk Transition Center Auditorium. Walk-ins are welcome. Noon: trades/skills/technology/business/brief.

Mini Career Technical, Apprenticeship and Education Fair takes place Mondays at Hawk Transition Center Auditorium at 10:30 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

WorkSource Veterans Service Orientation Briefings take place the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. at 500 SW 7th St., Renton, Wash. The next meeting is Wednesday. For more information, call 206-205-3500.

Brown Bag Mini Job Fair takes place every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hawk Transition Center lobby. Walk-ins are welcome.

Worksource Pierce Weekly Meetings Every Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m., the WorkSource Pierce Career Center will host a meeting for job seekers unemployed for 27 weeks or longer, seeking assistance to re-enter the workforce. Location is 1305 Tacoma Ave. South, Tacoma. Call 253-593-7300 or email backtowork@workforcecentral.org.

What's My Next Move?

Second Monday of the month from 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. at Work Source Pierce. Next meeting is Jan. 9. Email kmyers@esd.wa.gov or call 253-552-2547.

Civilian Jobs/Recruit Military Hiring Event Jan. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at American Lake Conference Center, JBLM. This event targets transitioning service members, spouses, dependents, and veterans. We provide the opportunity for service members, families and veterans to meet face to face with companies looking to hire. These companies are hiring for a multitude of different markets including: law enforcement, healthcare, finance, educational institutions, federal/contract positions, transportation, logistics and more. This event is free for those attending. To pre-register visit: www.civilianjobs.com.

Boots to Business A three-day workshop how to start a business. Gain tools and knowledge needed to identify a business opportunity, draft a plan and launch an enterprise. Day three consist of a field trip. To register call 253-967-5599 or 253-967-3258.

Camo2Commerce Attention military leaders in mid-level management roles, ideally staff and senior noncommissioned officers and junior to mid-grade officers in transition. Camo2Commerce has created the Heroes Corporate Fellowship Academy to help you land a job in a position commensurate with your knowledge, skills, abilities and experience. This goes above and beyond the traditional job-seeking efforts and puts

you in the driver's seat of a corporate management level role in companies like Amazon, Starbucks, UPS, and TrueBlue. For more information, visit: camo2commerce.com/heroes/. Attend orientation on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. at the Stone Education Center on Lewis Main. Email rob@pacmtn.org with any questions.

Spotlight Events and Employer Hiring Check for employer spotlight events on social media at facebook.com/jblmunlimited for more information. Sign up at sfl-tap.army.mil or with your SFL TAP Center at 253-967-3258/5599.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT 2 POSITION

WA State Office of the Insurance Commissioner — Salary: \$29,820 to \$38,544 annually. The Office of the Insurance Commissioner is recruiting to fill one full-time administrative assistant position within the Policy and Legislative Affairs Division. This position has delegated authority to complete administrative and professional level duties as well as to make assignments and establish deadlines for others so that project work can be accomplished within established deadlines. Reporting to the litigation and operations manager, you will work closely with the legislative director and policy and rules manager to provide administrative and staff support. The successful candidate will have strong time management skills, ability to work with a diverse group of people, be team oriented and

be comfortable working with multiple managers. For more information, visit tinyurl.com/oicadminassist2.

APPLICATION DEVELOPER JOB IN OLYMPIA

Washington Technology Solutions — Salary: \$63,036 to \$82,728 annually. Position will be responsible for the planning, analysis, design, development and enhancement of enterprise applications that are high risk, high impact and mission critical to state government budgeting and policy analysis functions. Employee will have the opportunity to support current applications and new development using agile methodologies and team foundation server for application lifecycle management. For more information, email wendy.brand@watech.wa.gov.

COMPLETION COACH - ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Tacoma Community College HR — Salary: \$14.61 per hour. Tacoma Community College is pleased to invite applications for completion coach, who reviews student records to identify students nearing degree completion. This position determines credits needed for completion and identifies if student is currently enrolled or has transferred. Assists students with identifying options to satisfy degree requirements or transfer credits to TCC for a degree. This position will also refer students to other campus resources and coordinate advising services as needed. For more information, visit tinyurl.com/za5hjy.

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little girl fell through the ice on Carter Lake on McChord Field. "I'm just glad I was there," Siegle said. "All the training I've got through my years in the Air Force prompted me to react quickly enough and ultimately save her life."

● **I Corps CSM bids farewell:** I Corps Soldiers, civilians and families bid farewell to Command Sgt. Maj. James Norman III as he transferred his duties as I Corps command sergeant major during a change of responsibility ceremony at Joint Base Lewis-McChord Jan. 12. As Norman passed the I Corps colors to the incoming command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Grinston, he also said goodbye to the Army after 35 years of service.

● **Airmen complete demo:** The KC-46 Tanker Program reached a major milestone Jan. 24 when it successfully demonstrated its first aerial refueling contact and fuel transfer with an F-16C Fighting Falcon. The Pegasus passed 1,600 pounds of fuel to an F-16 piloted by Lt. Col. Daniel Alix, out of the 416th Flight Test Squadron, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., who characterized the mission as a complete success.

● **Medical units become one:** On Jan. 29, Soldiers and civilians gathered together to bear witness to one of the Army's many traditions, the casing of the colors of the Western Regional Medical Command at French Theater on Joint Base Lewis-McChord. The WRMC officially merged with the Regional Health Command-Pacific Jan. 8.

FEBRUARY

● **Base paper debuts e-edition:** The Northwest Guardian, Joint Base Lewis-McChord's only command-authorized newspaper, launched an e-edition of its traditional print paper. The new electronic version of the base newspaper is an upgrade in the full spectrum of modern communication products produced by the JBLM Public Affairs Office.

● **Exercise kicks off Pathways:** The opening ceremony for Cobra Gold 16, the kick-start of the Pacific Pathways exercise, brought together more than two dozen participating countries, Feb. 9 at Royal Thai Marine Corps HQ, Sattahip Chonburi Province, Thailand. Cobra Gold increases cooperation, and collaboration among partner nations in order to achieve effective solution to common challenges.

● **7th annual JBLM Brewfest:** While fermented beverages have a history that spans thousands of years, the evolution of different flavors and how to create brews, meads and ciders is constantly changing, as seen at the seventh annual Joint Base Lewis-McChord Brewfest at the Club at McChord Field Feb. 26. Medals were handed out to the best in each of 30 categories of brew.

MARCH

● **Defense Secretary visits:** For the first time since he was sworn in as the 25th Secretary of Defense, Ash Carter visited Joint Base Lewis-McChord March 4 as part of his West Coast tour to discuss cybersecurity and technology's role in the future of the Department of Defense. After flying into McChord Field and viewing a static display of Army and Air Force capabilities, Carter visited the Washington Air National Guard's 252nd Cyber Operations Group, where he received updates on the specialized work the group is doing to protect industrial control systems.

● **Aircraft recovery exercise:** Soldiers of Bravo Company 46th Aviation Support Battalion honed their technical and tactical skills during a downed aircraft recovery team exercise at Joint Base Lewis-McChord March 10. Two UH-60M Black Hawk helicopters, with 2nd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, 16th CAB, flew to the training area to provide Soldiers the opportunity to work on the same type of aircraft they might have to recover in a combat zone.

APRIL

● **'It's your duty to intervene':** About 1,000 service members packed Carey Theater on Lewis Main for a bystander intervention workshop led by Broadway actress and theatrical prevention educator Janine DiVita April 1. The event was the kickoff for Sexual Assault Awareness and



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Caroline Moery, right, goes over tools for service members with Eric Anton at the Service Member for Life Career Transition Summit Oct. 14.



Sgt. Maj. Brandon Dimick, of 593rd ESC, right, participates in the Tacoma Rainiers Salute to Armed Forces Day ceremonies June 12.

