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I CORPS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

I Corps celebrates 100th anniversary

Tour of renovated headquarters first of several centennial events

BY DEAN SIEMON
Northwest Guardian
I Corps was proud to show more than a dozen visiting members of Joint Base Lewis-McChord's Hall of Fame changes that have been made, and those soon to be made, to the headquarters building on Lewis Main during its inaugural "100 Years of Courage" celebration event Jan. 17.

Lieutenant General Gary Volesky, I Corps commanding general, hosted the tour of the headquarters' renovation and redecoration given in conjunction to I Corps' Centennial anniversary — I Corps was activated from Jan. 15 to 20, 1918, in France during World War I. "What you'll see, when we're

done, is that the corps' redesign is going to make the corps look a bit different and make it look like a headquarters that I hope you will all be proud to come in and see," Volesky said. Current service members from I Corps staff took the charge for the various historical display cases highlighting the various conflicts I Corps has been involved with — including World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Iraq War and



Lt. Gen. Gary Volesky, right, I Corps commanding general, speaks with Miriam Ball, a former Army nurse, during a centennial celebration event on Lewis Main Jan. 17.

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JBLM TAX CENTER

TAX SEASON COMETH!



SpC. Justin Ou, left, conducts a quality review for fellow staff member SpC. Naing Zaya during an exercise at the JBLM Tax Center Tuesday.

Staff members busy preparing for Jan. 29

BY RUTH KINGSLAND
Northwest Guardian
There's no need to fear that oft-times daunting April 17 deadline. The Joint Base Lewis-McChord Tax Center opens Monday and offers free help with tax filing for service members, families and retirees. The center is entering its third year in the old Clarkmoor Elementary School, located at the intersection of South Division and Bitar Avenue on Lewis Main. In the past two years, the center averaged 5,500 returns filed per year, according to Capt.

SEE CENTER, 10A



SpC. Kyle Ayala, left, loads up his plate with food as Sgt. 1st Class Estelle Davis prepares to cut the official cake following a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the JBLM Tax Center Monday.

SEE TAX, 10A

MILITARY ONESOURCE

Free tax software available this year

Software for use when filing online

BY LISA FERDINANDO
Department of Defense News Service
WASHINGTON, D.C. — 'Tis the season — for taxes. With the new year bringing a new tax season, Military OneSource has launched its free tax software to support military members and their families in the annual task of filing on militaryonesource.mil. The MilTax software is available through the Military OneSource website, and walks military families through a variety of filing scenarios, said Erika Slaton, program analyst for the Defense Department's Military OneSource program. "Service members and their families have unique tax filing situations," she said. "There are frequent moves, deployments or multistate filings — there are a host of considerations that military members and their families face."

The tax software allows users to submit a federal and up to three state tax returns at no cost, Slaton said. While members on Joint Base Lewis-McChord can speak with volunteers for in-person tax filing assistance at the JBLM Tax Center, military members and their families can speak via phone with a Military OneSource tax experts.

627TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON

Airman comes to the aid of ailing Korean War vet

BY STAFF SGT. WHITNEY TAYLOR
62nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs
There are many who believe there is no such thing as coincidence; things happen for a reason and people enter their lives for a purpose. If retired Marine Corps Lt. Col. Ronald Price and Staff Sgt. Daniel Watkins, 627th Security Forces Squadron unit training manager, did not count themselves among those who believe in fate prior to their serendipitous meeting the morning of Jan. 10, it is likely they now do.

"I was the first person to interact with Lieutenant Colonel Price," said Clarence Cavalier, 627th SFS Education and Training chief. "I originally misjudged Price as a homeless person who had somehow wandered onto base until I asked for some identification and he gave me his retired military ID card. He mentioned that he had previous-

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Courtesy photo

Maj. Michael Holt, left, 627th Security Forces Squadron commander, presents a coin to Staff Sgt. Daniel Watkins on McCord Field Jan. 12.



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Tech. Sgt. Gregory Jenkins, right, receives 627th ABG's NCO of the Year award Friday.

AWARD WINNERS
The 627th Air Base Group held its annual awards breakfast Friday at the Club at McCord Field with the group's Airmen being honored for their achievements in 2017. **See story, 3A**

OPERATION BABY SHOWER

Moms, mommies-to-be pick up new tips, prizes

BY RUTH KINGSLAND
Northwest Guardian

Jenna Stockton, an Army wife, stood in a photo booth holding a sign that proclaimed her status as a “Mommy-to-be 22 weeks.” Her 2-year-old daughter held cardboard rattles and smiled toward a camera phone held by Megan Braholli, recreation specialist at the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s special events office.

The gender of Stockton’s second child isn’t yet known, but, she said, “I think (the baby is) a boy but I’m keeping options open — we’re keeping (the gender) a surprise.”

Stockton was among hundreds of expectant families attending JBLM’s seventh annual Operation Baby Shower at American Lake Conference Center Saturday. The event was hosted by JBLM’s Family and MWR and Child, Youth and School Services.

The event was popular for new moms especially because of the many vendors, offering tips and product information.

It was also fun for dads, such as Air Force Staff Sgt. Julio Garcia, 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, who helped his pregnant wife, Lucy, select a knitted hat from a table of free items for their daughter, due Feb. 6.

The third Garcia child will be named Elizabeth in honor of Queen Elizabeth, Lucy Garcia said, adding that their other two daughters, Victoria, 8, and Isabella, 3, also are named for queens.

Although the couple was surprised with the third pregnancy, Garcia said they are ready to welcome a third girl.

“I’m super happy,” he said, adding that this child won’t see a lot of pink clothing and accessories as their oldest child, Victoria, wore the family out with “pinkness.”

“This is nice,” he said, of a yellow and blue knitted cap at a table handmade hats, bibs and other baby items offered free from the Marine Corps Kids.

Ruth Laitila, of Auburn, made many of the items and others were donated by the Marine



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Neomi Marriam, left, helps Andrea Russell, of University Place, adjust a baby carrier containing Russell’s newborn son Max, 8 weeks, during Operation Baby Shower on Lewis North Saturday.

Corps Auxiliary in St. Louis.

“People ask me why the Marine Corps Kids brings items for this event, but I just tell them that even if the Marines are only at JBLM a few weeks in the summer for training, it doesn’t matter whether it is for Marines, Coast Guard, Army, Navy, Air Force or National Guard, we are here to help all of the military,” Laitila said.

Also popular at the event was a baby food testing activity, where moms and others sampled a variety of flavors and had to guess which spoonful was which, from apple pear; apple prune; and apple blueberry to pear, cinnamon, oatmeal; turkey pot pie; and chicken vegetable.

Melanie Hogan, an Army wife and veteran, made a face as she sampled a spoonful of baby food offered by Jennifer Miller, service culture educator with Family and MWR. Hogan placed a “D” next to the corresponding space on her game sheet, indicating the flavor was chicken vegetable.

Hogan married in July and she and her husband are hoping to start a family soon; however, she’s not pregnant yet, she said. Perhaps that’s why her internal baby food indicator was a bit off and she only scored one correct

answer on the competition.

But, her friend, Spc. Brianna Rawlinson, 13th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 593rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command, fared no better in the taste test. Rawlinson held her 4-month-old son, Trey as she and Hogan sampled baby food.

“Well, at least we got one right,” she said to Hogan, as they went on to find another activity to enjoy.

Instead of getting a passport stamped from vendor tables, this year, attendees were invited to add charms to a bracelet to be turned in at the end of the event for possible prizes.

“This is the first year for a lot of the activities,” said Lesley Hill, director of JBLM’s Arts and Crafts, who acted as lead on the event.

This year, the event also included crafts and games for children.

Brittany Kimura, an Army wife, and her daughter, Kylie, 5, colored baby bibs at one craft table. Kimura, who is expecting her second daughter, A’Maya, May 10, drew a wolf on a bib for A’Maya.

Kylie said she is excited to soon have a baby sister: “She will be my sister.”

NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

JBLM leaders to pray for leadership

BY RUTH KINGSLAND
Northwest Guardian

For many, prayer is a connection with the Creator that soothes pain, encourages unity and, builds hope and faith.

Prayer will also serve as a petition to God to inspire and direct our nation’s leaders, as up to 400 of Joint Base Lewis-McChord’s active duty service members join together for the annual National Prayer Breakfast at the Club at McChord Field Feb. 2 at 7 a.m.

Tickets are available, but must be ordered through unit chaplains.

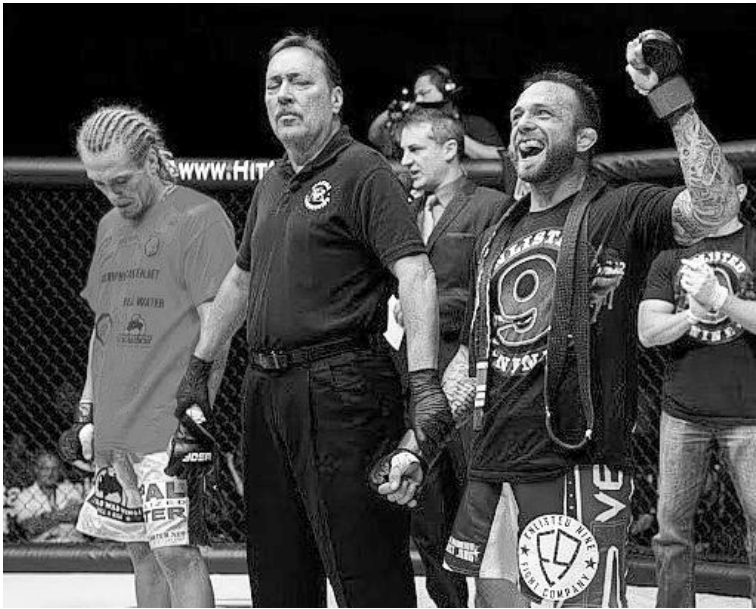
“There’s a limited capacity, so it’s only open to active-duty service members, but it’s a great way to fellowship and gather for prayer,” said Staff Sgt. Jill Hermesen, JBLM’s Garrison chaplain’s assistant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

JBLM has participated in the National Prayer Breakfast for several years as part of the national event, which began more than six decades ago in Washington, D.C. The event began in 1953 under the leadership of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower and has continued on the first Thursday of February each year with the participation of every president since.

Leadership of cities and states across the country have joined in the tradition. The event is a way for military, community and national leaders to gather and pause to thank God for his provision and call upon God for blessing, direction and leadership.

In addition to prayers from many of the installation’s chaplains, Chad Robichaux, a nationally known, best-selling author, martial arts champion, Marine veteran and Department of Defense contractor, will be the event’s special guest speaker.

Col. Rebecca Sonkiss, 62nd Airlift Wing commander, will also speak at the event, which is



Courtesy photo

Chad Robichaux, right, a nationally known author and mixed martial arts champion, will be the featured speaker during the annual National Prayer Breakfast on McChord Field Feb. 2.

If you go

What: National Prayer Breakfast

Where: The Club at McChord Field

When: Feb. 2, from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tickets are required and must be obtained in advance from unit chaplains.

hosted by Col. Nicole Lucas, JBLM garrison commander.

Robichaux served as a Force Recon Marine and deployed eight times to Afghanistan as part of a Joint Special Operations Command Task Force. He is also a former federal agent and law enforcement officer who was awarded the Medal of Valor for bravery.

And Robichaux is a third-degree Brazilian jiu-jitsu black

belt and a former professional mixed martial arts champion.

After transitioning out of the military, Robichaux and his wife, Kathy, founded the Mighty Oaks Foundation, a nonprofit in Temecula, Calif., that serves the military community with peer-to-peer, faith-based combat trauma and resiliency programs.

“Since all instructors are program alumni, they each have experienced tragedy and hardships through their service to America,” according to the Mighty Oaks Foundation’s web site. “Having endured deployments, family separations, learning to handle the effects of post-traumatic stress (both in war and at home), the instructors are able to connect to the students on a peer level, opening a forum that is not found in clinical environments.”

At the National Prayer Breakfast, Robichaux is expected to share his own battles faced after military service.

NEWS IN BRIEF

593rd ESC commander presented with star at promotion ceremony

The Army promoted a career logistician to the rank of brigadier general in a ceremony at American Lake Conference Center on Joint Base Lewis-McChord Jan. 17.

Brigadier General James Moore, 593rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command commanding general, received his first star in front of family, friends and fellow Soldiers, as well as community leaders.

General Gustave Perna, Army Materiel Command’s commanding general, presided over the promotion ceremony.

