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Asian-American Month

Fort Sill will observe Asian-American Pacific Islander Heritage Month with a luncheon May 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Patriot Club. The theme is "Unite Our Voices by Speaking Together." Menu items include pineapple chicken, cranberry glazed roasted pork loin, wild rice, carrots, garden salad, rolls, unsweetened iced tea, and assorted desserts. Tickets cost \$15, and are available at the Installation Equal Opportunity Office in Bldg. 4700, Room 459. They must be purchased by May 9. The Dental Activity Command is the co-sponsoring unit. For more information, call the EO office at 580-442-6165.

Retirement ceremony

Fort Sill honors its retiring military officers, enlisted Soldiers and DA civilian employees bimonthly with a postwide retirement ceremony. The next ceremony is slated for May 19, at 9 a.m. at Old Post Quadrangle. Honoree Soldiers need to be there by 8 a.m. Dress for the audience is military duty uniform and civilian business casual. The event is open to the public. The inclement weather site will be General Vessey Hall — the 95th AG Battalion (Reception) Complex, Bldg. 6005 Berry St. on the basic training side of the post.

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Marine live-fire exercise



Photo by Cindy McIntyre

Marines from three Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company Marine Forces Reserve units keep their qualifications current during a combined-arms live-fire exercise at Fort Sill, April 27. Lasting several days, the training also took place at the Jared Monti Hall Mission Simulation Center. The exercise was in addition to their two-week annual training requirement, and included F/A-18 Hornets piloted by VMFA-112 "Cowboys" out of Joint Air Reserve Base in Fort Worth, Texas. For the story and more photos, see Page 6A.

Four days of intense competition

Sill Drill Sergeant of Year announced

Story, photos
By Jeff Crawley

Nine drill sergeants from the 434th Field Artillery Brigade competed to become the Fort Sill Drill Sergeant of the Year (DSOY).

After four days of grueling competition, Drill Sergeant (Sgt. 1st Class) James Calfa, D Battery, 1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery, was named the 2017 DSOY during a ceremony May 2, at General Vessey Hall here.

"I'm a little shocked. I honestly didn't think I was going to win," Calfa said. He said he believed his proficiency in physical training may have set him apart from the competition.

Calfa will move on to the Training and Doctrine Command DSOY competition at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., in September.

It was a very close competition with Calfa winning by one point over the unannounced runner-up, said 434th FA Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Royal Curtis II.

The other competitors were drill sergeants (Sgt. 1st Class) Pavlino Veracruz, B/1-40th FA; (Staff Sgt.) Chi Au, B/1-40th FA; (Staff Sgt.) Hak Tang, E/1-40th FA; (Staff Sgt.) McClellan Humphrey, B/1-79th FA; (Staff Sgt.) Samuel York, 1-79th; (Staff Sgt.) Jon Schroeder, D/1-31st FA; (Staff Sgt.) Roman Davis, B/95th Adjutant General Battalion



Command Sgt. Maj. Royal Curtis II, 434th FA Brigade CSM; Drill Sergeant (Sgt. 1st Class) James Calfa, D Battery, 1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery; and Col. Lee Overby, 434th FA Brigade commander, celebrate Calfa winning the 2017 Fort Sill Drill Sergeant of the Year competition, May 2, at General Vessey Hall here.

(Reception); and (Staff Sgt.) Javier Razo, Defense Language Institute at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

The DSOY works with the 434th FA Brigade commander and command sergeant major as a liaison and advocate for the roughly 320 drill sergeants here, said 2016 DSOY (Staff Sgt.) Dustin Randall. Randall began planning this

year's competition about three months ago, he said. The brigade held a pre-DSOY competition April 4, to narrow down the pool of competitors.

Competition

Events began April 25, at the hand grenade course, Randall said. Competitors were evaluated on performing blocks of instruc-

tion, or training modules. A training module is the lesson that a drill sergeant gives to basic combat trainees, such as facing movements.

Evaluators graded the competitors on the training's proper sequence, and if all training points were covered.