Prevention Month — coordinated by I Corps' Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention and the Armed Forces Substance Abuse Program's Risk Reduction Team.

● **A new property manager:** Lincoln Military Housing, one of the largest operators of military housing in the U.S., began managing all of Joint Base Lewis-McChord's base housing in April, expanding its service to include 36,000 military housing units from all branches of service across the country.

MAY

● **First female cav scout:** Sergeant Kayci Landes, an AH-64 Attack Helicopter maintainer assigned to 4th Attack Reconnaissance Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, became the Army's first female Soldier to re-enlist as a cavalry scout May 4.

● **Tribe's Honor Walk:** More than 120 local Native Americans took part in the Nisqually Indian Tribe's Leschi-Quiemuth Honor Walk on Joint Base Lewis-McChord May 14. Also at the event was Col. Daniel S. Morgan, JBLM commander, who voiced his appreciation for the event and the longtime partnership between the tribe and the base.

● **Bronze Star awarded:** Nine years after the fact, Col. Daniel Dudek, collective training chief at I Corps on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his end of tour in Iraq during the summer of 2007 by Congressman Denny Heck of Washington's 10th District, at Memorial Park on JBLM May 31.

JUNE

● **New brewhouse opens:** There is a new place to enjoy some brew and food on Joint Base Lewis-McChord with the grand opening of the Samuel Adams Brewhouse June 2. What was once the former Cascade Community Center, located near the intersection of Bitar Avenue and Division Drive on Lewis Main, the brewhouse had been under extensive construction for more than a year.

● **Airmen deliver at exercise:** Three aircrews from the 62nd Airlift Wing demonstrated their air mobility capabilities by delivering more than 250 Soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division as well as Polish and British Forces and their equipment to Poland during Exercise Swift Response 2016 June 7. Exercise Swift Response 2016 was a significant, monthlong military crisis response annual training

event for multinational forces in the world that includes more than 5,000 participants from 10 North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations, including the United States.

● **YTC greets new boss:** The sun shined on the parade field at Yakima Training Center June 30 as community members and service members watched Lt. Col. Jason Evers pass command of the training center to Lt. Col. Jarret D. Mathews.

JULY

● **Museum begins renovation:** The Lewis Army Museum, located on Lewis North, closed for restoration July 2 and is expected to reopen its doors to the public in the new year. Lewis Army Museum Director Erik Flint spoke about the changes visitors can expect to see when the museum reopens in 2017.

● **A happy Fourth of July:** Whether they came to chase the big bubbles, drool over the clasy chubbs, pet the pig and other animals, or enjoy the music, carnival rides, food and fireworks, thousands flocked to Joint Base Lewis-McChord's annual Freedom Fest at Cowan and Memorial stadiums July 4 for a celebration that didn't disappoint.

● **Airfield tower gets its cab:** The final piece was placed atop Joint Base Lewis-McChord's new Flight Control Tower at Gray Army Airfield July 8. Groups of workers, community members and construction executives gathered around the site to watch as a large crane lifted a 5-ton steel cabin more than 150 feet into the air before resting it on the newly-built tower. While the tower isn't expected to be operational until spring 2017, the placing of the cab is the final phase of structural construction for the tower.

AUGUST

● **A night for families:** Whether they wore cowboy hats, boots, jeans and baseball caps, or military uniforms, more than 700 music fans were into the tunes as country music rising star Craig Campbell entertained the troops at a free USO concert Aug. 9 at Joint Base Lewis-McChord's Memorial Stadium.

● **I Corps greets new DCG:** I Corps welcomed its new deputy commanding general during a ceremony at Joint Base Lewis-McChord Aug. 9. Major General Mark R. Stammer joined the I Corps team after commanding the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

● **A show of force:** The wind blew the dust around and kept

some aircraft on the ground on Saturday, but it did little to calm the excited spirit of attendees at the 2016 Joint Base Lewis-McChord Airshow and Warrior Expo. About 100,000 airplane enthusiasts from across the state came to the show Aug. 27 and 28 on McChord Field.

SEPTEMBER

● **Official visit goes 'off-road':**

A whirlwind tour Aug. 31 to Sept. 1 of Joint Base Lewis-McChord offered Army Under Secretary Patrick J. Murphy a chance to do everything from presenting a Vietnam veteran with a Silver Star, meeting with local politicians, learning about transition components and driving a Stryker vehicle on base.

● **JBLM rocket firing tested:** The highly-anticipated test firing of the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System Reduced Range Practice Rockets continued at Joint Base Lewis-McChord after the initial rocket fired Sept. 27 at 10:15 a.m. from the Hayes Hill Firing Point did not exceed the off-base 130 decibel limit, according to Capt. Ben Underwood, planning officer with the 1st Battalion, 94th Field Artillery Regiment, 17th Field Artillery Brigade, which performed the tests. The test was designed to measure the sound from rockets firing on JBLM. This was the first time HIMARS Reduced Range Practice Rockets firing occurred at JBLM. Reduced Range Practice firings are routinely done at the Yakima Training Center.

● **Vets receive Silver Star:** The Sept. 30 award ceremony commemorated the heroic actions of Pfc. Rick Adler, from Washington state, and Pfc. Gary Birka, from Ohio. On Aug. 29, 1969, in Vietnam, their unit, Delta Company, 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, was ambushed during a search and destroy operation. The unit fought bravely, but they were outnumbered more than 10 to one, and by the time support arrived, their unit of 110 service members was down to 64.

OCTOBER

● **Budgets for 2017 reduced:** Budgets for recreation and child and youth services programs were reduced by \$3 million starting Oct. 3 at Joint Base Lewis-McChord as part of a basewide effort to concentrate on the most critical services delivered to service members and families and still maintain mission readiness in the current fiscal climate. According to JBLM officials, Armywide budget reductions have created an environment with fewer resources and personnel, hampering Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's ability to operate some facilities in a profitable manner.

● **Earthquake readiness tested:** When the clock hit 10:20 a.m. on Oct. 20 at Joint Base Lewis-McChord operations center, everyone in the building was in lockstep for the Great Washington Shakeout — a worldwide earthquake drill meant to promote best earthquake practices.

● **McChord library gets facelift:** Hanging out among the books just got a whole lot better for young people at the McChord Field Library. A \$20,000 grant from the 2015 Army Library Program's Million Dollar Make-over, a competition for Army bases worldwide, allowed for a recent complete renovation of

the teen section of Joint Base Lewis-McChord's McChord Field Library.

● **WWI vet honored:** Nearly 100 years after Pfc. John Barnard Goodman was drafted into the Army Signal Corps during World War I, 20 of his descendants met with military leaders at Joint Base Lewis-McChord's I Corps Headquarters Oct. 29 for a ceremony to honor him with a Silver Star and Purple Heart for his exemplary service and extraordinary valor.

NOVEMBER

● **SGMA NW makes history:** The members of the Sergeants Major Association of the Northwest elected next year's officers, including active-duty members as the two top officers, the first time in nearly 10 years. The president will be Sgt. Maj. Keshia White, chief medical noncommissioned officer for Regional Health Command-Pacific. The vice president will be Sgt. Maj. Andrew Garate, from the 7th Infantry Division. Association records show that White will be their first female president.

● **Airman earns Silver Star:** Hundreds of service members gathered at the 22nd Special Tactics Squadron on McChord Field Nov. 16 to watch the presentation of a Silver Star to a Special Tactics Airman and war hero and distinguished Joint Base Lewis-McChord Airman. Staff Sergeant Keaton D. Thiem, a combat controller with the 22nd STS, part of the 24th Special Operations Wing and the Air Force Special Operations Command, was awarded a Silver Star for exceptionally valorous actions.