“James Moore is of the highest character, and he will not let our Army down,” Perna said during remarks to about 200 guests at the promotion ceremony. “This is why we promote colonels to generals — because of their potential; because of their ability to be personally and professionally uncomfortable; because we know they are competent, committed and of high character. That’s you, James.”

Perna, joined by Moore’s wife, Brenda, replaced the colonel shoulder board ranks on Moore’s Army Service Uniform with a simple, single star on each shoulder, signifying his promotion to brigadier general.

“Without Brenda, my kids, my parents and my in-laws, I would have never ever been able to do what I’ve done over the past 28 plus years,” Moore said.

He also acknowledged fellow Soldiers that he has served with throughout his career.

“This a team sport, and you don’t get far without the help of the team,” Moore said.

Members of Moore’s family flew across the country from Philadelphia, and the states of Georgia and Virginia.

— CAPT. CAIN CLAXTON, 593RD ESC

Joint Task Force Civil Support arrive on JBLM for its exercise

Members of Joint Task Force Civil Support, a joint standing Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear unit, deployed to Joint Base Lewis-McChord Tuesday for the annual week-long exercise Sudden Response 2018.

“We strive to be faster, lighter, and more interoperable and Sudden Response helps us practice for that,” said Maj. Gen. Richard Gallant, JTF-CS commander. “We deploy to help those in need. We provide the right force and the right response for CBRN incidents, remaining ever vigilant and always ready to save lives and prevent further suffering in times of crisis.”

The joint task force uses the command post exercise to demonstrate capabilities in response to a simulated nuclear detonation in the U.S. The exercise tests the joint task force procedures and collaborative efforts in response to the initial phases of a simulated man-made or natural disaster.

More than 150 joint task force members deployed and are conducting training operations with units assigned to the 5,000-plus member Defense CBRN Response Force. The response force is a scalable response force ready to deploy within 24 hours to support local, state, tribal and federal agencies in the event of a large-scale CBRN incident.

It’s comprised of units from across the country and, unlike other military units that prepare for operations overseas, the response forces is focused solely on the homeland.

For more information, visit jtfcs.northcom.mil.

— JOINT TASK FORCE CIVIL SUPPORT

Joint Base Lewis-McChord has late-night firings for next week

An infantry unit on Joint Base Lewis-McChord will conduct day, evening and nighttime artillery and mortar training next week.

● Mortar training will take place from Tuesday at 12:01 a.m. to Wednesday at 11:59 p.m. Training will occur throughout daytime and nighttime hours.

The unit will take part in 60 mm, 81 mm and 120 mm mortar training on JBLM.

Increased levels of activity will be noticed throughout the training.

This is required training, which allows military members to practice and improve skills necessary during combat. As often as possible, JBLM conducts larger scale artillery firing and demolition training at the Yakima Training Center in an effort to minimize inconvenience for the surrounding communities. However, some training must take place on base.

— JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Lewis Main Commissary aligns its hours with McChord Commissary

The Lewis-Main Commissary on Joint Base Lewis-McChord will change its hours of operation Thursday to align itself with the hours of the McChord Field Commissary.

The new hours of JBLM commissaries Thursday will be:

- Sundays: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Mondays: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Early Bird hours, for shoppers needing 15 items or less, run for a half-hour before each day’s scheduled opening.

— LEWIS MAIN COMMISSARY

JBLM civilian hall of fame, service award nominations accepted now

Every year or two, units and agencies across base nominate a civilian member of the Puget Sound community to be considered for the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Hall of Fame Lt. Gen. Bill Harrison Service Award.

Units across JBLM are invited to submit nominations by March 30 to be considered for the 2016 hall of fame award.

The impact can be based on long-term support or short-term actions that have made a difference. The hall of fame is named for retired Lt. Gen. William Harrison. Harrison served as the commander of I Corps from 1987 to 1989 and he became the first mayor of the city of Lakewood in 1995. He is known throughout the JBLM communities for his high standards, dedication and commitment to making his community a better place for all.

Nominations can be submitted to the JBLM Garrison Public Affairs Office. Nominations will be reviewed and rank-ordered by three senior representatives from the Joint Base Garrison HQs, I Corps and 62nd Airlift Wing, respectively.

For more information, contact John Norgren at 253-967-0168 or john.r.norgren.civ@mail.mil.

— JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD PUBLIC AFFAIRS

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“I recognize the consequences of a government shutdown. You have my personal commitment that the department’s leadership will do our best to mitigate the impacts of the disruptions and any financial burdens to you and your families. Steady as she goes — hold the line. I know the nation can count on you.”

Jim Mattis
Secretary of Defense

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SPORTING CLAYS: Doug Kurata reloads during the Monthly Sporting Clays competition at the JBLM Skeet and Trap Range. **See story, 1B**

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● **Continuing resolutions hurt:** The ability to adapt and stay ahead of potential adversaries is one of the greatest challenges the Air Force faces, said Matthew Donovan, under secretary of the Air Force, during an Air Force Association breakfast in Washington, D.C., Jan. 18. Fiscal 2018’s budget keeps with the previous year’s focus on readiness and capacity by keeping funding on track for the F-35 Lightning II, KC-46 Pegasus, B-21 Raider and other important programs. However, Donovan warned that continuing resolutions have a negative effect on manpower and on these programs.

● **Army’s new handguns:** Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 1st Security Forces Assistance Brigade, Fort Polk, La., familiarized them-



selves and qualified with the XM17 handgun Jan. 19. According to the Army, the XM17 and XM18 handgun systems are replacing the M9 pistol. The “X” in “XM” stands for experimental and will be used until February when the weapons complete classification. Afterward, the weapons will be referred to as the M17 and M18. The XM18 is the compact version of the XM17.

17TH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

Brigade supports SOF training

1-94 FA fosters relationship with Special Forces

BY SGT. JACOB KOHRS
17th Field Artillery Brigade

The 17th Field Artillery Brigade is committed to become the best at conducting High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, Rapid Air Infiltration with the help of the 62nd Airlift Wing and the C-17 Globemaster III aircraft.

With this commitment and unique ability, the brigade’s 1st Battalion, 94th Field Artillery teamed up with the Air Force and the 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) in a joint exercise Jan. 18 to help with interoperability between conventional and Special Forces.

“This training event provided us a unique opportunity to exercise the full spectrum of interoperability, interdependence and integration between Special Operations Forces and general purpose forces,” said Maj. Kling, Bravo Company commander, 3rd Battalion, 1st SFG.

The brigade, the only HIMARS unit aligned to the Pacific area, is the Force Field Artillery Headquarters for I Corps and pave the way for the conventional forces to move forward and to support Special Operations Forces’ objectives. “It is great training for both of us, but it is a great opportunity for us to work out friction points,” said Capt. William DeRoberts, Bravo Battery commander, 1-94 FA. “Also so that we can learn to better support Special Forces in their mission.”

The brigade has worked with



SGT. JACOB KOHRS 17th Field Artillery Brigade

An Airman with the 62nd Airlift Wing ties down a Humvee onto a C-17 Globemaster III on McChord Field before a flight to the Yakima Training Center Jan. 18.



Special Operations Forces for years, but this is the first time joining with Bravo Battery. “We wanted to do this mis-

sion because (Special Operations Forces) tend to work beyond the Fire Support Coordination Line,” DeRoberts said.

Soldiers from the 17th Field Artillery Brigade and Green Berets from 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) conduct joint training with High Mobility Artillery Rocket System at the Yakima Training Center Jan 18.

“And it gives us a better understanding of what we need to do to give supporting fires; they are also able to know what we

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Maj. Kling
Bravo Company commander, 3rd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group

can do for them.”

1-94 FA and 1st SFG will continue to strengthen their bonds through more training.

“We are fully integrated with 1-94 FA and continue to foster a lasting partnership,” Kling said. “In addition to this specific mission, 1-94 FA supports our premission training by increasing the realism and facilitating further training of (Special Operations Forces) core competencies.”

I Corps’ mantra is “Deploy, Fight, Win” and that is what the 17th FA Bde. is ready to do.

“This kind of training is to make sure that our Soldiers are ready to deploy and work with whoever they are attached to or need to support,” DeRoberts said.

And 1st SFG also appreciates the training.

“I feel extremely optimistic for continued engagements with 1-94 FA to achieve mutually supporting readiness goals,” Kling said.

● **Editor’s note:** Due to the mission of Special Forces Soldiers, some members of the 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) prefer not to use their full names.

627TH AIR BASE GROUP

627th ABG honors top Airmen for 2017

BY DEAN SIEMON
Northwest Guardian

When her name was called during the 627th Air Base Group’s annual awards breakfast Friday at the Club at McChord Field, Master Sgt. Brandy Moore, 627th Logistics Readiness Squadron, was overwhelmed with emotions as the group’s 2017 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

She received hugs and high-fives from her peers as she stood with Col. William Percival, 627th ABG commander and JBLM garrison deputy commander, and Command Chief Master Sgt. Nicholas Hollinger, 627th AGB senior enlisted adviser.

Tears of joy, pride and appreciation started to form as she received her trophy and continued as she was met with more hugs from peers on the way back to her table.

“I’m a spiritual person,” Moore said. “I just felt blessed to have it and I thank God for it. And I want to thank my leadership (for having) the faith in me that I could be penned for such a prestigious award.”

Moore also noted that she views the award as something that is more than just her. She considers the award that means she is viewed as a role model



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Master Sgt. Brandy Moore, middle, received several hugs from peers after receiving the 627th Air Base Group’s Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year award during an awards breakfast Friday.

and a representative for the 627th LRS.

As the 2017 Senior NCO for the 627th ABG, Moore hopes to sustain her work from the past year to carry over in 2017 to accomplish not only her goals, but other members of her squadron. She also hopes to continue providing advice for younger Airmen who want to work towards similar awards.

“I don’t mind to stop and say ‘Here’s what you do to get there

and ‘I want you to be better than I was,’” Moore said.

Another award recipient who credited the team was Tech Sgt. Gregory Jenkins of 627th Civil Engineer Squadron, who was named the 627th ABG’s Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for 2017.

Jenkins said his peers at 627th CES pushed him forward to be in the position to win the award, which is more of a team victory in his eyes. Additionally, it was a

great moment for him to share with his wife, Tech. Sgt. LaQuanna Jenkins, 627th Force Support Squadron.

Jenkins said his wife was his rock in 2017, and they both pushed each other throughout the year. Although he thinks she might be extra motivated in 2018 for the same award herself.

“I think she always wants to one-up me, so I’m thinking she’s ready to one-up me next year,” Jenkins said.

About a dozen awards were handed out during the annual breakfast, including Airman 1st Class Kristine Reitz, 627th LRS, being named the group’s Airman of the Year. She was not in attendance to accept her award in person due to being on leave.

After all of the winners were announced, Percival began his remarks by inviting, not only the winners to come on stage, but all nominees. He noted that there’s a very fine line between winning any of the group’s annual awards and the rest of the service members sitting in attendance.

“If I could get everyone of you stage, it would make sense to me — you’re that good,” Percival said.

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- 627TH AIR BASE GROUP 2017 ANNUAL AWARDS WINNERS**
- Airman of the Year** — Airman 1st Class Kristine Reitz, 627th LRS
- Noncommissioned Officer of the Year** — Tech. Sgt. Gregory Jenkins, 627th CES
- Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year** — Master Sgt. Brandy Moore, 627th LRS
- First Sergeant of the Year** — Master Sgt. Garrett Skinner, 627th CS
- Junior Company Grade Officer** — 1st Lt. David Wallace III, 627th LRS
- Company Grade Officer** — Capt. Robert Young, 627th CES
- Field Grade Officer** — Maj. Zachary Spotts, 627th FSS
- Innovative Team of the Year** — 627th FSS’ Food Services
- Key Spouse of the Year** — Anna Kearney, 627th CES
- Civilian of the Year Category I** — Ronald Hines, 627th LRS
- Civilian of the Year Category IIA** — Darrell Davis, 627th LRS
- Civilian of the Year Category III** — Charles Hawthorne, 627th CS

Viewpoint



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Army Senior Commander, JBLM**
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STRAIGHT TALK

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What’s the silliest thing your child has ever said?

“My son sneezed, so my husband said ‘gesund-heit.’ My son said, ‘What? I did hold on tight!’”
— SARAH DAWN

“My son, age 4, walked into the maternity room after his sister was born, looked up at the ceiling and demanded, ‘Where’s the birth canal?!’ I guess he envisioned a large twirling slide.”
— JODI BARNEY LARSEN

“My son, age 4, is learning the Pledge of Allegiance. Today he was practicing, and it sounded great until he got to the end, ‘with the birdies and juices for all.’”
— BRIE SIERAKOWSKI

“When people inquire whether my 3-year-old is allergic to anything, he informs them he is allergic to ‘branch dressing.’ It makes his head fall off.”
— NINA MURPHY

“I was putting my 4-year-old daughter in time out and she said, ‘When I get big and you get little!’”
— JAN PICATTI BAKER

“Our kids used to sing ‘Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.’ Then they shouted out with fleas.”
— KIM KERWOOD

Next week’s question

What does African-American History Month mean to you?