One of the most difficult training modules they were tested on was the stack-and-take arms, where rifles are stowed in a uniform manner to prevent damage, and for easy access should a firefight erupt.

"It consists of 43 sentences," Au said.

They were also given a written essay test on the topic of Syria, and how the United States should deal with ISIS, Razo said.

"I said we should keep mass troops out of Syria, keep up the airstrikes, and let the local population deal with it," Razo said.

From there, the drill sergeants ruck marched with packs weighing up to 45 pounds to Contingency Operations Location Murphy for more module testing in 10 events. That afternoon they were tested on the Army Physical Fitness Test at Hell Cat Field.

Day 2 began at 6 a.m. with the Physical Fitness Assessment. Competitors had to complete 20 pull ups, 100 push ups, 100 sit ups, See DSOY, Page 4A

Basic combat trainees experience Rite of Passage

Story, photos
By Cindy McIntyre

One might not use the term "prepared with love" when it comes to what Army drill sergeants do for their trainees, but in reference to the traditional Rite of Passage for A Battery, 1st Battalion, 40th Field Artillery, it seems appropriate.

Drill Sgt. (Staff Sgt.) Jessica Gage described the various iterations of the ceremony she's overseen, along with 1st Sgt. Wade Hunter. "This is a progression of Rites of Passage," she said of the "culminating event" held at the Old Rock Quarry in the pre-dawn hours of April 28. "We started on the drill pad with strobe lights and fog machines, a sheet (for a screen) and a video, and that's where it started."

Although many of the rituals remained the same, including the preparation and drinking of the famous dirty sock grog, there were some noticeable differences. One was the inclusion of the Scrap Metal Brass Band, a component of the post's 77th Army Band. Another was the ceremonial positioning of a pair of M119 howitzers, which were lit with red lights.

Changing it from an evening to one that had the trainees in the quarry by 5:30 a.m. was yet another difference. That meant the drill

sergeants were there by 4 a.m. working by headlamp and a temporary floodlight to connect a projector to the generator running in the distance, draping a white sheet over a wooden pallet to use as a screen for the video, laying out the ingredients for the grog, positioning the seven red artillery shells emblazoned with the Seven Army Values, arranging blue glow lights in a semi-circle, and lighting the bonfires.

When all was ready, the battery was called in. The Soldiers marched in between the bonfires, singing loudly, "You wanna be Outlaws, you gotta do it my way. My way or the highway My way's the right way. Your way's the highway."

They were arranged around the glow lights, and the video set to dramatic music began, with words streaming from the bottom, "Star Wars" opener fashion. "On February 28, 2017, 154 civilians arrived at Alpha Battery 1st Battalion of the 40th Field Artillery to embark on a journey that would change their lives forever. On this day 133 Soldiers have proven they have what it takes to become a part of the world's most elite fighting organization, the United States Army."

Sylvester Stallone's character Rocky Balboa intoned over the music: "The world ain't all sunshine and rainbows. It's a very mean and nasty place and I don't care how tough you are, it will beat you to your knees and keep you there per-



The traditional "dirty sock" grog is served to Soldiers of A Battery, 1st Battalion, 40th Field Artillery in the pre-dawn hours, April 28.

manently if you let it. It ain't about how hard you're hit. It's about how hard you can get hit, and keep moving forward. How much you can take and keep moving forward. That's how winning is done!"

Photographs showing the Soldiers during training were synced to the music. When it was over, they were ordered to recite "The Soldier's Creed," which they did with gusto.

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Volunteers needed for Fort Sill USO Center

By Jennifer Kirby
Center director,
USO Oklahoma



File photo

The USO Oklahoma Center at Fort Sill will soon pass its six-month anniversary helping service members and their families. The center is a great place to volunteer, and Jennifer Kirby, center director, said volunteers are especially needed on weekends when the bulk of people stop in to see what the center has to offer.

"I love the USO!"
"The USO saved me!"
"USO was there for me."
These are all phrases frequently heard at the new USO Center next to Sheridan Theater on Fort Sill.

The USO here is quickly approaching its six-month anniversary of being open to Guard, Reserve and active-duty service members and their families, as well as retirees. Basically, anyone with a Defense Department ID card is welcome in our center.