● **I Corps bids DCG farewell:** After 35 years of military service, Maj. Gen. William K. Fuller, former deputy commanding general of I Corps, retired from the Army during a ceremony at Joint Base Lewis-McChord Nov. 18. I Corps Soldiers, families and friends gathered to bid farewell to Fuller and his family as they embark on a new life outside of the military.

● **Officials talk readiness:** Two of the Army's top officials met with key leaders at Joint Base Lewis-McChord Nov. 28 to talk about ways to help maintain readiness. General Daniel Allyn, vice chief of staff of the Army, and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey visited JBLM to discuss the Ready and Resilient Campaign, also known as R2C.

DECEMBER

● **Guard unit, 7th ID unite:** For more than 45 years, the Washington National Guard's 81st Brigade has worn the iconic Ravens patch, officially approved for wear in May 1970. On Dec. 3, they adopted the 2nd Infantry Division's Indian Head patch and revealed the new brigade colors symbolizing the unit's transformation from an armor brigade to a Stryker brigade combat team.

● **Family visits White House:** Lisa Hallett and her family were welcomed into the White House Nov. 29 to decorate cookies with First Lady of the United States as she and the President's staff paid their respects to Gold Star families. Hallett, her three children: Heidi, Bryce and Jackson and her in-laws were one of the many gold star families invited to the event. They were the only family from Joint Base Lewis-McChord and she referred to the day as "very special."

Sports

JBLM JINGLE BELL JOG AND REINDEER ROMP

Snow, ice fitting for annual holiday run

Participants dress in holiday best during chilly race on Lewis North

BY DEAN SIEMON
Northwest Guardian

Snow and ice couldn't keep athletes from participating in the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Jingle Bell Jog and Reindeer Romp Saturday at the American Lake Conference Center on Lewis North.

The roads were clear and ice wasn't too big of an issue as more than 550 service members, families and veterans took part in the annual holiday run, which included a special visit

from jolly old Saint Nicholas.

"It worked out pretty well," said race coordinator Jennifer Helm. "It's still a pretty good turnout. Santa and Mrs. Claus came down from the North Pole, and they were a big hit."

Santa Claus sang "Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" with children before the start of the youth 1K run. After kids received their medals, older children and adults ran the 5K course around the more secluded neighbor-

hoods of Lewis North.

Eric Sanchez said he was worried about falling on ice, but he had no problems being the first person to cross the finish line with a time of 18 minutes and 59 seconds.

"It was really fun though, especially with my track and field teammates (from Lakes High School) being out here with me," he said.

The Jingle Bell Jog wasn't an officially-timed race. The majority of the participants were running for fun — military families with ties to the Army, Air Force and other branches of service



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Participants near the finish line during the annual JBLM Jingle Bell Jog 5K at the American Lake Conference Center on Lewis North Saturday.

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LOOKING BACK ON THE YEAR IN SPORTS



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Army's Jake Riihimaa, middle, upends Navy's Spencer Alvarez during an Army vs. Navy hockey game at Xfinity Arena in Everett March 26.

JBLM ATHLETES RAISE LEVEL OF COMPETITION

Year in sports features variety of champions

BY DEAN SIEMON
Northwest Guardian

Service members at Joint Base Lewis-McChord have a competitive spirit. It can be seen when they represent their unit in multiple sports and races under the various JBLM Intramural Sports' Commander's Cup leagues. Or when they represent their branch at Armed Forces Championships.

2016 was a very unique year for sports on JBLM. This was the first year the Sports, Fitness and Aquatics program featured open leagues for dependents and civilians to have an opportunity to play on the installation with service members. JBLM continued to provide opportunities for athletes.

The JBLM community has a reach outside of the installation. A number of service members and JBLM youth have competed successfully in regional and national competitions. Some have even been considered the best in their playing field. 2016 was another year for sports highlights in JBLM.

JANUARY

● **2015 Commander's Cup:** Service members from 47th Combat Support Hospital celebrated winning the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Intramural Sports' Commander's Cup trophy for 2015. The unit finished the year with 73 total points and defeated the



AT LEFT: April Ortenzo, a first lieutenant stationed at JBLM, was named the U.S. Army's Female Soldier-Athlete of 2015 in March.

BELOW: Army's Memo Jimenez, right, shoots past a Navy defender during an exhibition match at Gordon Field on the Kitsap County Fairgrounds in Bremerton April 23. The game ended in a 2-2 draw.



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ON THE SCHEDULE

TIME FOR THE 'SMART START' SPORTS CAMP

Youth: Child, Youth and School Services will host a Start Smart youth sports camp Tuesday-Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the gymnasium inside Parent Central Services on Lewis Main. The camp provides an introduction to the fundamentals of various sports. Registration is \$20 for each child, ages 3 and 4. Enrollment is due by Sunday. For more information, call 253-967-2405 or visit jblmmwr.com/cyss_youth_sports.

REGISTRATION FOR YOUTH VOLLEYBALL DUE SUNDAY

Youth: Child, Youth and School Services will host a Youth Volleyball Camp Tuesday-Thursday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Parent Central Services' gymnasium on Lewis Main. Registration is \$35 for children ages 9 to 18. For more information, call 253-967-2405. Register online at jblmmwr.com/cyss_youth_sports.

2017 COMMANDER'S CUP BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Intramural: The 2017 Joint Base Lewis-McChord Commander's Cup season begins with basketball Jan. 17. Representatives from each unit are invited to attend a meeting Jan. 4 at 6 p.m. at Nelson Recreation Center or Jan. 5 at noon at McChord Fitness Center. Open to JBLM active-duty service members. For more information, visit jblmmwr.com/intramural or call 253-967-4768.

CYSS YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION BEGINS

Youth: Registration is open now through Jan. 20 for Joint Base Lewis-McChord children interested in playing soccer this spring. Child, Youth and School Services is offering an introductory Bumblebee Soccer program for ages 3 and 4 (\$25) in addition to having regular soccer for ages 5 to 15 (\$55). Register online at jblmmwr.com/cyss_youth_sports. For more information, call 253-967-2405.

CYSS YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP SET FOR DEC. 27-29

Youth: Child, Youth and School Services will host its Youth Flag Football Camp from Dec. 27-29 at the CYSS Athletic Fields on Lewis Main. Practices run noon to 2 p.m. each day; open for children ages 9 to 18. Enrollment is \$35, due by Dec. 25. Register online at jblmmwr.com/cyss_youth_sports or call 253-967-2405.

SPORTING CLAYS SHOOTING COMPETITION SCHEDULED

Outdoor: The monthly Sporting Clays shooting competition is Jan. 7 at 10:30 a.m. at the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Skeet and Trap Range on Lewis Main. Competition includes 100 targets across 10 different stations. Registration opens at 9 a.m. and is \$35 per participant. For more information, call 253-967-7056.

JBLM FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP JAN. 7

Youth: The Knights of Columbus will host a local Free Throw Championship Jan. 7 at the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Child, Youth and School Services' gymnasium at Parent Central Services on Lewis Main. The competition starts at 3 p.m. and will feature divisions for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14. For more information, call Greg Kaufman at 253-970-3238.

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RUN

with the same goal of being together.

“For me, it’s a big deal to come out here as a family,” said Army Sgt. Stephen Acuff, who brought his wife and three children. “Whether you run or walk, it keeps the kids happy before the holidays and it gives the parents a chance to spend time with their kids.”

The event featured an ugly sweater contest with a variety of people dressed up in holiday themes. Some had sweaters with

lights and ornaments to look like a Christmas tree. Some chose to dress up as Santa Clause, elves, reindeer and even pink bunnies — a subtle nod to one of Ralphe’s presents in the classic film, “A Christmas Story.”