VIEW FROM THE TOP



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CODY DOWELL U.S. Air Force Photo

Air Force C-17 Globemaster IIIs taxi and line up on the McChord Field flightline on Joint Base Lewis-McChord during Mobility Guardian Aug. 2.

Looking back can help us in moving forward

BY COL. STEPHEN SNELSON
62nd Airlift Wing Vice Commander

The beginning of a new year is always a good time to take stock of our accomplishments, challenges and re-cage our expectations for the future.

Last year, the 62nd Airlift Wing’s accomplishments were vast and varied — we provided combat airlift, humanitarian relief and supported U.S. interests on every continent.

Our Airmen, along with the other 5,000 total force, Team McChord Airmen, executed our mission sets around the world with unmatched precision and professionalism.

The wing’s mission is combat airlift. Our Airmen take immense pride in this mission as we enable our joint and coalition partners to execute their warfighting mission anywhere around the globe at any time.

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We resupplied the National Science Foundation in Antarctica, as part of Operation Deep Freeze, and flawlessly executed our prime nuclear airlift force mission. As the sole nuclear airlift squadron for the Air Force, we flew 28 missions, transported 655,000 pounds of cargo and supported nine nuclear inspections with zero delays.

The wing, along with our partners in the 446th Airlift Wing and 627th Air Base Group, delivered aid and provided command and control to the hurricane-devastated Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico region. More than 40 airlift missions and 500 flying hours supported relief operations, while 4.9 million pounds of cargo and 900 passengers were airlifted.

The 62nd AW flew the first C-17 into St. Thomas after Hurricane Irma and transported 50 Federal Emergency Management Agency urban search and rescue personnel, ground equipment and supplies to the badly damaged island.

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No other installation in the world has the ability to project such a broad spectrum of mission sets globally. Looking back, the 62nd AW did some very heavy lifting for our comparatively small footprint on Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

While we can, and should, proudly reflect on our accomplishments, we must ensure that we continually prepare for tomorrow’s fight as new threats emerge and old ones evolve. Unlike most professions, our daily inbox is shaped by the headlines splashed across the news.

Tomorrow’s challenges and our adversaries won’t wait while we bask in what we did. It was a great year, but this year will be even better and likely tougher.

Fortunately our Airmen always rise to new challenges, accept new mission sets and establish standards that other units across the Department of Defense aspire to. There is no other group of Airmen I’d rather face the new year and new challenges with.

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
Sunday, noon — Lewis Main Chapel
Sunday, 5 p.m. — Lewis Main Chapel
Weekdays, noon — Lewis North Chapel
Weekdays, 11:45 a.m. — Madigan Chapel; call 253-968-1125
1st Friday, noon — McChord Chapel No. 2

PROTESTANT SUNDAY

9 a.m. — Liturgical — Soldiers’ Chapel
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

DIVERSE WORSHIP

Jewish
Friday, 7 p.m. — Lewis Main Chapel
Islamic
Friday, 12:30 p.m. — Evergreen Chapel, 253-968-1125
Buddhist
Friday, 6 p.m. — Soldiers’ Chapel, 253-966-5959
Pagan/Wiccan
Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Building 6230, Lewis Main, 907-952-4156

JBLM SNAPSHOT



SPC. ERICA EARL 5th Mobile Public Affairs Detach

Lt. Gen. Gary Volesky, I Corps commanding general, answers questions from attendees of an installationwide open forum at the Club at McChord Field Jan. 18. The forum was designed for commanders and officials at JBLM to discuss Judge Advocate General related topics such as equal opportunity.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- Jan. 26, 1788:** First Australian penal colony established.
- Jan. 27, 1943:** Americans bomb Germans for first time.
- Jan. 28, 1986:** Space shuttle Challenger and all on board lost after liftoff.
- Jan. 29, 1891:** Liliuokalani proclaimed queen of Hawaii.
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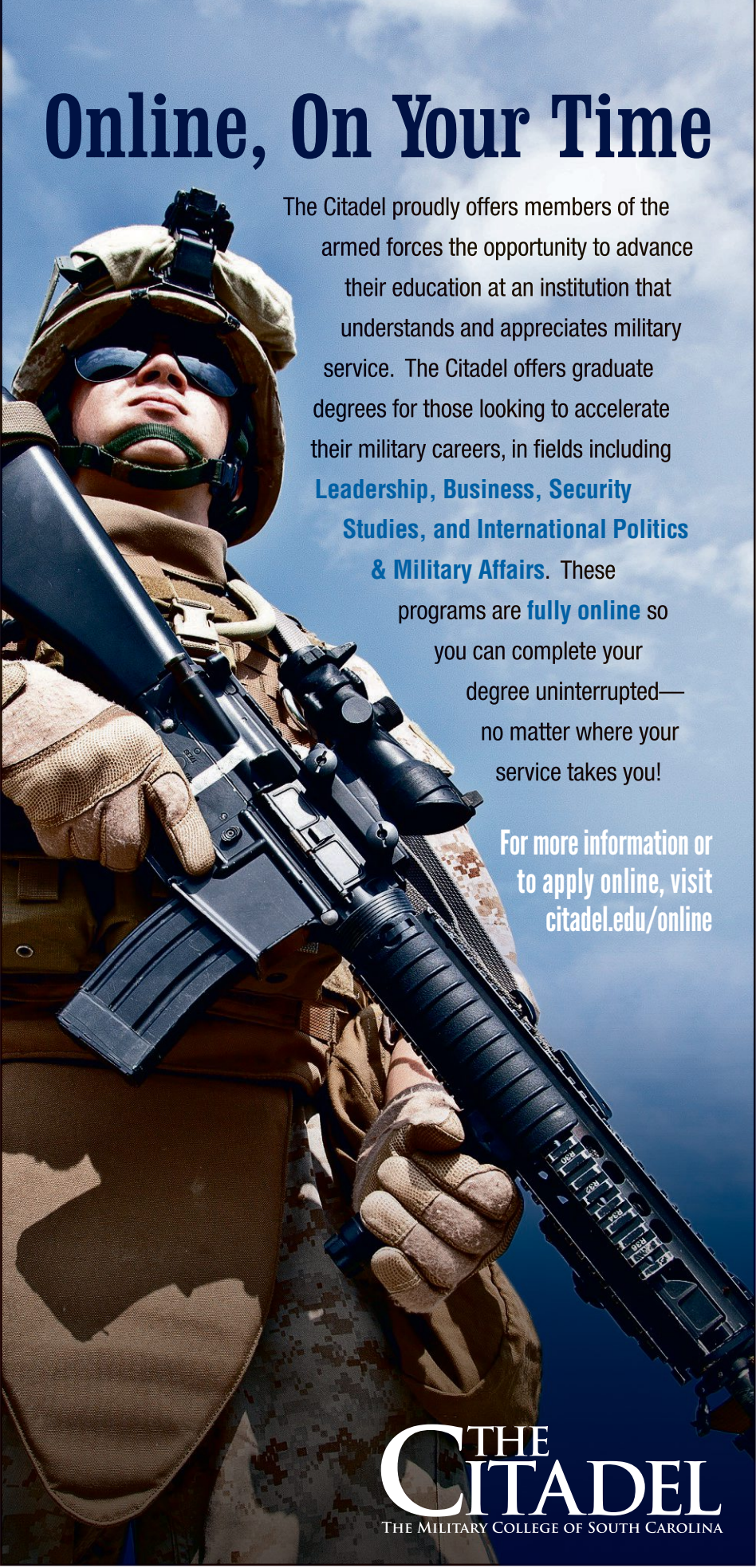
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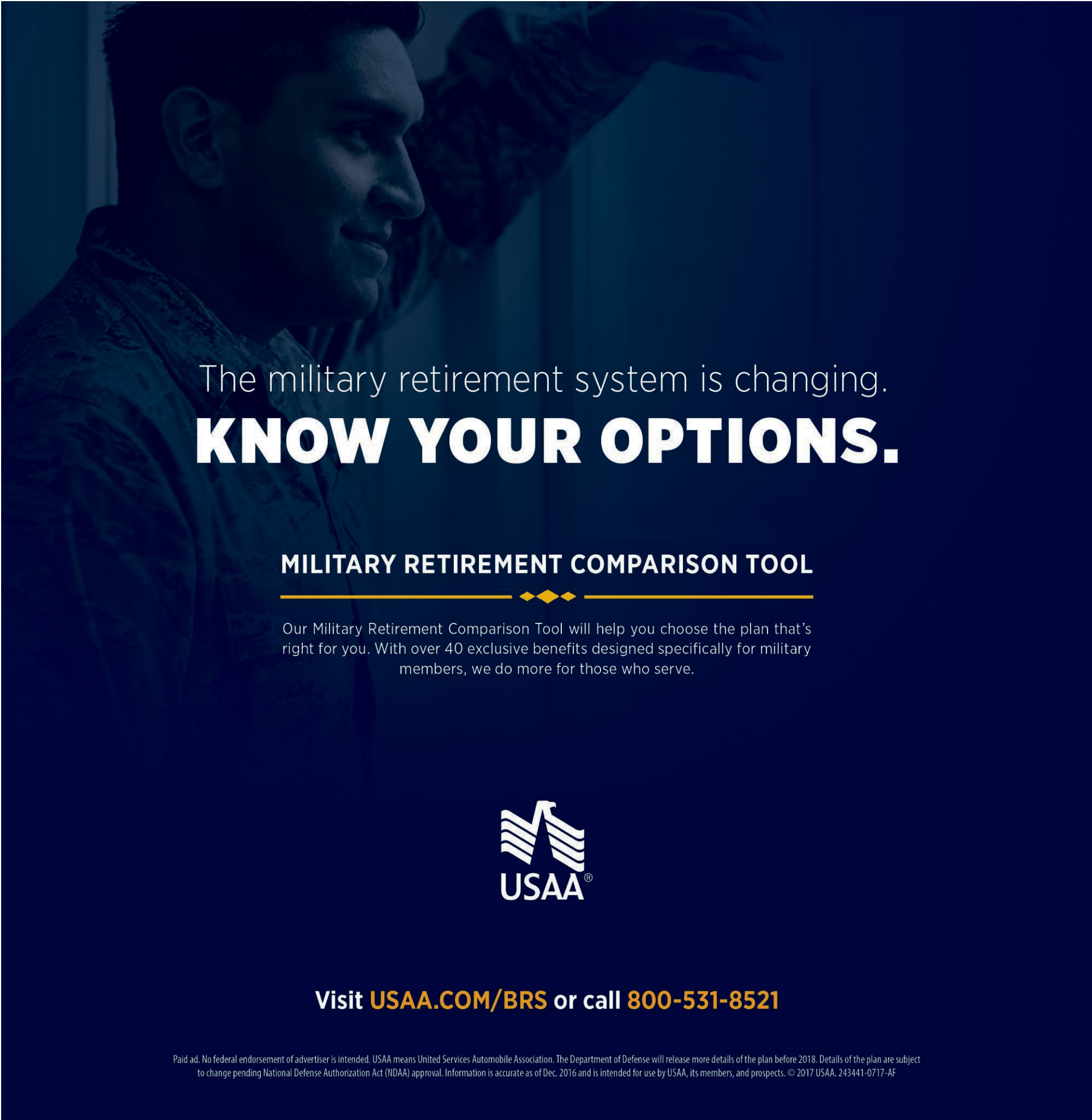


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CLOVER PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Clover Park celebrates 90 years

CPSD is a strong partner on or off base for JBLM

BY RUTH KINGSLAND
Northwest Guardian
LAKEWOOD — The history of the Clover Park School District was a big part of the district’s 90th anniversary celebration at Harrison Preparatory School Tuesday night. Speeches from local dignitaries and current and former Clover Park School District students also held the attention of the few hundred people in the crowd.
Among the dignitaries speaking was Col. Nicole Lucas, Joint Base Lewis-McChord garrison commander. Lucas spoke of her appreciation for the district, where her three sons attend school, and of the strong relationship between JBLM and CPSD.