You might think that a half-year anniversary isn't that much to celebrate, but from where I sit as the USO Center director, it's truly been an exciting time!

We've already eclipsed 13,000 visits to the center and served an additional 6,700 people through our outreach and event programming. The USO Transitions Center at the Soldier for Life Training

Campus, under the management of David Rollins, has assisted 120 members as they end their time in the service.

Our impact remains centered on our mission to strengthen America's military service members by keeping them

connected to family, home and country throughout their service to the nation. It would be easy to believe

that a center with this level of customer interest would have a solid core of employees who work diligently to meet the needs of those they serve. But, that's not the case at Fort Sill. We have a paid staff of two to support the Center, myself and Jennifer Troxell, Center Operations and Programs manager.

While these positions are indeed essential to the services we provide, another key function we provide is training volunteers to understand the USO culture so those new helpers can get plugged in and feel ready to serve our customers.

Yes, volunteers. The USO Center couldn't function without people willing to give their time and talents in service to our patrons.

As for what that service is, consider some of the amenities the USO Center provides: complimentary WiFi, nine computers, light snacks, a reading nook, eight gaming stations, a dart alley, shuffleboard, and pool

table. Throughout the center, comfortable seating invites a place to unwind and relax to the 1,500 visitors we serve on average each week.

These volunteers pitch in and help us during our daily operating hours from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Weekends are especially busy at the USO Center as that's when we receive the most visitors. Currently, that too, is the time we most need additional volunteers to help us out. Opportunities include welcoming guests at the center, and assisting with special programs, such as our popular pancake breakfasts on Saturdays.

But, the USO's impact on Fort Sill doesn't just happen within the facility's walls, and that's why we need volunteers ready to help with our outreach activities to service members across the installation.

Please consider becoming part of our USO team. See www.volunteers.uso.org to register online.

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Knowledge Network to view the website. A Common Access Card is required to view the material.

OCS boards

The Fort Sill Military Personnel Division will sponsor a local panel boards for Officer Candidate School selection May 17, at 8:30 a.m. in Bldg. 4700, Room 210, for Soldiers assigned to TRADOC, MEDDAC, DENTAC and tenant units. These boards are in preparation for OCS selection boards at Army Headquarters, Fort Knox, Ky., Sept. 5-8. For more information about the boards, email tracy.r.short.civ@mail.mil or call at 580-442-2700.

Behavioral health

The Child and Family Behavioral Health Clinic offers its services to Army families. The clinic is on the second floor of Reynolds Army Community Hospital directly above the primary care clinics. Appointments are available Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Post thrift shop

The Fort Sill Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is open to the public. The store is at 1731 Gruber Road. For more information, call the thrift shop staff at 580-355-8731.

Sports officials

The Lawton-Fort Sill Athletic Officials Association oversees sports referees. It needs people interested in becoming referees, score keepers or time keepers. For more information, call Marius Acklin at 580-647-0340, Kenneth Fairley at 478-397-0260 or Leroy Anderson at 580-284-7411. Sports referees are a vital component to intramural sports, which directly support Soldier and family morale and readiness.

Lending Closet

The Army Community Services' Lending Closet operating hours are: Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed on Thursdays and federal holidays. The closet offers free temporary (30 days) household items to military families. It is in

the Welcome Center, Bldg. 4700. For more information, call 580-442-2360.

Museum hours

The Army Air Defense Artillery Training Support, Technology Preservation Facility is open in Bldgs. 1505 and 1506 Bateman Road here. Hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 580-442-0424.

The Fort Sill National Historic Landmark Museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further info, call 580-442-5123. The Army Field Artillery Museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 580-442-1819 for more information.

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Post trading store

The Fort Sill Post Trading Store, 435 Quanah Road, is open Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The store sells various souvenirs, such as coffee mugs, postcards, model cannons, art and afghans related to the post's past. Volunteers are needed to work the store and given enough additional help, it may open more days or hours. Email posttradersstore@gmail.com for more information.