Others went outside the box. Army Sgt. 1st Class Chris Cruse wore a red, white and blue U.S.A. holiday sweater he found online. He also wished people, “Ameri-Christmas.” The outfit was complete with U.S.A. socks, shorts and a headband.

“I left the eagle mask in the car,” Cruse said. “Hashtag safety first.”

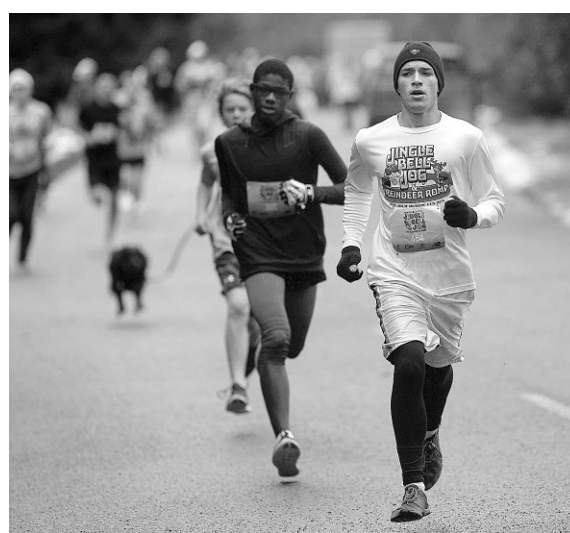
Prizes were awarded through raffle and sweater contest.

Participants left with gift baskets, holiday hams and poinsettias provided by event sponsors. The big prize everyone was hoping for was two round-trip vouchers from Delta Air Lines.

Julie Vasquez celebrated as her number was drawn. In true holiday spirit, she told her daughter, Kaitlan, that she would get to choose where she could go with the vouchers. Kaitlan took a moment, but decided she was going to take her mom with her on the trip.

“It’s very surprising, but very awesome,” Kaitlan said.

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Eric Sanchez, right, leads a group of runners en route to winning the annual JBLM Jingle Bell Jog 5K on Lewis North Saturday. Sanchez finished with a time of 18:59.

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5th Air Support Operations Squadron by three points.

● **Youth free throw champion:** Joint Base Lewis-McChord youth Tracy Harris, Jr. was able to win the Central District Hoop Shoot Contest Jan. 23 at Mount Tahoma High School in Tacoma. After tying with Andrew Mattson, Harris hit a perfect five out of five on the second tiebreaker round.

FEBRUARY

● **CC Dodgeball:** The 5th Air Support Operations Squadron won the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Dodgeball Tournament Feb. 6 at Soldiers Field House on Lewis Main. The team went undefeated throughout the day before defeating 1st Special Forces Group 3-2 in a best-of-five format.

● **Bench Press Championship:** Several service members took home gold medals in their respective divisions during the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Bench Press Championship Feb. 20 at Soldiers Field House. Jamal Peterson of the 523rd Combat Transportation Company had the biggest lift at 415 pounds.

● **Women’s Basketball Crown:** Deborah Johnson scored 21 points and five rebounds to lead the Lady Hawks over the Lady Warriors, 42-30, in the first Joint Base Lewis-McChord Open Women’s Basketball Championship Feb. 27 at McChord Fitness Center. Johnson also had a double-double (21 points, 10 rebounds) in their 28-25 win over the Lady Blazers earlier in the tournament.

MARCH

● **Army Athlete of the Year:** April Ortenzo, an Army first lieutenant stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, was named the U.S. Army’s Female Soldier-Athlete of 2015. Ortenzo was recognized for helping the All-Army women’s team win gold at the 2015 Armed Forces Softball Championships.

● **CC Basketball:** The 23rd Brigade Engineer Battalion defeated the 46th Aviation Support Battalion, 51-42, at the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Commander’s Cup Basketball Championship March 24 at the McChord Fitness Center. Four players scored in double figures, including Kareem Telesford (14).

● **Army vs. Navy Hockey:** A group of Joint Base Lewis-McChord service members took to the ice at Xfinity Arena in Kent to face Navy Region Northwest March 26. The result was a 9-4 win that included four goals in the first period. Mike Santee led the team with a hat trick (three goals).

APRIL

● **Army vs. Navy Soccer:** Joint Base Lewis-McChord and Navy Region Northwest continued their local sports rivalry in a soccer exhibition April 23 at Gordon Field in Bremerton. Despite two quick scores by Matthew Solis and Kevin Silva, Navy forced the 2-2 tie.

● **Northwest Military Masters:** Retired Army Staff Sgt. J.J. Johnson defeated retired Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Duke Ellington in the finals of the 2016 Northwest Military Masters bowling tournament April 23 at Sounders Lanes on McChord Field.

● **Commander’s Cup Bowling:** The 7th Infantry Division’s No. 1 team defeated Madigan Army Medical Center during the finals of the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Commander’s Cup Bowling season April 27 at Bowl Arena Lanes, 2,327 to 1,920. John Burns led the team with games of 201, 247 and 180.

MAY

● **Commander’s Cup Volleyball:**



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Soldiers guard Cabazza Ingram, left, shoots over the First Responders’ Brian Stice (7) during a “Hoops 4 Heroes” game at Steilacoom High School March 10.



Army’s Corey Nottingham, middle, celebrates winning the Salute to Armed Forces Softball Classic at Cheney Stadium in Tacoma in June.

The 3rd Battalion, 358th Field Artillery Regiment defeated 10th Airlift Squadron in straight sets — 28-26 and 25-22 — during the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Commander’s Cup Volleyball Championship May 5 at McChord Fitness Center.

● **JBLM Half-Marathon:** Air Force Reservist Dominic Luka honored mom and family with first-place finish during the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Half-Marathon race May 7 at Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s Festival Tent on Lewis Main. Luka’s time of one hour, 27 minutes and 17 seconds was nearly two minutes faster than the second place runner.

● **Army vs. Navy Rugby:** The Joint Base Lewis-McChord rugby club earned a rare shutout in the 18th annual Pacific Northwest Army-Navy Rugby Championship May 21 at Cowan Stadium. Pat Collins and Lu Alainuuese both scored tries in the 43-0 win over the Navy’s Kitsap Bangors.

JUNE

● **Commander’s Cup Track:** The 17th Field Artillery Brigade earned the most team points during the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Commander’s Cup Track Championship May 31 to

June 2 at Cowan Stadium on Lewis Main. The brigade finished with 53 points, followed closely by 62nd Medical Brigade with 48 points.

● **Sound to Narrows:** During a special military formation run during the Sound to Narrows event June 11 in Tacoma, the 17th Field Artillery Brigade crossed the finish line in formation for the Company Division with a time of one hour and five minutes.

● **Salute to Armed Forces:** An Army team composed of Joint Base Lewis-McChord service members completed a threepeat after defeating Navy Region Northwest at the Tacoma Rainiers’ Salute to Armed Forces Softball Classic at Cheney Stadium June 13-14. Army has defeated Navy in all three championship finals for the local tournament.

● **Rainier Cup:** Team Air Force earned 51 out of 80 possible points to finish with 96 to win the 19th annual Rainier Cup. The three-day tournament involving Army and Navy squads was played at the Gallery golf course in Oak Harbor and both Joint Base Lewis-McChord golf courses — Eagles Pride on Lewis Main and Whispering Firs on McChord Field.

Armed Forces Men’s Rugby Championships Aug. 26-28 at Infinity Park in Glendale, Colo.

SEPTEMBER

● **Buffaloes vs Tuskegee:** Joint Base Lewis-McChord service members represented the Buffalo Soldiers (Army) and the Red-Tailed Hawks (Air Force) for a special Buffalo Soldiers’ Museum Army vs. Air Force softball game Sept. 5 at Heidelberg Park in Tacoma. The Buffalo Soldiers won a close 8-7 game.