“Sixty percent of our service members live off base,” she said. “We’re truly grateful for Clover Park School District and our relationship with them.”
She praised the district and JBLM’s relationship that resulted in the completion last year of Evergreen Elementary School on Lewis Main, the sixth new or renovated school on the installation in recent years, thanks to Clover Park’s work with the state and legislature to provide funding for those projects.
In addition to students learning at Clover Park schools on base, many more military children benefit from Clover Park schools in the community, she said. One of those military children is Cassidy Barnes, who spoke at the celebration.

“Good evening. My name is Cassidy Barnes, and I am a senior here at Harrison Preparatory School,” Barnes said, adding her own story of growing up on JBLM when her dad, Darrell



Cassidy Barnes, left, Harrison Preparatory School, speaks at the 90th anniversary celebration of Clover Park School District in Lakewood as Col. Nicole Lucas, JBLM garrison commander, looks on Tuesday.



Members of the Lakes High School jazz band perform the standard, “Blue Skies,” at Harrison Preparatory School Tuesday.

Bradford, an Army veteran, was stationed on the installation. The youth attended first-

grade at Beachwood Elementary School.
“As a 7-year-old, I was having the time of my life,” she said. She tested well in the fourth-grade and was placed in the gifted programs at the old Clarkmoor School on Lewis Main.
“Under our teacher, Mrs. Fowler, I learned to start embracing culture, questioning everything and accepting any challenges that came toward me,” she said. “I will forever appreciate this class as it was what set me on the path I am (on) today.”
Barnes continued to take advantage of opportunities at her disposal as a student in the district, including placement into high school math as a middle school student, involvement in a school leadership program, National Honor Society and Key Club.
“I tell you this story not to increase my ego, but to give an example (of) how the Clover

“Sixty percent of our service members live off base. We’re truly grateful for Clover Park School District and our relationship with them.”
Col. Nicole Lucas
Joint Base Lewis-McChord garrison commander

Park School District excels in the creation of promising futures for their students,” she said.
Other speakers at the event were Jake Mills, a Lakes High School senior who is a fourth generation Clover Park School District student, and Isaiah Huey, a Clover Park High School graduate who is currently a sophomore at Pacific Lutheran University.
“CPSD runs in my blood,” Mills said.
His mother is a teacher at Huddtloff Middle School, and his father is a special education supervisor for the district.
“CPSD has helped build my family’s history and my own future,” he said. “What I want for the city of Lakewood, my home, is another 90 years of excellence.”
Huey also praised the district for giving him what he termed “a sense of community.”
“I am 100 percent sure I would not be who I am today or where I am today, studying history and theater on a full-need scholarship with the hope to become a teacher in the Lakewood community, if it weren’t for the mentorship I received at Clover Park,” Huey said.
Becky Huber, of the Lakewood Historical Society, provided a history of the district, beginning with the dedication of Iva Alice Mann, who is credited with almost single-handedly founding the Clover Park School District in 1928 and fighting for a high school in the district.

2ND BRIGADE, 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION

Finding tomorrow’s leaders today at UW

BY STAFF SGT. MICHAEL ARMSTRONG
2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs
A group of officers stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord took the opportunity to share their knowledge and experience to a campus full of future Army leaders Jan. 17.
Lieutenants and captains from various 7th Infantry Division units from JBLM representing different Army branches, partnered with the University of Washington’s Army ROTC to assist cadets to better understand the different careers available to them.
“Our goal was to bring in young, relatable officers to speak to the cadets,” said Capt. Julianne Zike, a 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division civil affairs officer.
By providing junior officers, they offer a fresher insight to what these cadets can expect when they leave college and receive a commission.



“Talking to a lieutenant, just out of college themselves, but with a few years of Army experience, can translate better to these cadets as opposed to having senior officers who haven’t been in college in a while,” Zike said.
Throughout the day, cadets were able to speak to the differ-

ent officers in the branches they have an interest in joining or to ones that they had little knowledge on.
From infantry, signal and military intelligence, to logistics, personnel and field artillery, the cadets had the benefit of talking in small groups and having their questions answered.

1st Lt. Rocio Carranza, middle, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, explains the basic utilization of military intelligence assets in the Army to a group of cadets at the Army ROTC facility at the University of Washington in Seattle Jan. 19.
The goal of this partnership with JBLM and the university is to help these future leaders make an informed and educated decision on not what they want to do in the military but the options available to them after college and later in life.
“In our Military Science Department, we have officers from

some our career branches,” said Lt. Col. Tevina Flood, professor of Military Science at the university. “It is great asset to have JBLM close by to give our cadets access to these officers and units as they begin to choose their paths.”
As freshmen and juniors in college, students are still figuring out what the future holds for them.
Army ROTC is not only dedicated to developing character and leadership in these young men and women, but it offers unique scholarship and career opportunities focused on building leaders for our nation and helping them become leaders for life.
Whether they choose to make a career out of military service or just to fulfill their initial obligations, the cadre of the Military Science Department and the Soldiers of JBLM want to equip the next generation of leaders with the tools they need to be successful.

COLLEGE EDUCATION

Scholarships available; JBLM scholars need to apply

BY RUTH KINGSLAND
Northwest Guardian
For military spouses and family members thinking about continuing their education, now is the time to apply for scholarships available through the Lewis Community Spouses’ Club and McChord Spouses’ Club.
The Lewis Community Spouses’ Club’s Fort Lewis Family Scholarship Fund has a March 23 deadline. Applications for the McChord Spouses’ Club scholarships must be postmarked by March 2. It’s best to give plenty of time to complete and return the applications.
The Fort Lewis Family Scholarship Fund provides college education grants to Soldiers’ spouses and children. The scholarship program relies on

donations of individuals and local organizations to fund educational goals.
Rikki Goble, chairperson of the Fort Lewis Family Scholarship Fund, said she is a huge advocate of the program and its benefits for military spouses.
“It’s a great opportunity for spouses to kick start their college education, and I never downplay the importance of a good education,” Goble said.
Scholarships are awarded in three categories:
● high school seniors,
● spouses,
● students currently enrolled in college.
In the past 25 years, the Fort Lewis Family Scholarship Fund has awarded more than \$600,000 in grants to JBLM service member families in

Pierce, Thurston and King counties. Last year, 22 scholarships were awarded for a total of \$46,000.
Individual scholarships ranged from \$750 to \$5,000. The average grade point average of applicants was 3.8.
Typically, the Fort Lewis Family Member Scholarship Fund awards more than \$30,000 per year. Applications are judged on a variety of criteria — essay response, grades, community involvement and leadership.
To be eligible, an applicant must be: a family member of a retired Army Soldier residing within a 50 mile radius of JBLM; a surviving family member of an Army Soldier residing within a 50-mile radius of JBLM and last assigned to JBLM; or

the immediate family member — child or spouse — of an active-duty Army Soldier assigned to and residing within a 50-mile radius of JBLM.
Family members of active-duty Army Soldiers, retirees and surviving family members are eligible to receive scholarships without regard to the income level of the family or the rank of the service member. The applicant remains anonymous until the process is complete.
Applications can be downloaded from fortlewiswsscholarship.com. Applicants are encouraged to use the fill-in-form, Goble said, as it is simpler to complete and allows the application to look neat and professional.
For questions about the scholarship, email ftlewisfamilysscholarship@hotmail.com.

Several scholarships with varying criteria are also available through the McChord Spouses’ Club. Those include the outstanding student merit, the Joan Wassersprom award and the spouse scholarship fund. There also is an award for the Running Start program.
Applications for McChord Spouses’ Club scholarships are available during business hours at the McChord Thrift Shop on McChord Field or online on the club’s website: tinyurl.com/ybyx236x.
Applications should be mailed to MSC Scholarship Chairperson McChord Spouses Club, P.O. Box 4164, JBLM 98438.
For more information, email mcchordspousesclubscholarships@gmail.com.

Community Ledger

ATTENTION

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



SNAPSHOT
Aeromed demo

Members of the 10th Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Flight hosted a tour of a C-17 Globemaster III from the 183rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Mississippi Air National Guard, to allow critical care teams to explain to partner and allied nations how they provide care to patients during transport Jan. 17.

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LET’S HEAR IT

What do you want to know in 2018? 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 HOLIDAYS AND FAMILY DAYS

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

- Feb. 16 - Army DONSA
- Feb. 19 - George Washington’s birthday
- March 30 - Army DONSA
- April 2 - Army DONSA

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Gear up for skiing, snowboarding and all your mountain snow adventures with JBLM’s Outdoor Recreation Program. The Northwest Adventure Center has opened its ski shop for equipment rentals and clothing and outfitting purchases. The NAC is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., located at 8050 NCO Beach Road on Lewis North. Call 253-967-7744 for more information.

NEW HOURS: BOWLING AND TRAVEL SERVICES

New hours for Bowl Arena Lanes and Leisure Travel Services are effective Monday. The new hours for Bowl Arena Lanes are:

- Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m.
- Monday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Friday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Leisure Travel Services’ new hours are:
- Closed Sunday and Monday.
- Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Both services are located at 2272 Liggett Ave., Lewis Main. For more information, call Bowl Arena Lanes at 253-967-4661 or LTS at 253-967-3085.

ARMY, AIR FORCE PCS MOVE WORKSHOPS

Joint Base Lewis-McChord’s Armed Forces Community Service hosts a First PCS Move workshop Mondays 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 FAMILY HOUSING FIRE SAFETY CLASS

Base housing residents are required to take a Family Housing Fire Safety class within 30 days of moving in to Lewis-McChord Communities. 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. Doors open at 12:30 p.m.; class starts at 1 p.m. Parking is limited, so arrive early.

ARMY DIGITAL PHOTO CONTEST

Enter your best photos now-Wednesday into the Army’s annual Digital Photography Contest. You could see your photo online in the contest’s gallery as a winner. Enter as an active-duty military member, family member, retiree or Department of Defense civilian. Seven categories are available: animals, design elements, digital darkroom, military life, nature and landscape, people and still life. Categories include both color and monochrome photos. Enter up to three photos per category. Cash prizes will be awarded for each division and category. First place is \$300, second place is \$200 and third place is \$100. To enter and for rules, visit armymwr.com/digital-photo.aspx.

ATTEND GROUNDHOG DAY PARTY FEB. 2

Early spring? More winter? Only Punxsutawney Phil knows for sure. Either way, celebrate at the McChord Pub’s inaugural Groundhog Day party Feb. 2 from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Play trivia and other games with food and drink specials. You don’t need to be a Club member to attend the party, so invite your co-workers and friends. The pub is located inside the McChord Club at 700 Barnes Blvd.

SPIRITUAL TALK AT GRANDSTAFF

Award-winning author and internationally recognized spiritual medium Jeffrey Marks, joined by Washington State Ghost Society president Dave King, reveal what Modern Spirit research has uncovered about those who have surpassed the confines of the physical body and our

three-dimensional reality Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. The talk is for ages 18 and older; no registration is needed. Call Grandstaff Library at 253-967-5889 for more information.

DISNEY MILITARY SALUTE KICKOFF

Are you a military family planning a Disney vacation? Buy special 2018 Disney Military Salutes tickets starting now at Leisure Travel Services on Lewis Main inside Bowl Arena Lanes at 2272 Liggett Ave. Also plan on attending the kick-off event Feb. 3 from noon to 4 p.m. at LTS with two free games of bowling, refreshments and door prizes. Purchase your Disney vacation tickets while at the event. For more information, call 253-967-3085.

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. in Bldg. 2014 at Fire Station 107 Pendleton on Lewis Main. Next class is scheduled for Feb. 7. Fire Safety Class is limited to the first 25 people. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call 253-966-7164.

JOIN MCCORD FIELD LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Enjoy discussing books? Join the McChord Library’s Novel Navigators. This adult discussion group meets the second Wednesday of each month at the McChord Library at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is Feb. 14 to discuss “A Reliable Wife” by Robert Goolrick. Registration is required in person. Copies

will be available at the circulation desk, 851 Lincoln Blvd., ground floor, on McChord Field. For more information, call 253-982-3454.

SMA OF NORTHWEST MONTHLY MEETING

The general membership meeting of the Sergeants Major Association of the Northwest meets at Samuel Adams Brewhouse, 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 Feb. 15.

ATTEND MONTHLY KIDS’ BOOK CLUB

Kids in grades three to five are invited to join McChord Library’s monthly Kids’ Book Club meeting the third Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. Read fun books, meet fun people. Parents, bring your children by the McChord Library now to register and get a copy of this month’s book. Check out “The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963” by Christopher Paul Curtis for the Feb. 21 book club meeting. McChord Library is located at 851 Lincoln Blvd. at McChord Field. For more information, call 253-982-3454.