Corvias notes

Corvias Military Living residents can access both community centers after hours. Residents may use their key fobs at Southern Plains and Old Cavalry Post community centers for access from 5 a.m. to midnight. On-post family housing residents can use Corvias Military Living's fitness facilities from 5 a.m. to midnight daily with their key fob. Corvias changed its hours to give service members time to warm up before reporting for unit physical training.

Leave sharing

The Voluntary Leave Transfer Program provides federal government civilian employees an avenue to donate annual leave to other civilian employees in their time of need. Submit forms to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Bldg 4700, Mow-Way Road., fifth floor.

For information, call 580-442-5326. The following Fort Sill employees are approved for the program:

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Passage

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"I am an American Soldier," they shouted in unison. "I am a warrior and a member of a team"

Then Hunter, standing on the landing of the wooden steps, and illuminated with light from flaming tiki lamps, spoke. "Assassins you are on solemn ground. You are now in a long line of warriors that have passed before. Many have felt the pain, the anxiety that you had when you got here. But today I want you to be proud. Proud of what you've accomplished. Proud of what you are right now."

Capt. Orlando Peña, battery commander, then told them the Old Rock Quarry was "cut, dug and blasted" by Army Soldiers "to build Fort Sill up from nothing."

He said, "You came to us as raw, rough, individual stones. Since you arrived, we have chipped away at you, to remove the edges that wouldn't interface well with the other stones. We have put you under intense pressure to make you harder as an individual, and stronger as a team. As a result of all this training, you are ready to go out and take your place in the Army."

He continued, "You will leave this rock quarry as disciplined Soldiers. Your friends and family will notice a change in attitude, in motivation, and in dedication. You will leave this rock quarry wearing your berets, the hallmark of the modern professional Soldier."

When so ordered, the new Soldiers removed their patrol caps and took the berets out of their pockets, affixing them in the dark. Each drill sergeant recited one of the Seven Army Values, and presented value tags to the Soldiers.

Then it was time for the grog. Its preparation was narrated by 1st Lt. Paul Vendt, who declared it a favorite of drill sergeants.

The base of grog consisted of a mixture of orange and fruit punch, six packets of a sports drink, eight gallons of



Soldiers of A Battery, 1st Battalion, 40th Field Artillery undergo a traditional Rite of Passage at the Old Rock Quarry, April 28. They just tucked away their patrol caps and donned their berets, marking them as professional Soldiers. They will graduate May 5.

orange juice along with five liters each of 7-Up, Sprite and ginger ale. The concoction aged to perfection in 35-gallon plastic tote.

"It will cure what ails, or it will insure you don't care," recited Vendt. "We wear our children on it, and carry it in our coffee cups to ward off the witch's chill. In a pinch it is an effective bore cleaner for the breech, or propellant for the ammunition."

Purportedly Hunter's private stock, the grog's base was sealed in a dirty canteen, "and buried beneath a pig sty."

Hunter held aloft a knife, "forged from the blood, the sweat, and the personal sacrifice of former drill sergeants, and represents their place at the tip of the spear transforming you from civilians to Soldiers. As field artillerymen, we load our cannons with powder charges to send our rounds downrange, to shower the enemy with steel rain. We will now load individual powder charges into our grog."

Each "charge" was in a plastic bag pierced by Hunter with the sacred knife. The significance of each to the 1-40th FA over the years was made known.

Charge 1 was cider, "signifying storming the beaches of Normandy, where apple orchards covered the countryside."

Charge 2 was "wine" for the campaigns in northern France, "rooting the Axis forces out of French vineyards."

Charge 3 was "beer" for the crossing into Germany, and charge 4 was ale for the Battle of the Bulge. It represented the Trappist monks in Belgium famous for making beer and ale.

Charge 5 was powdered Hershey's chocolate, representing the specially made candy bar named Field Ration D. "By the end of 1945 approximately 24 million bars were being produced every week."

Charge 6 was rice milk for the Vietnam campaigns, and Charge 7 was sand (brown sugar) for the battle to liberate Kuwait in the First Gulf War.