● **Commander’s Cup Golf:** Thanks to their knowledge of Whispering Firs Golf Course, Shane Hobrecht and Matthew Horgan led the 5th Air Support Operations Squadron with a team score of 78 to win the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Commander’s Cup Golf Championship Sept. 12.

● **Armed Forces Softball:** Joint Base Lewis-McChord’s Danny Rogers, Andrew Renaud and Jedon Matthews led the All-Army men’s softball team to its fifth consecutive gold medal at the 2016 Armed Forces Softball Championships Sept. 19-22 at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas.

OCTOBER

● **VGA West Regional Final:** Multiple Joint Base Lewis-McChord service members and veterans qualified for the Veteran Golfers Association’s National Championship after finishing in the top of their flights at the West Regional tournament Oct. 1-2 at Chambers Bay Golf Course in University Place. Names include Jordan Bobert, John Scacciotti, Michael Coelho, Howard Smith and defending champion Micah Tilley.

● **Army Ten-Miler:** Jessica Knoll (1:05:23) leads the Joint Base Lewis-McChord women’s team to a third place among active duty women’s teams at the Army Ten-Miler Oct. 9 in Washington, D.C. The men’s team finished ninth overall among all active duty men’s teams.

● **Triumph 5K Championship:** Richard Williams once again showed he’s one of the fastest on Joint Base Lewis-McChord with a first place time of 17:39 during the JBLM Commander’s Cup Triumph Series’ 5K Championship Oct. 21 near Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s Festival Tent. Amanda Dietzen was first among women with a time of 19:29.

NOVEMBER

● **Commander’s Cup Football:** Clark Jones led the 201st Expeditionary Military Intelligence Brigade with 354 combined passing and rushing yards en route to a 28-21 win over Madigan Army Medical Center at the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Commander’s Cup Flag Football Championship Nov. 3 at the Lewis North Athletic Complex.

● **Alpha Warrior:** More than 50 service members and family members at Joint Base Lewis-McChord participated in a time trial challenge during an Alpha Warrior obstacle course event Nov. 5 at Wilson Sports and Fitness Center on Lewis Main. The event also featured former American Ninja Warrior contestants Brent Steffensen and Kacy Catanzaro.

● **CC Swim Meet:** The 47th Combat Support Hospital took first place in the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Commander’s Cup Swim Meet Nov. 16-17 at Soldiers Field House on Lewis Main. Multiple swimmers won four medals, including two gold (100-meter individual medley and 100-meter freestyle) from Kristine Lee.

● **Army vs. Navy Football:** Navy Region Northwest ran away with a fourth-straight victory over Joint Base Lewis-McChord, 28-0, in the 17th annual Puget Sound Army vs. Navy Flag Football Classic Nov. 18 at Cowan Stadium on Lewis Main. Navy’s quarterback Taylor Burns threw for 323 yards and four touchdowns.

JULY

● **Triumph 10K Championship:** Richard Williams enjoyed his first official day on Joint Base Lewis-McChord by winning the JBLM Commander’s Cup Triumph Series’ 10K Championship July 8 on Lewis Main. His time of 38:01 was more than two minutes ahead of the second fastest runner.

● **JBLM Freedom Run:** Chris Pedi was the first to finish during the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Freedom Run at Cowan Stadium on July 23. Used as a qualifier for the JBLM Army Ten-Miler team for October, Pedi’s time was 52:56, followed by Richard Williams (55:30) and Eric Geber (56:14).

● **Commander’s Cup Softball:** Bravo Company, 1st Special Forces Group enjoyed a seven-run second inning and eight runs in the fourth to defeat the 523rd Composition Truck Company, 19-8, in the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Commander’s Cup Softball championship July 28 at the Lewis North Athletic Complex.

AUGUST

● **Deuces Wild Triathlon:** Within Dane Ballou’s first week back in Washington, he finished with the best overall time (1:01:25) at the 2016 Joint Base Lewis-McChord Deuces Wild Triathlon Aug. 20 at Shoreline Park on Lewis North. Retired Army Capt. David Plotts was second with a time of 1:02:33.

● **Armed Forces Golf:** Peter Holmes of I Corps was part of the All-Army men’s team that took silver at the 2016 Armed Forces Golf Championship Aug. 20-23 in Fort Jackson, S.C. Holmes finished with rounds of 76, 74, 74 and 72 for a four-day total of 296.

● **Armed Forces Rugby:** Lieutenant Colonel John “Andy” McQuade, deputy commander of the 627th Air Base Group at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, returned to act as head coach for the All-Air Force rugby program that took silver at the 2016

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Jan. 1 Open 1-8 p.m.

Sounders Lanes Family Fun Center

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Dec. 31 Open 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Family New Year's Eve 6-10 p.m.

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Stone Ed Center Battle Bean

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Dec. 20-22, 27-29 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dec. 23 & 30 7:30 a.m.-Noon

Stone Ed Center Bookstore

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American Lake Conference Center

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Club at McChord Field

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Recreation

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SAMUEL ADAMS BREWHOUSE 3 p.m. to midnight. Enjoy a sit-down dinner with appetizers, salads, pizzas, sandwiches, burgers and more. Happy hour specials 4 to 6 p.m.

AMERICAN LAKE CONFERENCE CENTER Order holiday desserts to-go from the chefs. Call 253-966-4988 or email catering@jblmmwr.com for details.

WHISPERING FIRS AND EAGLES PRIDE GOLF COURSES Holiday Golf Sale through Dec. 23. The more you spend, the more you save.

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SOUNDERS LANES

11 a.m. to midnight. Cosmic black light bowling 5:30 to 11 p.m. Two hours plus shoe rental for \$12 per person, plus \$1 laser maze.

SAMUEL ADAMS BREWHOUSE 9:30 a.m. to midnight. Watch college football right here. Stop by for happy hour 6 to 8 p.m.

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WARRIOR ZONE

9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Buy a pancake breakfast for \$5 while you watch morning football.

SAMUEL ADAMS BREWHOUSE 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Football on big screens all day. Enjoy a breakfast burrito and sandwiches, French toast sticks, coffee and juice.

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SOUNDERS LANES

11 a.m. to 9 p.m. \$1 laser maze all month. Chicken club combo for \$7.75.

WARRIOR ZONE 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Game specials. Enjoy a seven-inch pepperoni pizza and six buffalo wings for \$10.95. Also try \$5 margarita pitchers.

SAMUEL ADAMS BREWHOUSE 3 to 10 p.m. Monday Night Football on big screens. Play Football Picks to win prizes.

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BOWL ARENA LANES

11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Parents bowl free Tuesdays in December (shoe rental not included). Kids' price is \$7; including shoe rental for ages 15 and younger. Two-adult limit per child.

SOUNDERS LANES 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Swedish meatballs over rice with a roll for \$7.75.

WARRIOR ZONE 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. \$2 off draft beer pitchers and \$1 off bottled draft beer, plus food specials weekdays, 5 to 7 p.m. Ages 18 and older only.

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SOUNDERS LANES

11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Chicken bacon ranch wrap for \$7.75.

BOWL ARENA LANES 5 to 8:30 p.m. All-you-can-eat pizza and bowling.

BATTLE BEAN AT STONE EDUCATION CENTER 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday; open Friday until 2 p.m. Take-away breakfast and lunch with a variety of freshly baked pastries.

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THE CLUB AT MCCORD FIELD

Club member Football Frenzy. Enter to win tickets to the Super Bowl, draft beer, food specials and giveaways.

SAMUEL ADAMS BREWHOUSE AND WARRIOR ZONE Catch NFL games every Thursday, Sunday and Monday night. Play Football Picks to win prizes. Check out happy hour specials, giveaways and more.