JBLM NEWCOMERS’ ORIENTATION BRIEF

Joint Base Lewis-McChord has grown and changed over the years. Whether you’re new, returning or just want to learn your way around the base, all service members, civilians and adult family members are invited to attend the Newcomers’ Orientation Feb. 27 at American Lake Conference Center at 8085 NCO Beach Road on Lewis North. Report time for Soldiers and

Airmen is 7:30 a.m. Orientation is set to begin at 8 a.m. Complimentary hot breakfast and free on-site child care is available upon request with registration; call 253-966-2977. For more information, call 253-967-3633 or visit jblmafcscheckappointments.com.

24/7 DAD CLASS FOR FATHERS

Join a class for dads, “24/7 Dad,” where fathers support fathers. Learn how to become a better father, and receive support from other dads who understand the day-to-day struggle of raising children. Classes take place on the second and third Tuesdays, every other month from 10 a.m. to noon at the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade’s Raptor Resilience Center, 3204 Second Division Drive on Lewis Main. Next classes are March 13 and 20. Online registration is available by visiting jblmafcs.checkappointments.com, or call 253-967-5901 to register via phone. 253-967-6416.

FREE BIKE RENTALS NOW AVAILABLE

The GO Bike program has expanded availability to include Department of Defense family members ages 18 and older. Now all DOD employees, their family members ages 18 and older and JBLM contract employees can check out a free GO Bike for up to two weeks. Use the bikes to run errands, get to appointments or spend some exercise time outside. Find the GO Bike check-out locations on GOLewisMcChord.com.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER ANNUAL SERVICING

All facility fire extinguishers on base must be recertified and retagged annually. Accomplish this

either by contractor via GPC card or hand-carry facility extinguishers to the fire extinguisher shop located at the rear of Bldg. 2014 on Lewis Main. The maximum number of extinguishers one facility manager may rotate a day is 10. For more information, call the fire extinguisher shop at 253-966-2600.

FREE RIDE TO DUPONT WITH GO TRANSIT

Enjoy a free ride out to the City of DuPont with GO Transit Route 1 weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5:40 p.m. with 20 minute frequencies. Route goes from the City of DuPont to Madigan Army Medical Center. Visit popular DuPont restaurants and coffee shops, take a stroll, run errands, make a connection to Seattle or Tacoma, or access JBLM without driving a car. Common Access Card is required to board at the DuPont stop. For more information, call 253-966-3939 or visit GOLewisMcChord.com.

SCORE THE BEST DEALS ON TEXTBOOKS

The next college quarter starts soon. You don’t have to 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. For more information, call the bookstore at 253-964-8185.

MOVING RESOURCES AVAILABLE ONLINE

Automated Housing Referral Network is sponsored by the Department of Defense and is designed to improve the process of securing available housing for relocating military families. Visit ahrn.com. Defense Travel Management Office consolidates, streamlines and centrally manages commercial travel. This single point of contact ensures consistency in the department’s focus, policy and execution, marking a new era in government travel. For more information, visit defensetravel.dod.mil. Defense Personal Property System is a centralized, integrated one-stop source for managing personal property moves. For more information, visit move.mil.

SIGN UP FOR JBLM ALERT NOTIFICATIONS

Joint Base Lewis-McChord Alert Notifications is a free service that allows you to sign up and receive emergency notifications about road closures, severe weather, utility service interruptions and public safety messages from Pierce County and the base. For more information, call 253-966-7526 or visit tinyurl.com/gl5g3sq.

CALL THE ENERGY WASTE HOTLINE

To stop energy waste and save valuable resources, the base Energy Program has launched the Energy Waste Hotline. The primary objective is to collect information about day-burners, incandescent bulbs, damaged fixtures, steam leaks and nonfunctional thermostats, etc. If you notice any opportunity to reduce energy waste, call or text 253-219-2394. The goal is to improve efficiency, eliminate waste and save money.

TRANSITIONS: INFORMATION TO HELP WITH LIFE CHANGES

Find jobs on the “JBLMUnlimited” website at jblmunlimited.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/jblmunlimited.

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 vetservicesinfo@goodwillwa.org or call 253-573-6789.

Hawk Job Fair take place Mondays (except DONSA and federal holidays) at Hawk Transition Center Auditorium at 11 a.m. Come out and speak to recruiters with employment opportunities. Walk-ins are welcome.

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

Apply to work for CYS at JBLM NAF Human Resources Office is hosting Child and Youth Services Recruitment Fairs Tuesday at Eagles Pride Golf Course to recruit for the position of Child and Youth program assistant for child development centers, school-age care and before-and-after-school care and camps. Full-time, part-time and flex positions are available. From 8 to 10 a.m., CPAC receives applications and resumes. From 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m., CYS facility managers conduct initial interviews. NAF HR may extend tentative job offers. Interested applicants should bring their Social Security card, birth certificate and/or passport and phone numbers for four references and submit two copies of paper applications at the event. Download DA Form 3433 from

JBLMmwr.com on the community update page. Applicants must be age 18 or older, able to lift 40 pounds, possess a high school diploma, able to communicate — verbal and written — in English and favorable completion of pre-employment and background checks. Hourly rates of pay are based on qualifications: entry \$12.40, skill \$13.53 and target \$15.42.

Brown Bag Mini Job Fair Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Hawk Transition Center Lobby. Walk-ins are welcome. Employer registration is now required by emailing shenathan.d.burton2.civ@mail.mil and mitchel.s.watson.civ@mail.mil.

Skills and Abilities Workshop Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Hawk Transition Center 11577 41st Division Drive. You will learn to identify, demonstrate and package your skills and personal qualities to be meaningful to employers. You will also learn oral communication skills and practice delivering a 60-Second Commercial — a brief, high impact presentation to potential employers. For more information contact 253-967-3258.

Interviewing Techniques Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Hawk Transition Center, 11577 41st Division Drive. Being able to handle a job interview is a necessity for any job seeker. In this workshop, you will learn valuable interviewing tips for answering difficult questions in a supportive, realistic environment. For more information, call 253-967-3258.

Worksource Pierce Weekly Meetings Thursdays from 1 to

4 p.m., the WorkSource Pierce Career Center hosts 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. For more information, call 253-593-7300 or email towork@workforce-central.org.

Camo2Commerce has orientations Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. at the Stone Education Center on Lewis Main for 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 can help you land a job in a position commensurate with knowledge, skills, abilities and experience. For more information, visit: camo2commerce.com/heroes or email rob@pacmtn.org.

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

Onward to Opportunity The NW Edge is a six-week program facilitated by different partnering agencies providing specialized transition workshops covering: speaking civilian, social media-LinkedIn, WA state economic demographics, resume tailoring, interviews, WA state opportunities, and a NW Edge social with employers. For more information, email bjdfufay@syr.edu.

CNC LEAD MACHINIST JOB IN TUALATIN

Calmax Technology Inc. — Salary: DOQ. Calmax Technology Inc. is based in Santa Clara, Calif., with locations in Tualatin, Ore. Since 1987, Calmax has been a leader in precision machine components and electro mechanical assembly. Expertise includes engineering, precision machines components and clean room assembly. Recruiting for a lead CNC machinist for the second. Calmax Technology provides a competitive benefit package that includes, medical, dental, vision, life insurance and 401K with a company match. For more information, visit calmax-technology.com/?id=14.

DEVELOPER IT SPECIALIST 4 POSITION IN LACEY

Washington State Department of Ecology — Salary: \$58,284 to \$76,464 annually. The specialized Environmental Systems Support Unit within the Information Technology Services Office in Lacey is currently looking to fill a developer IT specialist 4 position. Environmental Systems Support is a cross-functional team of 14 professionals who are dedicated to providing advanced software applications to support the agency’s scientists, engineers, inspectors and policy makers. Organization works close with internal and external customers to rapidly respond to their business needs to ensure solutions provided effectively contribute to Ecology achieving its mission. For more information, visit careers.wa.gov.

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current activities since 9-11.

JBLM civilian Hall of Fame members were taken down a hallway that has been renamed the Stars and Stripes of Courage hallway. Portraits of command teams throughout I Corps' long history were lined on both sides of the hallway.

Herb Schmeling, a retired command sergeant major who served in the Army from 1971 to 2001, was smiling as he pointed out the various people he's enjoyed working with to other visitors — like Lt. Gen. Edward Rowney (July 1970 to July 1971) and Lt. Gen. Glen Walker (July 1971 to July 1972).

Schmeling was also glad to see the JBLM Hall of Fame display relocated from a side corridor to the main foyer leading into the headquarters.

"The first time the Hall of



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Herb Schmeling, a retired Army command sergeant major, takes notice of familiar names and faces during his service (1971 to 2001) walking in the Stars and Stripes of Courage hallway at I Corps headquarters on Joint Base Lewis-McChord Jan. 17.

Fame was up, it was on the back wall over there (pointing to the back of the building)," Schmeling said. "It's nice that it's back in the main hallway."

The hallway led to the renovated Eichelberger Conference Room, named in honor of retired Lt. Gen. Robert Eichelberger, who commanded I Corps

during World War II.

Additional renovation projects include a new walkway up to the headquarters building, along with a brand new sign outside. I Corps also plans on redoing the building front's brickwork to have "America's First Corps" spelled out in two-foot high letters.

Volesky said the renovation and redecoration process first began a few months ago with one employee saying the headquarters hadn't been updated in 20 years with renovations and redecorations completed sometime this summer.

Current service members were part of the briefs at each of part of the still-renovating headquarters. Volesky said it was important for them to be part of the entire process — from planning, execution to briefing the visiting veterans.

"What you see here is it reinforces and lets people in the command learn our history," Volesky said. "They are the ones

who made this happen and they take great pride in it."

Volesky noted I Corps plans to do more centennial events throughout 2018 with its I Corps Ball in February featuring the "100 Years of Courage" year-long theme.

I Corps will continue to celebrate its centennial with events that occurred throughout its distinguished history. All of the displays collectively commemorate the legacy of the corps and those who positively impacted it throughout its history, both military and civilian, according to Col. Lee Peters, I Corps public affairs officer.

"When you have a ceremony, not all of our Soldiers are there," Volesky said. "So how do you get different venues to continue this momentum of 'Hey, be proud; you're in America's most decorated corps in the history of our Army.'"

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Mark Fyke, I Corps staff judge advocate office.

Fyke said he expects similar numbers this year, despite a late start for the center opening due to federal tax code changes this year.

"This pushes us back, but the same people still need to file their taxes, so we're here to help with that," he said.

In addition to having someone at the center prepare taxes, a kiosk also is available at the center for folks who prefer to do their own, with H&R Block software available. The same software also is available for free use through MilitaryOneSource.com, Fyke said.

OSJA coordinates the JBLM Tax Center with the help of volunteer service members from across the installation.

Sergeant First Class Estelle Davis, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 42nd Military Police Brigade, will be a tax preparer at the center for the first time this year.

"I usually do my own taxes, but this is the first time I've helped other people do theirs," she said.

Davis and the other preparers went through a two-week IRS training and testing, as well as another week of scenario-based training.

"We're prepared," she said.

The center hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday. The first clients will be helped at the official opening Monday.

At the opening, Col. Steven Henricks, I Corps staff judge advocate, shared a bit of the history of income tax in America and how the center has helped military families.

"It all began over a hundred years ago when the federal government decided a necessary way to raise money for the government should include taxing the income of its citizens and



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Staff members train for the upcoming tax season by preparing tax returns for each other during an exercise at the JBLM Tax Center Tuesday.

residents," Henricks said about the start of income taxes.

The government also found a way to make tax day not a day of dread, but rather a day workers would look forward to as that's when they'd receive back a portion of the money they'd paid in taxes, according to Henricks.

"Of course this is the payback (of) a noninterest loan to the government, but we're just happy to get our money back," Henricks said.

This 'happy to get our money back' feeling isn't something that only the federal government capitalizes on.

In the last 20 to 30 years, income tax preparers decided they had other ways to make money besides simply charging for their preparation services.

Enter the rapid refund, where the income tax preparer cuts a check in the amount of the refund minus the preparation fee

and another fee for giving money immediately, and then when the IRS pays a refund it goes in its entirety to the income tax preparer, Henricks said.

He later explained how service members, their families and military retirees get free service through the Tax Center — eliminating those fees, including for services, such as the rapid refund.

"On average, those who use the tax center will receive the income tax refund from the IRS, in full, in just a few days. These free tax services: no prep fee, no additional charge for a speedy refund, save our (service members) and their families hundreds of thousands of dollars," he said.

"Just last year, the JBLM Tax Center ... saved (its) clients over \$1 million in fees and obtained over \$11 million in free refunds."



Col. Steven Henricks addresses staff members during an official ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the JBLM Tax Center Monday.