Charge 8 (ice cream) represented the warrior ethos and was loaded by the battery's Distinguished Honor Graduate, Spc. Omari Anyabwile, who was top performer in character, peer evaluations, physical training, warrior tasks, and the board questions.

Hunter stirred the mixture with the ladle handle and offered the first cup to Peña, who shook his head. "It's missing something," he said.

Hunter replied, "I know exactly what it needs." He added a pair of "dirty" Army socks symbolic of the road marches and blisters. "They still smell like cheese," he said as he tossed them in.

A firing pin was added for all the rounds they had fired, and the knife tossed in to symbolize their combative skills and warrior ethos. Also added were Red Bull "to symbolize all the hours we lost pulling guard duty," "blood" (tomato sauce) to symbolize their first aid training, and a bottle of hot sauce "for all the MRE lunches we had to endure."

A bag of crumbled cookies symbolized all the "care and support our families and friends have given us in our quest to become Soldiers."

As he added the cookies, Hunter said facetiously, "Somebody's mom sent this but it didn't make it to you."

After Hunter stirred the brew, he offered Peña another cup. Peña downed it and said, "First Sergeant, you were right. That's exactly what it needed."



1st Sgt. Wade Hunter tosses a pair of "dirty" Army socks into the grog. A firing pin and other ingredients were added to symbolize training and 1-40th FA accomplishments.



M119A howitzers frame the makeshift video screen in the pre-dawn hours as A/1-40th FA trainees watch their exploits during the Rite of Passage at the Old Rock Quarry.

As the Soldiers lined up to fill their mess cups with grog, the band played "Army Strong," the song used in the TV commercials. Then the leaders proposed toasts to the Army, Alpha battery, those deployed around the world, and the drill sergeants.

In the dim light preceding sunrise, the Soldiers were marched to breakfast, accompanied by a tune from the band. Other Soldiers could be heard in the distance, calling cadence, singing fight songs.

Peña said the Rite of Passage is important to both the Soldiers and the cadre. "We want to give the Soldiers a great experience as they come here to basic training," he said afterward. "When they come in here, the majority of them,

they're in shock, and this puts it all together. They get that feeling of accomplishment."

He said the video that is made of each battery's training cycle is shared with their family and friends.

"They can say, Hey, this is what I've done. It helps us with our trust and credibility out in the public. It's just another way to get the word out what the Army's all about."

This is the last Rite of Passage for Hunter and Gage, as each moves on to other duties.

Say what you want about drill sergeants. When it comes to a ceremony like this, one must think another tough ingredient was added to that grog.

Go ahead and say it. The "L" word.