STRIKE ZONE AT SOUNDERS LANES 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Chicken bulgogi combo for \$8.25.

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Battle Bean at AFC Arena	253-964-8837
Bowl Arena Strike Zone	253-967-4661
Caddy Shack Bar & Grill	253-964-2792
Cascade Community Center/ Heroes Lounge	253-964-0331
Globemaster Grill at McChord Club	253-982-5581
McChord Catering	253-982-8175
The Bistro at Russell Landing	253-964-2813
The Warrior Zone (Lewis North)	253-477-5833
Whispering Firs Habanero Mexican Grill	253-982-3271

To see menus, visit JBLMmwr.com.

AT THE MOVIES

Carey Theater
on Lewis Main

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story (PG-13)
Saturday at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m.
Sunday at 3 p.m., 7 p.m.

A Christmas Story (PG)
Dec. 24 at 11 a.m. *Free admission

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13)

Dec. 24 at 3 p.m.

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story (PG-13)
Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

Trolls 3D (PG)
Dec. 25 at 3 p.m.

Arrival (PG-13)
Dec. 25 at 7 p.m.

MOVIE TIMES

FRIDAY

**TACOMA AREA
BLUE MOUSE THEATRE: 253-752-9500**

Storks (PG) 7
GRAND CINEMA: 253-593-4474
Ali and Nino (Not Rated) 11:30, 2, 4:30, 6:50
Jackie (R) 2, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10
Manchester by the Sea (R) noon, 3, 6, 9
The Eagle Huntress (G) 12:10, 2:15, 4:20, 6:30, 8:40
Loving (PG-13) 11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50
Moonlight (R) 9:10 p.m.

**LAKEWOOD TOWNE CENTER
CINEMAS: 888-262-4386**

Collateral Beauty (PG-13) 9:45, 12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:10
Rogue One: A Star Wars Story 3-D (PG-13) 8, 9, 11, 12:10, 2, 5:10, 6:25, 8:20, 9:40, 11:25, 11:45, 12:40
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Office Christmas Party (R) 12:25, 3, 5:30, 8:10, 9:10,

10:45
Allied (R) 12:20, 3:20, 6:15
Moana (PG) 11:45, 1, 2:25, 5, 7:40, 10:20
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 11, 2, 5, 8, 11
Nocturnal Animals (R) 1, 3:45, 6:45, 9:30
Arrival (PG-13) 11:55, 2:35, 5:15, 8, 10:45
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 10:45, 1:30, 4:20, 7, 9:45
Trolls (PG) 10 a.m.

**REGAL LAKEWOOD STADIUM 15:
844-462-7342**

Collateral Beauty (PG-13) 10:30, 1:50, 4:55, 7:40, 10:10
Rogue One: A Star Wars Story 3-D (PG-13) 9:45, 10:45, 12:30, 1, 2, 3:45, 4:15, 5:15, 7, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45
Rogue One: A Star Wars Story (PG-13) 10:15, 11:15, noon, 1:30, 3:15, 4:45, 6, 6:30, 8, 9:15, 11:15
Miss Sloane (R) 2:40, 11:15
Office Christmas Party (R) 2:20, 5:05, 8:10, 11
Allied (R) 2
Moana 3-D (PG) 11 a.m.
Moana (PG) 10, 1:15, 4:30, 7:50, 10:40
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 1:30, 3, 6:15, 9:30
Manchester by the Sea (R) 12:40, 4, 7:15, 10:30
Nocturnal Animals (R) 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 10
Arrival (PG-13)

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Doctor Strange (PG-13) 12:15, 3:30, 6:40, 9:40
Hacksaw Ridge (R) 10:40, 5:40, 9:20

**CENTURY POINT RUSTON AND XD:
800-246-6215 #3238**

Arrival (PG-13) 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
Collateral Beauty (PG-13) 10:50, 1:40, 4:20, 7, 9:40
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:25, 10:25
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 9:20, 12:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:40
Moana (PG) 9:20, 12:30, 3:30, 6:45, 9:30
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Rogue One: A Star Wars Story XD (PG-13) 9:15, 3:55, 7:15
Rogue One: A Star Wars Story XD 3-D (PG-13) 12:35, 10:35

**PUYALLUP
LONGSTON PLACE: 253-770-9901**
Collateral Beauty (PG-13) 11:20, 2, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50
Rogue One: A Star Wars Story 3-D (PG-13) 9, 10, 10:30, 10:45,

11:20, 12:10, 1:10, 1:40, 2:10, 2:30, 3, 3:20, 4:20, 4:50, 5:20, 5:40, 6:15, 6:30, 8, 8:30, 8:45, 9:40, 10:40, 11:10, 11:40
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Miss Sloane (R) 9:15 a.m., 9:40 p.m.
Office Christmas Party (R) 10:15, 1:10, 7:50, 10:30
Allied (R) 10:20 a.m.
Bad Santa 2 (R) 9:10 a.m.
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) 10:15, 2, 5, 8:10
Nocturnal Animals (R) 9:50, 12:50, 3:50, 6:40, 9:30
Arrival (PG-13) 12:15, 3:15, 6:15, 9:15
Doctor Strange (PG-13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 10:15

SOUTH HILL MALL SIX: 253-445-8801

Moana 3-D (PG) 1:20, 4
Moana (PG) 1, 3:40, 6:30, 9:10
Manchester by the Sea (R) 1:10, 4:35, 7:55
Hacksaw Ridge (R) 1:05, 4:15, 7:45
Loving (PG-13) 6:15, 9
Trolls (PG) 1:30, 3:50, 6:45, 9:50
The Accountant (R) 1:25, 4:25, 7:35

SEE MOVIES, 6C



Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium

Once a year, Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium in Tacoma is transformed into a bright and colorful winter wonderland. Zoolights will be on display now through Jan. 1, 2017.

Wild Waves and Enchanted Village amusement park in Federal Way will be aglow with holiday lights through the end of the year.



Courtesy photo

WHERE TO SEE HOLIDAY LIGHTS

LIGHT UP THE SEASON

BY RIO FERNANDES
Northwest Guardian

A variety of holiday light shows around the greater Joint Base Lewis-McChord area can help you experience the

magic of the season.

Often a staple of this merry time of the year, JBLM residents have their pick of dazzling displays and light shows to choose from. Three of the biggest and most well-known are

Zoolights at the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium, Fantasy Lights at Spanaway Park and the Holiday with Lights celebration at Enchanted Village in Federal Way.

The oldest light display

in the Puget Sound, Zoolights, is entering its 29th year, and Point Defiance Zoo officials have gotten the winter transformation down to an exact science.

SEE LIGHTS, 11C

PUGET SOUND REVELS PRESENTS

THE CHRISTMAS REVELS

Dec. 17, 2 & 7:30pm
Dec. 18, 1 & 5:30pm*

* ASL interpreted

Dec. 20, 7:30pm
Dec. 21, 7:30pm

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DECEMBER 17

SEA KAYAK
SKILLS CLASS

Outdoor Recreation offers five levels of two-hour kayak skills classes.

- Level one: proper paddling techniques and how to buddy-rescue.

- Level two: edging maneuvers and self-rescue.

- Level three: recovery techniques and muscle memory exercises for the roll.

- Level four: multiday kayak trip prep and t-rescue.

- Level five: the roll.

Start at any time and master as many levels as you'd like. Meet at Kimbro Pool inside McVeigh Sports and Fitness Center at 7:30 p.m. Minimum age: 12. Clinic with NAC expert guides. **\$25.**

NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY
TRIP TO SEATTLE

This class starts as the sun sets. Learn how to capture images shooting directly into the sun and how to capture our beautiful city at night. Learn techniques of isolating aperture and shutter speed to capture different types of nighttime shots and how to capture motion blur. It's important to have a basic understanding on how to adjust aperture, shutter speed and ISO. Bring your camera, fully charged battery, tripod and comfortable walking shoes.