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"Because these tax consultants are knowledgeable of the military community, they'll be able to help service members and families connect the dots in helping them to complete their return," Slaton said.

In addition to complicated filing scenarios, she pointed out, tax laws change each year.

The tax services save members their hard-earned money, she said, and are secure, confidential and have a 100 percent accuracy guarantee by the software provider.

The tax deadline this year is April 17 because the usual April 15 deadline falls on a Sunday, and the following day is Emancipation Day, a legal holiday in the District of Columbia.

ELIGIBLE MEMBERS

The Military OneSource tax

resources are available to members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and National Guardsmen and Reservists, as well as Coast Guardsmen serving under Title 10 authority, Slaton said.

Other eligible personnel include retired and honorably discharged members up to 180 days past their separation, as well as family members and survivors.

Further more information on eligibility call Military One-

Source at 800-342-9647 or visit militaryonesource.mil, Slaton said. The site also provides calling options for people living overseas.

In addition to the tax services, the Department of Defense-funded Military OneSource offers a host of free and confidential resources to support the military community, Slaton said. Military OneSource has a singular mission — to support service members and their families, she added, noting the recent launch

of the "Our Promise to You" initiative.

"Our promise is to be that one source that stands ready to assist the military community — giving service members and their families the expert support and information they need," she said.

Military OneSource's website resources cover areas such as family and relationships, moving and housing, education and employment, and financial matters.

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ly had a stroke, and he was lost, disoriented and smelled of urine."

After some time, Watkins walked into the office and Cavalier asked him to assist Price in finding his vehicle. Having known the staff sergeant since 2013, Cavalier knew he was the right Airman for the task.

Having a loved one who had suffered a stroke in the recent past, Watkins was uniquely suited to interact with and understand the needs of 82-year-old Price.

"The reason I understood so well is because my dad had a stroke a year and a half ago," Watkins said. "Automatically I had a little bit invested because I saw my dad in this man. I noticed every time I asked him a



Watkins

question, there was a gap between him understanding what I was saying and actually being able to form a response."

Through patient questioning, Watkins discovered that Price was living in the Philippines and had traveled here for an appointment with Veterans Affairs in Hillsboro, Ore.

A phone call to the organization revealed that Price did not have an appointment or transportation; Watkins scheduled a visit for the following morning and promised that if transportation could not be arranged, he would escort Price to Oregon personally — a prospect that seemed to please Price.

The pair dined on a meal of Price's choosing that evening — Oreo cookies, beef jerky and

Mountain Dew, and Watkins delivered Price safely to his room for the night.

"When I knocked on his door the next morning, Lieutenant Colonel Price was surprised I had not forgotten him," Watkins said. "I told him of course I hadn't."

After the 3-hour drive to Oregon, Watkins and Price arrived at the VA and were confronted with several harsh realities.

They told Watkins that Price was fine just a few months before. The doctor did some blood work and a magnetic resonance image to see if Price did suffer a stroke and how bad it was.

After elevating his concerns to the VA staff, Watkins was given several resources to explore, but in the end, none of them panned out. After dozens of phone calls and disappointments, he and Price were on the brink of driving back to JBLM for a last-ditch attempt at getting Price ad-

mitted to the emergency room at Madigan Army Medical Center.

"At this point, I was desperate," Watkins said. "Being religious, I dropped to my knees and started praying for an answer."

Watkins and Price were headed to the elevator in defeat when one of the nurses who attended Price waved them down with news that Price's doctor had been talking with the staff social worker and wanted to meet with them.

"The doctor put in a note saying Lieutenant Colonel Price had to be admitted for at least 48 hours with the potential for a longer stay and testing," Watkins said. "He assured me that if he needed rehabilitation for speech or his voice, they would find a clinic for Price to stay in until he was well enough to travel back home to the Philippines. I was so relieved — this

was the solution I had been searching for all day. My prayers had been answered."

Price, who had taken to calling Watkins his guardian angel, encouraged the staff sergeant to begin the long journey home. After receiving assurances from the attending medical staff that Price wasn't going anywhere, Watkins was satisfied that his newfound friend was in good hands.

"As I was about to leave I turned to Lieutenant Colonel Price and asked him if there was anything else he might need," Watkins said. "His only request was a handshake. We both teared up a little bit and I thanked him for his service."

"I didn't understand why it was so hard to say goodbye to this man who was basically a complete stranger."

Watkins remains in contact with Price and is pleased to report that Price is on the mend.

Sports

TACOMA RUGBY CLUB

Local rugby club includes JBLM troops

Tacoma Nomads team members busy preparing for rugby season

BY DEAN SIEMON
Northwest Guardian
TACOMA — Growing up in Orange County, Calif., Dominick Andrezze, a first lieutenant from the 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, didn't really get an opportunity to play rugby. Although he played water polo, swimming and lacrosse at Trabuco Hills High School in Mission Viejo, a rugby club wasn't formed until his senior year in 2010.

He kept that interest through his studies at Arizona State University. Andrezze arrived on Joint Base Lewis-McChord in 2016 and started looking for rugby clubs in the area, reaching out to the Tacoma Rugby Club about playing for the Nomads. The Nomads responded in December and invited him to the annual Christmas party where he was introduced to the team. The training practice Jan. 18 at the Tacoma Soccer Complex was only his third rugby

practice, but he said he feels accepted into a rugby family that views him as a little brother. "They've been really patient with me," Andrezze said. "I'm a fast learner, but it's one of those things where once you get the reps in and spend time on the sport and the fundamentals, it's a real easy sport to pick up." Andrezze said he's still working on the fundamentals of passing, but he's working diligently on it. During some team drills, he worked with team veteran Shawn Oloapu to help him with his form. He also hopes to continue to



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Dominick Andrezze, left, works on passing with Shawn Oloapu during Tacoma Nomads practice at the Tacoma Soccer Complex Jan. 18.

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JBLM OUTDOOR RECREATION



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Participants take aim at stations two and three at the monthly Sporting Clays event at the JBLM Skeet and Trap Range Saturday.

COMPETITORS SHOOT FOR SPORTING CLAYS

New registered monthly events give local shooters more options

BY DEAN SIEMON
Northwest Guardian
Monthly Sporting Clays shooting events at Joint Base Lewis-McChord's Skeet and Trap Range on Lewis Main have been a tradition for many years. For a long time, they weren't registered competitions under the National Skeet Shooting Association's National Sporting Clays Association and the Washington Skeet Association — until now. On Saturday, the range hosted its Sporting Clays event with two options — registered shooters who were looking to improve their class ranking and

nonregistered shooters who were participating for fun. Twenty-six participants were nonregistered, which was about the average of last year's monthly fun shoots. Thirty-one were registered shooters who came from nearby cities. Some traveled from as far as Oregon and Idaho — bringing the total to 57 shooters. "The fact that they have this is another opportunity to shoot," said Derek Leto from Sequim, Wash. "Just to move up in class and see how we do. We just like to compete and we'll drive two-and-a-half hours to compete."



Doug Kurata, of Port Townsend, reloads during the monthly Sporting Clays event at the JBLM Skeet and Trap Range Saturday.

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ON THE SCHEDULE

SOUNDERS LANES HOSTS BLACKLIGHT BOWLING
Recreation: Sounders Lanes on McChord Field has Blacklight Bowling Saturdays from 7 to 11 p.m. Bowling for two hours, plus shoe rental, is \$12 per person. There is also an indoor playground, a laser maze game and an arcade machine with retro video games. For more information, call 253-982-5954.

FAMILY SPECIALS AVAILABLE AT ALL JBLM GOLF COURSES
Golf: On Saturdays and Sundays after 2 p.m., a family of four can play nine holes for \$30 at Eagles Pride and Whispering Firs Golf Courses. Includes carts, rental clubs, range balls and a hot dog and soda. Offer valid for families with children ages 15 and younger. For more information, call 253-967-6522 or 253-982-2124.

BOWL ARENA LANES' NEW HOURS START MONDAY
Recreation: New hours for Bowl Arena Lanes at 2272 Liggett Ave., Lewis Main, as well as Leisure Travel Services inside, will be effective Monday. The new hours for Bowl Arena Lanes are Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m., Monday-Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. LTS will be closed Sunday and Monday and open Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call Bowl Arena Lanes at 253-967-4661 or LTS at 253-967-3085.

REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR CYS ARCHERY CAMP
Youth: Children ages 8 to 18 enrolled in Joint Base Lewis-McChord's Child and Youth Services can be registered for Junior Olympic Archery Development now-Wednesday; cost per youth is \$65. The parent meeting is Feb. 2; season is Feb. 2-April 27. For more information or to register online, visit jblmcysregistration.com.

TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAY STARTS WEDNESDAY
Recreation: The Warrior Zone is hosting a special 10-week long Texas Hold 'em tournament starting Wednesday. Registration opens at 6 p.m. with the tournament beginning at 6:30 p.m. Each tournament's entry fee is \$7. Weekly winners get a \$50 Visa gift card. First place winners from each week, along with top 30 ranking players, compete in the finals April 4. Ages 18 and older only. For more information, call 253-477-5756.

ARMY WORLD CLASS ATHLETES PROGRAM

Four New York Guardsmen to compete at 2018 Winter Olympics

BY ERIC DURR
New York National Guard
LATHAM, N.Y. — Four New York Army National Guard Soldiers will compete for the United States in the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea next month. The four New York Citizen Soldiers are enrolled in the Army's World Class Athletes program. They also serve in units of the New York Army National Guard. Emily Sweeney, a sergeant

assigned to New York Army National Guard Joint Force Headquarters, will be part of the luge team. Sweeney, 24, joined the New York Army National Guard in 2011 and is trained as a military police Soldier. She has been competing in luge since 2008. In 2013, she was the luge Junior World Champion. She holds one World Cup Gold Medal and three World Cup silver Medals. Matthew Mortensen, a sergeant assigned to the 1156th

Engineer Company, headquartered in Kingston, N.Y., will also be part of the luge team. Mortensen, 32, joined the New York Army National Guard in 2010 and is trained as an Army electrician. He has been competing in luge since 2009 and currently competes as part of a doubles team in which two rides share the sled. Justin Olsen and Nick Cunningham, both sergeants



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SPC. JENNILY LEON New York National Guard

Sgt. Matt Mortensen gives a thumbs up to the home fans at the 2017 World Cup competition in Lake Placid, N.Y., Dec. 16.

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refine all of the little things about the sport, while also learning the simple rules of playing efficiently while on the attack or the defense.

“I’m understanding to stay behind the ball and being patient, looking for the ball — just watch the passing,” Andrezze said.

The Tacoma Nomads have a long history dating back to 1974. Players from the military have been a big part of the club’s foundation, according to Ryan McHugh, Tacoma Rugby Club president and Nomads’ head coach.

McHugh said the 1980s saw an influx of service members who had experience playing for the Army at the U.S. Military Academy, in West Point, N.Y. He’s also seen anywhere from a



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Andrew McCormack participates in a team drill for the Tacoma Nomads rugby club at the Tacoma Soccer Complex Jan. 18.

third to half the team composed of service members since he first joined the club in 1991. He’s been the head coach since 2013.

“They bring fitness, a use of discipline, a reckless love of contact, I would say, and camaraderie and just a level of pro-

fessionalism as well that I think a lot of civilians aren’t always up to,” McHugh said.

Players have come and gone every year due to deployments, training or transitions to another duty station. Andrew McCormack, a first lieutenant from the 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Bde., 2nd Inf. Div., has only been able to play bits and pieces of fall and spring seasons since joining the team in early 2015.

Speaking of roster turnover, McCormack will be leaving JBLM before the start of the Nomads’ regular season.

His orders are sending him to Fort Lee, Va., for six months. Luckily, he has connections and leads to rugby communities all over the country.

“I’ll probably play there, but I’ll only be there for the summer,” McCormack said. “Then I’ll pick up playing again when I get to wherever I am for my next duty station.”

Preseason training for the Nomads’ upcoming Rugby 15s season continued this week and will continue Thursday at the Tacoma Soccer Complex from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

The first preseason game is set to take place Feb. 17, with the regular season running through April.

McHugh said it’s not too late for service members interested in playing to reach out or attend a future practice, regardless of experience levels.

“As long as you’re willing to work hard and try a new sport, we will help you get started,” McHugh said. “We’re looking for athletes who are looking to compete and want to have fun, learn something new and get better.”

For more information on the upcoming season, visit tacoma-rugby.com.

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Competitor Jim Griswold, of Port Orchard, right, participates in the monthly Sporting Clays target shooting event at the JBLM Skeet and Trap Range on Lewis Main Saturday.