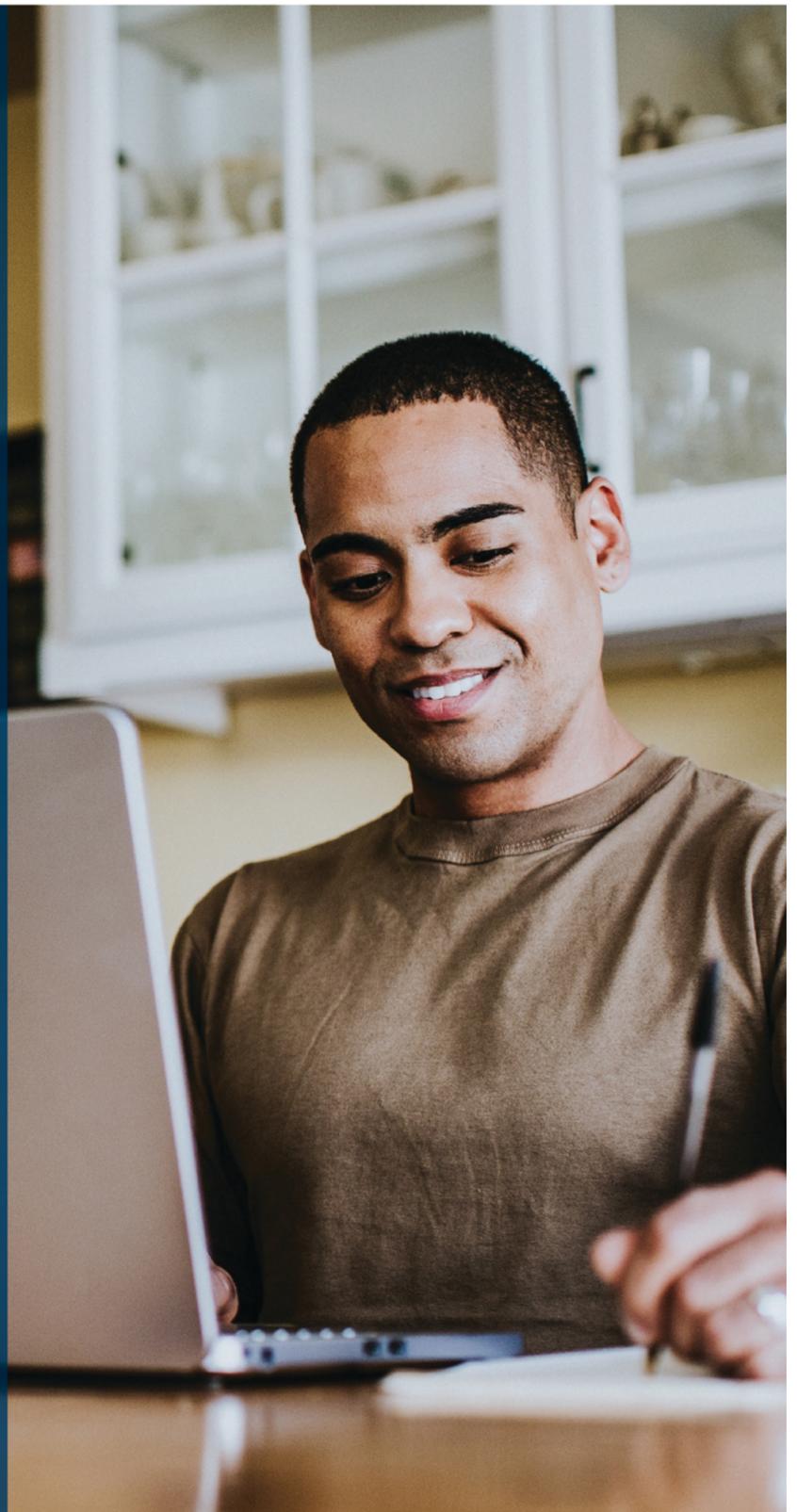
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DSOY

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and a 3-mile run, all timed. Then it was another ruck march to Training Area 81, for more module testing, Randall said. Yet another ruck march brought them to the Confidence Obstacle Course where they had to go through 15 events, with such names as the "Tough Nut" and "Dirty Name."

April 27 consisted of more physical testing as well as rifle range time, module testing, and the Combat Conditioning (obstacle) Course.

The last day, competitors had to appear before a formal board of six brigade command sergeants majors. They were inspected on uniform and grooming standards, then grilled on Army knowledge and drill sergeant-specific training information.

"They threw us a curveball," Au said. He described how some of the answers they were looking for were so esoteric, and only found buried in Army manuals that it made preparing for the board really difficult. "It was a surprise when they asked those."

To make their boards a little more challenging, the competitors had a 12-mile road march just before it.

"Most of us were pretty worn out before the board," Au said.

Rewards

Schroeder said he chose to compete because the DSOY is a prestigious job where he could help his fellow drill sergeants, and make himself a better non-commissioned officer.

Razo said he competed to challenge himself.

"One of the things I learned from it was that whoever wins the competition deserves it because it is so tough," Razo said, before the award ceremony.

What did Au gain from the competition?

"I got some really good experience, and I got to see the best drill sergeants in this brigade," he said. "It was worth it."

Drill sergeant legacy

During the ceremony, Col. Lee Overby, 434th FA Brigade commander, said that about 17,500 Soldiers attend BCT here annually; and that being a drill sergeant is one of the most difficult, yet rewarding jobs in the Army.