Minimum age: 12. Guests younger than 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Depart from the Northwest Adventure Center at Lewis North at 3:30 p.m. Trip with NAC expert guide. **\$65.**

SHOWSHOE OR HIKE
PANORAMA POINT

Discover the beauty of Mount Rainier on snowshoeing trails that offer something for everybody. Travel along Mount Rainier's Glacier Vista Trail while exploring the best route up to Panorama Point. Difficulty: moderate to difficult; distance: 3 miles; time: three hours. Minimum age: 12. Guests younger than 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Guide, gear, instruction and transportation are provided. Meet at the Northwest Adventure Center at Lewis North at 8 a.m. or McChord Field's Adventures

Unlimited at 8:15 a.m. **\$65.**

DECEMBER 18

ROCK CLIMBING TRIP TO
BELLINGHAM

If you're interested in learning rock climbing skills, this trip is a good place to start. Spend a day on the beach of Larrabee State Park exploring the incredible sandstone features on the famous Chuckanut Drive. The Puget Sound comes right up to the rocks as you scamper around, practicing strength and endurance on any of the vast bouldering routes. Weather may be cold, so bring appropriate clothing. Minimum age: 16. Depart from the Northwest Adventure Center at Lewis North at 7 a.m. **\$75.**

DECEMBER 30

INTRODUCTION TO
BACKCOUNTRY SKIING

Whether you're wanting to get into skiing or want to take the plunge into the backcountry with your skills, this class is an educational day that will teach you everything from how to set up your ski kit and how to engage the avalanche float bags to perfecting your turns in deep powder. Get away from the lift lines and learn how to earn your turns anywhere the snow falls. **\$95.**

JANUARY 4

ATTEND NEXT ALPINE
CLUB MEETING

Climbers are invited to the Alpine Club meeting at 6 p.m. The activity and meeting location differ each month. Members, check out jblmalpine-club.blogspot.com for additional information. Trip with NAC expert guides. Free.

JANUARY 7

STANDUP PADDLEBOARD
PHOTO TRIP

Many people will never get to see the majestic bald eagle in its natural habitat, but we'll float down the docile Skagit River on paddleboards among one of the largest concentrations of bald eagles in the Lower 48 states on Jan. 7. Don't worry about getting cold, as you'll wear an insulated

wetsuit that will keep you very warm. If paddling down the river isn't for you, then sign up for the optional photography excursion available with either trip. The photo excursion follows the Skagit River as you learn how to take wildlife photos. You'll also visit many of the eagle's habitats in the area. Depart from the Northwest Adventure Center at Lewis North at 7 a.m. Reasonable accommodations can be made for persons with special needs; popular family trip with NAC expert guides. **\$75.**

BELLA DONNA
BACKCOUNTRY SKIING

Winter is here and this is a ladies-only trip designed with every level in mind. There are slopes if you're still feeling out this activity. For the more confident skiers or boarders, nearby peaks offer a great ride on true alpine terrain. Let your guides lead you on an adventure. Ground transportation, backcountry ski or split snowboard, avalanche beacon, shovel, probe and airbag included. **\$95.**

JANUARY 7-8

SNOW CAMPING TRIP AT
MT. RAINIER

Want something more than simple snowshoeing but less than technical mountaineering? This trip is for you. Travel to majestic Mount Rainier and head up into the amazing Tatoosh Range for a moderate alpine hike. After setting up camp in the snowy meadows near Reflection Lake, travel up to the summit of Pinnacle Peak for amazing views. This nontechnical climb up snow is moderately strenuous and requires the use of an ice axe, which you'll learn to use. Don't miss out on this trip in the beautiful alpine region of Washington state. Minimum age: 16. **\$170.**

JANUARY 8

SNOWSHOE TRIP NEAR
LAKE ANN

Hike your way through the views of this amazing state. The Pacific Northwest is such a unique location; its mountains offer visitors tranquility in its vast forest. Lake Ann is nestled at the base of Stewart Mountain in the Central Cascades. Surrounded by peaks, the views

from this snowshoe adventure won't disappoint. Minimum age: 12. Guests younger than 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Difficulty: easy to moderate; distance: 8.2 miles round-trip; time: four to five hours. Depart from the Northwest Adventure Center at Lewis North at 6:30 a.m. **\$90.**

WINTER PHOTOGRAPHY
EXCURSION TRIP

Winter is a special time at Mount Rainier National Park. The rewards are many for photographers in pursuit of dramatic compositions. In this workshop, you'll have the opportunity to make winter images from a variety of locations, exploring different compositional methods. Bring camera, tripod and extra batteries. Transportation, instruction and snowshoes are included. Minimum age: 12. Guests younger than 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Depart from the Northwest Center at Lewis North at 8 a.m. Trip with NAC expert guides. **\$65.**

JANUARY 12

SNOWSHOE SNOQUALMIE
PASS BY MOONLIGHT

Snowshoe on the Snoqualmie Pass trails by the light of the moon. Gear, guide, instruction and transportation provided. Difficulty: beginner; distance: 1.5 miles; elevation gain: 50 feet; time: two hours. Minimum age: 12. Depart from the Northwest Adventure Center at Lewis North at 5:30 p.m. or McChord Field's Adventures Unlimited at 5:45 p.m. Reasonable accommodations can be made for persons with special needs; popular family trip. **\$55.**

JANUARY 14-17

WINTER EXPEDITION
MOUNTAINEERING

Mount Rainier is one of the premier locations in the country for winter mountaineering. The Winter Expedition Skills Seminar offers training and mountaineering on glaciers and in weather and temperature conditions similar to Alaska and the Himalayas. After a day of technical training, begin the ascent to Camp Muir where you'll use the mountain hut as base while learning mountaineering skills

oriented toward cold weather, high altitude expedition climbing, avalanche forecasting and avalanche rescue. If weather and climbing conditions allow, the group will make a summit attempt via the Ingraham Glacier as the culmination of the winter mountaineering experience. This is the premiere training event prior to a summit attempt on Denali. Minimum age: 16. **\$750.**

JANUARY 14

STANDUP PADDLEBOARD
PHOTO TRIP

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CROSS-COUNTRY SKI AT
KEECHELUS LAKE

Ski along Keechelus Lake near Snoqualmie Pass with the Outdoor Recreation program. This will be a great day in the snow-filled Cascades. Gear, transportation and basic instruction are provided. Go to the Northwest Adventure Center to be fitted for your gear no later than the day before the trip. Difficulty: easy; distance: 5 miles; time: three hours. Depart from the Northwest Adventure Center at Lewis North at 8 a.m. or McChord Field's Adventures Unlimited at 8:15 a.m. **\$65.**

LEARN PHOTOSHOP FOR
PHOTOGRAPHY

Learn to manipulate images, improve access to the elements of the software, gain greater editing freedom and significant image enhancement techniques with this workshop. Edit content

to output to web, print or mobile devices. This course provides hands-on practical insight into skills to use Photoshop effectively when editing photographs. No Photoshop experience required. To get full advantage of the course, please bring a laptop with Photoshop installed. Practice images will be provided, but feel free to bring any images you want to work on. Minimum age: 12. Meet at the Northwest Adventure Center at Lewis North at 9 a.m. Location subject to change due to renovation. Trip with NAC expert guides. **\$45.**