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CLAYS

There are additional clubs that offer registered Sporting Clays competitions, like the Tacoma Sportsmen’s Club or the Evergreen Sportsmen’s Club, in Olympia.

Many regular shooters who are registered with NSCA or WSA attempt to attend as many events as possible with 19 clubs in Washington state.

Greg Willis, the Sporting Clays chairman for the Tacoma Sportsmen’s Club and an Army veteran (1960 to 1975), said he is happy to see another venue not only for civilian shooters but service members and family members who are interested in the sport.

“It just brings more people into the Sporting Clays field,” Willis said.

Other participants who came to JBLM were happy to see an-

other option within a short drive from their home. Keith Pelzel of Tenino, Wash., hadn’t shot at JBLM for five years, but returned when he heard the range was NSCA registered.

“Other than Evergreen, this is the closest one for me,” Pelzel said.

The event itself is done in a 10-station format. Each shooter has a chance to hit up to 10 clay pigeons at each station — with a maximum possible score of 100. According to the NCSA website, punches are awarded based on how shooters finished. The number of punches awarded in each place is determined by the number of registered shooters in each class.

Shooters who are competing for the first time start at E Class and attempt to move up the ranks through D, C, B, A, AA and Master Classes.

A good percentage of the participants at Saturday’ JBLM Sporting Clays were serious competitors with expensive



A participant targets skeet at station two during the Sporting Clays event at the JBLM Skeet and Trap Range on Lewis Main Saturday.

shooting gear and even golf carts they brought to the range. Other participants viewed the event similar to a casual golf outing with friends.

“I also love the bang and the smell of the powder,” said Chris

Farwell of Olympia, a retired Army chief warrant officer.

Ronnie Phippen, the secondary outdoor recreation manager for JBLM’s Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, said most of the shooters were new;

approximately 12 were some of the Sporting Clays regulars from the last few years.

Pippen said he believes having the Sporting Clays competitions opens the sport to the entire local community.

“I see it as when the weather starts getting better, I would not put it past us to have over a hundred shooters,” Pippen said.

With the first JBLM Sporting Clays event having taken place, the rest of the events are set for the following dates: Feb. 18, March 17, April 28, May 19, June 16, July 14, Aug. 18, Sept. 29, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15.

Registration at the JBLM Skeet and Trap Range opens up at 9 a.m. with the event starting at 10:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$35 for non-registered shooters and \$42 for those who are registered with NSCA. For more information, call 253-967-7056.

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GAMES

assigned to New York Army National Guard Joint Force Headquarters, will be part of the bobsled team.

Olsen, 30, joined the New York Army National Guard in 2011 and trained as a human resources specialists. The 2018 games will be his third Olympics appearance. In 2010 he was part of the four-man bobsled team which took the gold medal at the Vancouver Games.

Cunningham, 32, joined the New York Army National Guard in 2011 and trained as a carpentry and masonry specialist. He competed on two-man and four-

man bobsled teams in the 2010 and 2014 Olympic Games and has been competing in bobsled since 2008.

The Army World Class Athlete Program is a military detachment run by the U.S. Army Installation Management Command. It was established by the Army to support Public Law 84-11, which allows the Army to provide Soldiers — including those in the National Guard and Reserve — an opportunity to train for and participate in the Pan American Games, World Championships and Olympic and Paralympic competitions.

The World Class Athlete Program detachment was established in 1997 in Fort Carson, Colo., near the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

Most Soldiers in the program are assigned to the detachment and train on Fort Carson or at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. Others train with the U.S. national team for their specific sport. On average, there are between 40 and 60 Soldiers in the detachment.


Soldiers must be nationally ranked in their chosen sport to be considered for the program.

Soldiers in the program balance athletic training with their military careers, and are Soldiers first. They represent the United States and the U.S. Army, maintain their military occupational skills and often return to traditional military units when they are not competing or training.



JOE LACDAN New York National Guard

Sgt. Emily Sweeney waves to the crowd at the Lake Placid Olympic Center, N.Y., Dec. 16. Sweeney will join fellow Army athletes Taylor Morris and Matt Mortensen in PyeongChang, South Korea.



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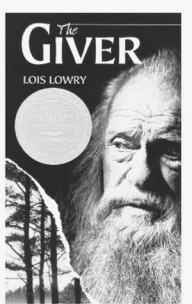
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Feb. 14 • 4:30 p.m.
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STRIKE ZONE AT SOUNDERS LANES
11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Shrimp basket for \$8.25.

McCHORD PUB 4 to 8:30 p.m. Drop in to relax after work. Enjoy four overhead televisions and a game of darts or poker. Order appetizers from the pub menu to go along with your favorite drinks.

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SAMUEL ADAMS BREWHOUSE 4 to 11 p.m. Watch your favorite sports with appetizers and brew.

SOUNDERS LANES 11 a.m. to midnight Cosmic Blacklight Bowling 7 to 11 p.m. Two hours plus shoe rental for \$12 per person, plus the Laser Maze and PAC-Man.

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SAMUEL ADAMS BREWHOUSE AT EAGLES PRIDE Open to the public. Come in for great meals, good brew and your favorite sports.

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STRIKE ZONE AT SOUNDERS LANES 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Chicken cordon bleu for \$8.25.

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AT THE MOVIES

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Downsizing (R) Friday at 7 p.m.

Pitch Perfect 3 (PG) Saturday at 1 p.m.

All The Money in The World (R) Saturday at 7 p.m.

Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (PG-13) Sunday at 1 p.m.

Downsizing (R) Sunday at 7 p.m.

MOVIE THEATERS

For movie times, contact your local theater.

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PARAMOUNT PICTURES Paramount Pictures

Matt Damon, Kristen Wiig, Hong Chau, Christoph Waltz and Jason Sudeikis star in the new Paramount Pictures release, "Downsizing."



RUTH KINGSLAND Northwest Guardian / 2017

The latest in bridal and bridesmaid gowns will be on display at the South Sound Wedding Show at Marcus Pavilion on the campus of St. Martins University in Lacey Sunday.



Vendors for everything from flowers to catering will be on hand during the annual South Sound Wedding Show Sunday.

BRIDAL FAIR EXPOS

IT'S WEDDING TIME

BY RUTH KINGSLAND
Northwest Guardian

Whether you're planning a big wedding or a simple ceremony with a few close friends, now is the time to begin getting what likely will be the biggest day of your life in order.

Some local wedding and bridal expos already have taken

place this month in the Pacific Northwest, but several local events are coming up soon and offering information to begin planning your big day.

One of the largest local bridal events is the South Sound Wedding Show, planned for Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Marcus Pavilion at St. Martin's University in Lacey. This show features fashion shows at 11:30

a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Vendors for everything from flowers and photography to barn wedding locations, music, food and cake tastings will be present. Raffles for wedding related items also play a part in the event. Last year's event had raffles for honeymoon trips and catering.

SEE EXPO, 6C

ON SALE THIS WEEK

DEAD AND COMPANY SUMMER TOUR June 29. Gorge Amphitheater, George. Tickets go on sale Friday.

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND Aug. 31 to Sept. 2. Gorge Amphitheater, George. Tickets go on sale Feb. 2.

ALREADY ON SALE

RICKY GERVAIS: HUMANITY 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Moore Theater, Seattle.

MIRANDA LAMBERT 7 p.m. Thursday. Tacoma Dome, Tacoma.

KATY PERRY 7:30 p.m. Feb. 3. Tacoma Dome, Tacoma.

ANN WILSON 8:30 p.m. Feb. 9. Emerald Queen Casino, Tacoma.

AIR SUPPLY 8 p.m. Feb. 14.

Emerald Queen Casino, Tacoma.

TOBYMAC 7 p.m. Feb. 16.

KeyArena, Seattle.

JO KOY: BREAK THE MOLD TOUR 7 p.m. Feb. 17. ShoWare Center, Kent.

MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP 8 p.m. Feb. 17. The Moore Theater, Seattle.

GOGOL BORDELLO 8 p.m. Feb. 20. Neptune Theatre, Seattle.

SOUTHERN SOUL FEATURING LOMAX SPAULDING 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20. Temple Theater, Tacoma.

RYAN CARAVEO 9 p.m. Feb. 23. Neptune Theatre, Seattle.

JAY PHAROAH 7 p.m. March 8. Neptune Theatre, Seattle.

LORDE'S MELODRAMA WORLD TOUR 7 p.m. March 9. KeyArena, Seattle.

RICHARD MARX 8 p.m.

March 9, Tulalip Resort Casino.

JEFF DUNHAM: PASSIVELY AGGRESSIVE 5 p.m. March 10. Tacoma Dome.

BLUE OYSTER CULT 8 p.m. March 10. Emerald Queen Casino, Tacoma.

CHIPPENDALES 6 p.m. March 17. Tulalip Resort Casino, Tulalip.

TREVOR NOAH 7:30 p.m. March 23. Paramount Theatre, Seattle.

TIME MACHINE/MASHINA VREMENI 8 p.m. March 28. Moore Theatre, Seattle.

SOMO: THE RESERVATIONS TOUR 8 p.m. March 30. Neptune Theatre, Seattle.

PAW PATROL LIVE: RAVE TO THE RESCUE April 3. McCaw Hall, Seattle.

MONSTER ENERGY AMA SUPERCROSS April 7. CenturyLink Field, Seattle.

BILL MAHER 8 p.m. April 14. Paramount Theatre, Seattle.

PBR TOUR April 14-15. Tacoma Dome, Tacoma.

JUDAS PRIEST: FIREPOWER 2018 NORTH AMERICAN TOUR April 15. ShoWare Center, Kent.

CASPAR BABYPANTS 10:30 a.m. April 28. Neptune Theatre, Seattle.

KHALID: THE ROXY TOUR May 3. WaMu Theater, Seattle.

LITTLE BIG SHOW NO. 21: NADA SURF, CELEBRATING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF LET GO 8 p.m. May 9. Neptune Theatre, Seattle.

PINK: BEAUTIFUL TRAUMA WORLD TOUR 7:30 p.m. May 13. KeyArena, Seattle.

CHRIS YOUNG: LOSING SLEEP WORLD TOUR 2018 7:30 p.m. May 19. Tacoma Dome.

STARS ON ICE 7:30 p.m.

May 20. KeyArena, Seattle.

WEIRD AL YANKOVIC: ILL ADVISED TOUR 8 p.m. May 20. The Moore Theater, Seattle.

MAROON 5 7:30 p.m. May 30. Tacoma Dome.

CELTIC WOMAN: HOME-COMING TOUR 7:30 p.m. June 2. Paramount Theatre, Seattle.

NATALIA LAFOURCADE 8 p.m. June 2. Neptune Theatre, Seattle.

ANDREA BOCELLI IN CONCERT WITH THE SEATTLE SYMPHONY 7:30 p.m. June 24. KeyArena, Seattle.

KENNY CHESNEY: TRIP AROUND THE SUN TOUR 4 p.m. July 7. CenturyLink Field, Seattle.

TIM MCGRAW AND FAITH HILL SOUL2SOUL WORLD TOUR 2018 July 13. KeyArena, Seattle.

FOREIGNER - JUKE BOX HEROES TOUR 7 p.m. July 27. White River Amphitheatre, Auburn.

NIALL HORAN: FLICKER WORLD TOUR 7 p.m. Aug. 2. White River Amphitheatre, Auburn.

WEEZER AND PIXIES 7:30 p.m. Aug. 4. White River Amphitheatre, Auburn.

ED SHEERAN: 2018 NORTH AMERICAN TOUR 7 p.m. Aug. 25. CenturyLink Field, Seattle.

ZAC BROWN BAND: DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE LIVE 7 p.m. Aug. 31. Safeco Field, Seattle.

GAME OF THRONES LIVE CONCERT EXPERIENCE Sept. 6. KeyArena, Seattle.

ROD STEWART, WITH SPECIAL GUEST CYNDI LAUPER 7:30 p.m. Sept. 1. White River Amphitheatre, Auburn.