"Each drill sergeant is responsible for coaching, counseling, and mentoring hundreds, if not thousands, of trainees," the colonel said. "What drill sergeants do with them will impact them for the rest of their lives."

Reflections

Overby also acknowledged the accomplishments of Randall the past year.



The 434th Field Artillery Brigade leadership stands with the Drill Sergeant of the Year competitors after the ceremony May 2, at General Vessey Hall.

Kneeling from left, 2016 DSOY (Staff Sgt.) Dustin Randall, 2017 DSOY (Sgt. 1st Class) James Calfa, Drill Sergeant (Staff Sgt.) Hak Tang, and Drill Sergeant (Staff Sgt.) Chi Au.

Standing from left: Col. Lee Overby, 434th FA Brigade commander; Drill Sergeant (Staff Sgt.) Jon Schroeder, Drill Sergeant (Staff Sgt.) Javier Razo, Drill Sergeant (Staff Sgt.) McClellan Humphrey, Drill Sergeant (Staff Sgt.) Samuel York, and Command Sgt. Maj. Royal Curtis II, 434th FA Brigade CSM.

Drill Sergeants (Sgt. 1st Class) Pavlino Veracruz and (Staff Sgt.) Roman Davis were unavailable.

"Alongside the HHS cadre, he's refined and improved our monthly drill sergeant certification program ... he's also led our drill sergeant orientation course, and he's served as my subject matter expert in the brigade on Basic Combat Training (pro-

gram of instruction)," Overby said.

Reflecting back on his year as DSOY, Randall said it was an eye-opening experience working as a staff sergeant at brigade level operations.

"It's given me insight on how brigade operations work and how stuff gets delegated down to the battalion level and then down to the battery level, and it comes back up the tube," he said.

Randall, who finished as runner-up in the TRADOC DSOY competition last year, will now help Calfa prepare for the competition. In September, Randall will transfer to Fort Carson, Colo.



Drill Sergeant (Staff Sgt.) Roman Davis, B/95th AG Battalion, goes through the Tarzan obstacle April 26. The Confidence Obstacle Course is used regularly by drill sergeants to teach recruits in Basic Combat Training.



Drill Sergeant (Sgt. 1st Class) Pavlino Veracruz, B/140th FA, completes the belly crawl obstacle at the Confidence Obstacle Course, April 26, here. The competitors had already completed fitness tests, testing modules, ruck marches and more that day.