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MAY 10-30, 2017

ALPINE CLUB DENALI
MULTIDAY EXPEDITION

Alaska is home to one of the most impressive mountains in North America: Denali. Standing at 20,310 feet, it's the highest mountain in North America and one of the world's Seven Summits. The Alpine Club is running a 20-day expedition to Denali in Alaska for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. This expedition will attempt the West Buttress route from Kahiltna Glacier. Although there's no technical difficulty, many stretches leave very little margin for error. Prospective climbers should be highly competent in travel on moderately steep snow/ice and exposed traverses. Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Outdoor Recreation program will offer a Winter Cascade Expedition Seminar course to prepare you. Included in the cost is transportation and airfare, lodging and technical gear (except boots, clothing, food, sleeping bag and expedition pack). For details, email jblmalpineclub@gmail.com. **\$5,000.**

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GIG HARBOR
GALAXY UPTOWN THEATRE: 253-857-7469

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story 3-D (PG-13) 11, 2:30, 6:15, 9:45 **Rogue One: A Star Wars**

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EATONVILLE
ROXY THEATRE: 360-832-7699

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story (PG-13) 7
SOUTH KING COUNTY
AUBURN STADIUM 17: 253-735-6721

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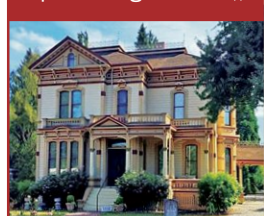
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HOLIDAY

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Annual Model Train Festival Museum-wide event for families, railroad buffs and model train enthusiasts 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday through Jan. 1. Washington State History Museum, 1911 Pacific Ave., Tacoma. Free for members, \$12 adults, \$8 seniors/students/military, free kids younger than 5. 253-727-3500, modeltrainfestival.org.

A Gospel Christmas 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday. Pacific Church, 3211 112th St. E., Tacoma. Free. 253-536-0801, pacchurch.org.

Messiah Singalong Director Wayne Lackman will lead and also present a talk on the history behind the Messiah. A free will offering will benefit Backpacks for Kids. 3:30 to 6 p.m. Sunday. Fox Island United Church of Christ, 726 Sixth Ave., Fox Island. 253-549-2420, foxislanducc.com.

"Miracle on 34th Street" Screening 1:45 and 6:45 p.m. Wednesday. The Grand Cinema, 606 S. Fawcett Ave., Tacoma. \$8 matinee, \$10 general admission. 253-572-6062.

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lights. 5 to 9 p.m. through Jan. 1. Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium, 5400 N. Pearl St., Tacoma. \$5-\$10. 253-591-5337, pdza.org.

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Santa Train Travel by train for a visit with Santa Claus and to enjoy refreshments served from the Museum's railway kitchen car. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Saturday. Northwest Railway Museum, 38625 S.E. King St., Snoqualmie. \$24; younger than 2 free. 425-888-3030, trainmuseum.org.

Seattle Center Winterfest The return of Winter Train and Village, Winterfest ice rink and family activities in Seattle Center Armory, Fisher Pavilion and on the grounds of Seattle Center. 10 a.m. through Dec. 30. Seattle Center, 305 Harrison St., Seattle. 206-684-7200, seattlecenter.com.

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NIGHTLIFE

FRIDAY

Billy McHale's 1320 S. 324th St., Federal Way, Moments Notice (9 p.m.). 253-839-4200.

Buffino's Golden West Saloon 5228 South Tacoma Way, Tacoma, Back Porch Band (9 p.m.). 253-471-9892.

Emerald Queen I-5 Nightclub 2024 E. 29th St., Tacoma, Sin City (9 p.m.). 253-594-7777.

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Forza Coffee Company 1520 Wilmington Drive, DuPont, live music (6:30 p.m.). 253-964-1407.

Forza Coffee Company 2209 N. Pearl St., Tacoma, open mic (7 p.m.). 253-759-9320.

G. Donnalson's 3814 N. 26th St., Tacoma, Kim Archer (7:30 p.m.). 253-761-8015.

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South Tacoma Way, Lakewood, Notorious 253 (9 p.m.). 253-396-0500.

Jazzbones 2803 Sixth Ave., Tacoma, Erotic City: Tribute to Prince; Life During Wartimes: Tribute to Talking Heads (8 p.m.). 253-396-9169.

Louie G's 5219 Pacific Highway E., Fife, Rain Light Fade and Friends (7:30 p.m.). 253-926-9700.

Muckleshoot Casino 2402 Auburn Way S., Auburn, Shania Twain Tribute (8 p.m.), Mr. Pink (9:30 p.m.). 253-333-1848.

Rock The Dock 535 Dock St., Tacoma, Kurt Lindsay (8 p.m.). 253-272-5004.

Royal Bear 35731 West Valley Highway S., Algonia, Royal We (9 p.m.). 206-628-0888.

The Swiss 1904 S. Jefferson, Tacoma, Out of Hate, (9 p.m.). 253-572-2821.

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Manchester by the Sea (R)

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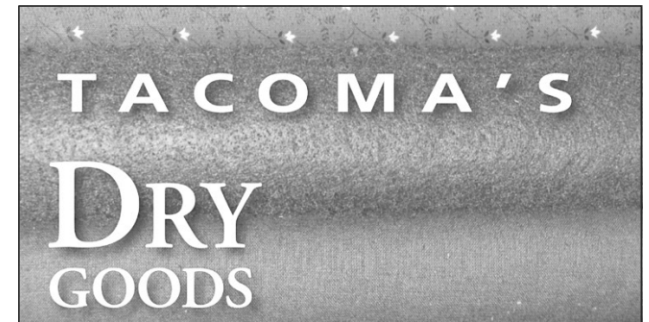
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LIGHTS

“There is a reason that people keep coming to see our exhibit, and that is because we are always adding something new,” said Kris Sherman, the zoo’s communication assistant manager. “We have some one-of-a-kind exhibits that we have perfected over the years. It’s our gift to the Puget Sound.”

This year, the light show will feature a two replica Narrow Straight Bridges decorated with headlights and taillights. There will also be a variety of animated displays, including one that depicts an eagle snatching prey out of the water.

Attending the light show normally costs \$10 at the gate, but cheaper tickets can be purchased online or at any Puget Sound Fred Meyer. Combo passes, which allow people to visit the zoo and stay for Zoolights, are available for \$16.

If seeing a holiday light show sounds like fun, but you’re worried about the cold, then consider the Fantasy Lights at Spanaway Park. This drive-thru exhibit showcases more than 300 displays over the 2-mile drive for \$11 when a military ID card is presented.

“If there is bad weather, you don’t need to worry because you are in your car,” said Jennifer Spane, the recreational supervisor at the Pierce County Parks and Recreation Department. “You can keep everyone close and enjoy the lights together while also staying warm.”

Fantasy Lights is open



Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium

An aquatic theme, featuring sea lions, is part of the Zoolights display at Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium in Tacoma.

every night from 5:30 to 9 p.m. and also has a special radio station to listen to while you drive through that will play iconic holiday music.

If you’re looking for a bit of thrill while seeing a dazzling light display, you’ll be hard pressed to find something more fun than the Holiday with Lights at Enchanted Village. The amusement park will be transformed with more than a million lights and 25 newly-decorated rides and attractions until the new year.

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Todd Suchan, Wild Waves Theme Park’s general manager. “The lights

transform the park into a winter wonderland that makes for a truly

special experience for our guests.”

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If You Go

Zoolights Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium, 5400 N. Pearl St., Tacoma; 253-591-5337.

Pierce County Fantasy Lights: Spanaway Park, 15320 Bresemann Blvd. SW, Spanaway; 253-798-4176.

Wild Waves and Enchanted Village: 36201 Enchanted Parkway S., Federal Way; 253-661-8000.

excited to know that Santa’s Workshop and Toyland will also be open at the Enchanted Village. These exhibits capture the magic of the season and allow kids to play in man-made snow, make personalized letters to Santa and create holiday arts and crafts.

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