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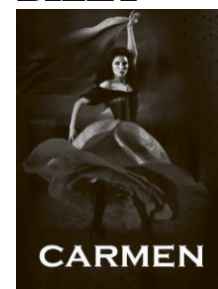
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JANUARY 26

YOGA CLASS DESIGNED FOR SNOWSHOERS

The class is designed for those who spent the day exploring a winter wonderland, trudging up, down, across and zig-zagging through waist-deep snow, inevitably leading to tight calves, hamstrings, hip flexors and quads. Join other outdoor recreators in a 60-minute class away from the studio designed specifically for preparing the muscles to endure the snow-filled adventures ahead of you this winter. Class is held at 6 p.m. at McChord Field's Adventures Unlimited, surrounded by inspiring outdoor gear. Minimum age: 12; children younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Register at JBLMmwrRegistration.com. **\$17.**

JANUARY 27

BACKCOUNTRY SKI THE CASCADE MOUNTAINS

Ski all over the Cascade Mountains this winter. Backcountry skiing is growing in popularity and backcountry access is increasing. Don't miss the opportunity to see amazing alpine wilderness and truly unforgettable skiing. The Northwest Adventure Center's trip provides all the gear one needs to go safely into the backcountry. Trip includes transportation, skis or split board, boots, float pack, avalanche safety kit and guide. Minimum age: 16 years; children those younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All participants must be intermediate skiers. Due to weather, location is subject to change for safety. Depart from McChord Field's Adventures Unlimited at 8 a.m. Register at JBLMmwrRegistration.com. **\$110.**

JANUARY 27-28

BE PREPARED WITH WILDERNESS FIRST AID

The Wilderness First Aid course helps prepare outdoor enthusiasts for the unexpected. This fast-paced, hands-on training is designed to meet the needs of trip leaders, camp staff, outdoor enthusiasts and individuals working in remote locations. It will introduce students to caring for people who become

ill or injured far from definitive medical care. Classroom lectures and demonstrations are combined with realistic scenarios where mock patients will challenge to integrate your learning.

At the end of the course, students will have the knowledge, skills and ability to make sound decisions in emergency situations. All students are required to have current First Aid, CPR and AED training before WFA course date. This is available to every student the Friday night from 6 to 8 p.m. before your course for an extra \$25.

Students should provide a bag or backpack packed with everything one would bring on a normal hiking trip for one, grungy clothing that will likely get ruined (stained, cut or torn) and appropriate food for the day. The Northwest Adventure Center will provide learning materials, instruction and certification card in the mail.

Depart from the Northwest Adventure Center at Lewis North at 8 a.m. Minimum age: 16; children younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Register at JBLMmwrRegistration.com. **\$225.**

JANUARY 28

MOUNTAIN BIKING INTRODUCTION TRIP

Experience the thrill of mountain biking. The guides will start by addressing proper bike fit and making any necessary adjustments to the bikes. Next, they'll demonstrate riding techniques, including body and pedal position, shifting, braking, climbing, descending and navigating minor obstacles on the trail. They'll also go over important communication skills and mountain biking trail etiquette with the aim of keeping multi-use trails open and safe for everyone. And finally, the guides will practice all these new skills on a great trail ride.

Minimum age: 14; children younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Depart from the Northwest Adventure Center at Lewis North at 8 a.m. Register at JBLMmwrRegistration.com. **\$35.**

SNOWSHOE TRIP IN THE COMMONWEALTH BASIN

The Cascades in the winter is a snowshoeing paradise and none more so than Common-

wealth Basin. The proliferation of snow keeps the trail ever changing. Soft blankets smooth the landscape forming snow bridges over creeks, making stumps look like soft bumps in the landscape. Distance: 8 miles, roundtrip; elevation gain: 2,300 feet.

Depart from McChord Field's Adventures Unlimited at 8 a.m. Register at JBLMmwrRegistration.com. **\$65.**

FEBRUARY 3

SNOWSHOE TRIP AT HURRICANE RIDGE

Hurricane Ridge in Olympic National Park is one of the most spectacular places to snowshoe in Washington. Enjoy stunning alpine views while trekking across ridge lines decorated with snow sculptures, constantly being reshaped by the legendary winds for which the area has earned its name. Distance: 6 miles, roundtrip; elevation gain: 800 feet.

Minimum age: 12; children younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Depart from the Northwest Adventure Center at Lewis North at 8 a.m. or

McChord Field's Adventures Unlimited at 8:30 a.m.

Due to winter conditions, location is subject to change for safety reasons. Register at JBLMmwrRegistration.com. **\$90.**

SEMINAR FOR INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

Attend one of the monthly free seminars touching on a wide range of introductory topics. Learn a new skill, ask some questions or figure out how to use your gear in a few hours with our instructors. This class will go over the basics of planning your dream trip abroad.

Work with a travel enthusiast and international guide to learn how to plan an incredible experience anywhere in the world, from choosing housing locations, finding volunteer opportunities, interacting with local people, getting the most from your trip and how to be the best traveler instead of tourist you can be. No equipment necessary.

This class is held at McChord Field's Adventures Unlimited at 11 a.m. Register at JBLMmwrRegistration.com. **Free.**

FEBRUARY 3-4

CLASS ABOUT BASIC ALPINE CLIMBING

During this course, you'll receive hands-on climbing and climber's safety training in Washington's glorious Cascade Range. Unlike Rainier, the Cascades are part of a huge mountain range with scores of peaks topping 8,000 feet and upwards of 400 glaciers and countless permanent snowfields. This program is designed for the beginner or intermediate climber who wishes to develop strong fundamental skills in all aspects of snow and glacier climbing. It serves as a prerequisite for many of our basic-level climbs and is a stepping stone to more technically difficult mountains, including Denali.

This course has served as a springboard to many climbing careers, including numerous Rainier summiteers. Taught over two weekends the first half is classroom based skill sessions.

The following weekend is an overnight field skills practice on the slopes. Register at JBLMmwrRegistration.com. **\$125.**

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EXPO

Discounted \$8 tickets are available through Saturday on the southsoundweddingshow.com site. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Although last year's bridal fair event at American Lake Conference Center isn't on the schedule this year, other local events can meet the needs of most engaged couples.

The Tacoma Spring Wedding Expo at the Tacoma Dome offers a plethora of all things wedding and is scheduled for March 24 and 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$16 each, and three-for-two coupons are available in advance at tinyurl.com/ybe38dg6.

Another upcoming bridal event is the Environmental Services Building's fifth annual Bridal Showcase at 9850 64th St. West in University Place.

This free event, March 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., offers brides and grooms-to-be an opportunity to connect with local vendors, win prizes, taste catering samples, check out wedding hair demos, cake makers, DJs, wedding planners and photographers.

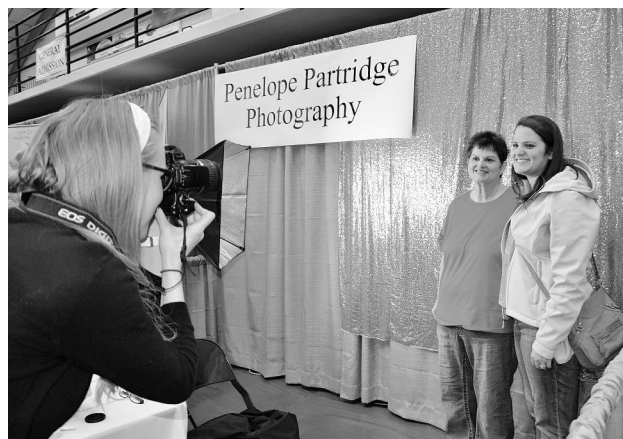
For more information, visit piercesoundcountywa.org/esb or call 253-798-4141.

South Sound Wedding and Event Magazine, which hosts the South Sound Wedding Show in Lacey, also offers two free South Sound Wedding Workshops — at Indian Summer Golf and Country Club, 5900 Troon Lane SE, in Olympia, March 8 from 6 to 8 p.m.; and at Titlow Lodge, 8425 Sixth Ave., in Tacoma, May 10



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Both bridal and bridesmaid gowns will be on display at the annual South Sound Wedding Show at St. Martins University in Lacey Sunday.



Photography vendors will be on hand at the South Sound Wedding Show at St. Martins University in Lacey Sunday.

from 2 to 4 p.m.

The South Sound Wedding Workshops are for engaged couples who want to learn tips on planning their wedding, tour the venue and sample the food, plus meet a few wedding professionals in


an intimate setting. Guests are invited to bring parents, maid or man of honor and wedding planners. Plan to stay for the entire two hours.

Preregistration is required at southsoundweddingshow.com.

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Tacoma Home and Garden Show 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Tacoma Dome, 2727 E. D St., Tacoma. \$12.

Belgian Fest Noon to 4 p.m. and 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday. Craft beers by Washington breweries. Seattle Center, 305 Harrison St., Seattle. \$37 advance, \$45 at the door. washingtonbeer.com.

America's Largest Antique and Collectible Show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 4. Washington State Fair Events Center, 110 Ninth Ave. SW, Puyallup. \$7. christinepalmer.net.

Wine and Chocolate 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 9. WW Seymour Conservatory, 316 G St. South, Tacoma. Enjoy live music as you stroll through the romantically lit floral displays of the Conservatory. VIP \$60, non-members \$45, conservatory members \$35. 253-591-5330, metroparkstacoma.org/conservatory-wine-and-chocolate.

Best of the Northwest Cheerleading and Dance Championships Feb. 10-11. Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center, 1500 Broadway, Tacoma. \$10.

CageSport MMA 7 p.m. Feb. 10. Emerald Queen Casino, 2024 E. 29th St., Tacoma. \$35-\$100. Ticketmaster.

Pinology Market 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 10. Featuring vendors on top of all current trends on Pinterest. Washington State Fair Events Center, 110 Ninth Ave. SW, Puyallup. \$7. pinology-market.com.

Asia Pacific New Year Celebration 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 10. Tacoma Dome, Tacoma. "Korea" is themed country, annual celebration including food, arts, retail, games, crafts and live entertainment. Free.

NIGHTLIFE FRIDAY

Magic with Cary Durgin 6 p.m. Stonegate Restaurant Bar and Grill, 5421 South Tacoma Way, Tacoma. 253-473-2255.

Open Mic Night 6 p.m. Urban Timber Coffee, 6621 166th Ave. E., Sumner. All ages, family friendly. 253-826-3936.

Darby Picnic, Girls Love Rockets and Enloe 7 p.m. Louie G's, 5219 Pacific Highway E, Fife. \$10. 253-926-9700.

Young Lew, DGYB, Kid Genius and Baja Boy 7 p.m. Real Art Tacoma, 5412 South Tacoma Way, Tacoma. \$10. realarttacoma.com.

Comedy at the Ave 7:30 p.m. Auburn Avenue Theater, 10 Auburn Ave., Auburn. \$15-\$18. 253-931-3043.

The Dodges and Coyote Bred 8 p.m. The Valley Pub, 1206 Puyallup Ave., Tacoma. 253-248-4265.

Chapter 5 9 p.m. Emerald Queen I-5 Nightclub, 2024 E.

29th St., Tacoma. 253-594-7777.
Nite Crew 9 p.m. Great American Casino, 10117 South Tacoma Way, Lakewood. 253-396-0500.

All Vinyl All Night with Eddie Bermuda 9 p.m. Jazzbones, 2803 Sixth Ave., Tacoma. \$5. 253-396-9169.

Ocean Grooves presents dj dAb, OMRVLS, Double Shot, Grunt and Jon Marche 9 p.m. The Swiss, 1904 S. Jefferson, Tacoma. 253-572-2821.

SATURDAY

Cowardice, Tigerhawk, Dust Mob and Good Touch 7 p.m. Real Art Tacoma, 5412 South Tacoma Way, Tacoma. \$5. realarttacoma.com.

Randy Hansen: Jimi Hendrix Tribute 7:30 p.m. Auburn Avenue Theater, 10 Auburn Ave.,

Auburn. \$18-\$21. 253-931-3043.
Downtown, Ball Bag, The Nard and DJ Stevie-Dee 8 p.m. The Valley Pub, 1206 Puyallup Ave., Tacoma. 253-248-4265.

Straight Classic with Down Glow 8 p.m. Louie G's, 5219 Pacific Highway E, Fife. \$10. 253-926-9700.

Kalimba: The Spirit of Earth, Wind and Fire 8 p.m. Jazzbones, 2803 Sixth Ave., Tacoma. \$15-\$25. 253-396-9169.

String Theory Bluegrass Band 8 p.m. The Spar, 2121 N. 30th St., Tacoma. 253-627-8215.

Live Music with Blues, Brews and Barbecue 8 p.m., Uncle Thurm's Finger Lickin' Ribs and Chicken, 3709 S. G St., Tacoma, 253-475-1881.

Hair Nation 9 p.m. Arena Style Rock. The Swiss, 1904 S.

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SUNDAY

The Kareem Kandi Band 5 p.m. The Swiss, 1904 S. Jefferson, Tacoma. No cover. 253-572-2821.

Maia Santell 5 to 8 p.m. Johnny's Dock Restaurant and Marina, 1900 E D St., Tacoma. 253-627-3186.

Stick Shift Annie 7 p.m. The Spar, 2121 N. 30th St., Tacoma. 253-627-8215.

Country Roadhouse Jam

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