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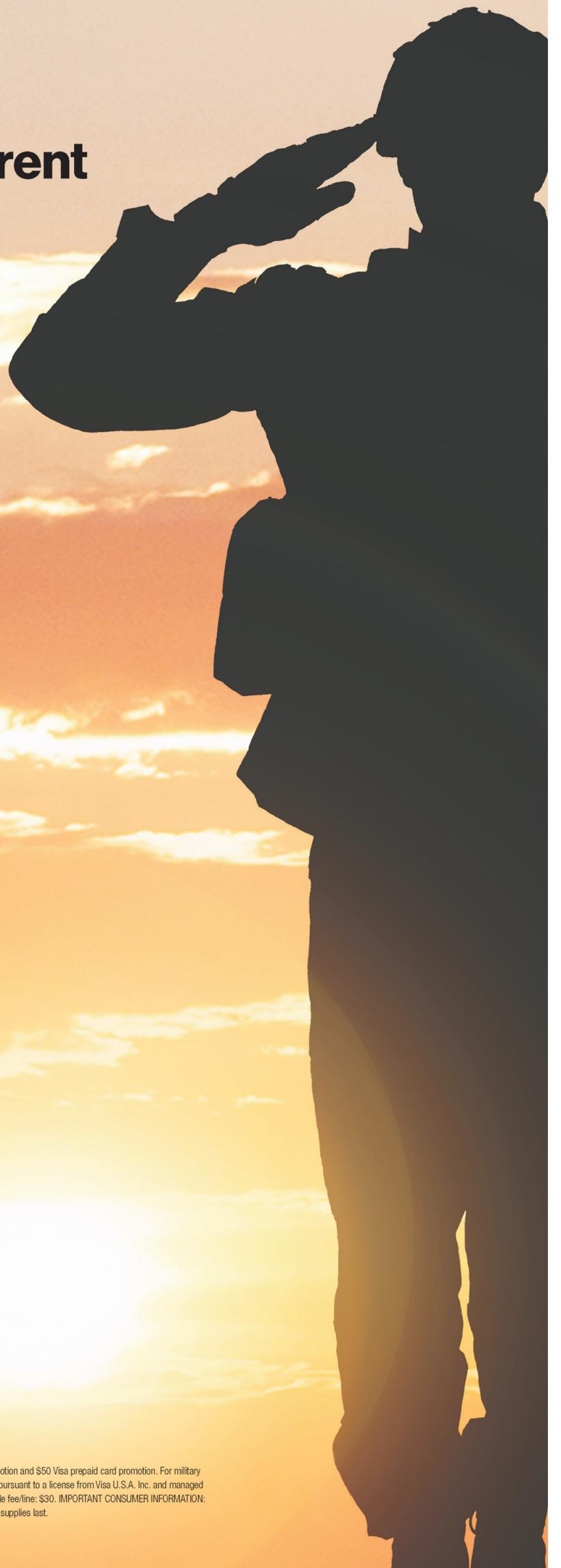
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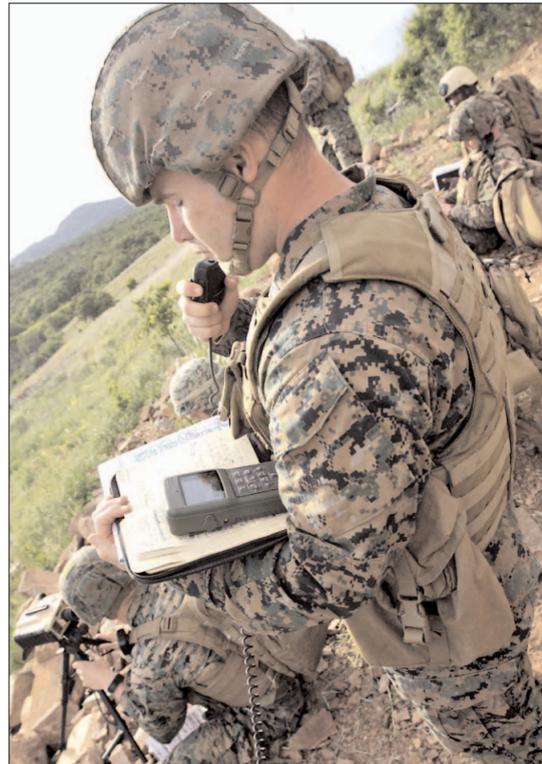
Maj. Michael Kozeliski
14th Marine Regiment



An F/A-18 Hornet piloted by the “Cowboys” of Joint Air Reserve Base, Fort Worth, Texas provides close air support when the ANGLICO Marines call in airstrikes on targets from their position on Andrews Hill during live-fire training.



Marine Sgt. Daniel Baldwin conducts a mission in the Jared Monti Hall Mission Simulation Center April 28, using equipment similar to that he used in the field the day before. The simulated missions allowed the Marines from the Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company Marine Forces Reserve units to maintain qualifications and practice different tactics.



Calling in airstrikes and artillery requires calculations of coordinates, laser targeting, and visuals on a small screen that replicates the screen on the F/A-18 aircraft.

Marine Reserve ANGLICO teams train at Sill

Story, photos
By Cindy McIntyre

Specialized teams of Marines trained to call in air strikes as well as artillery received critical qualification training at Fort Sill last week.

About two dozen Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company (ANGLICO) Marine Forces Reservists with ANGLICO 3, 4, and 6 in Florida and California; staff, and active-duty instructors conducted combined-arms live-fire exercises and simulated missions as a supplement to their annual two-week training requirement.

Maj. Michael Kozeliski, range safety officer for the exercise, said, “The Marine Corps has revamped its codes for qualifications.” That means more training is required in order for them to maintain their certification. “If they lapse they have to go back through the entire schooling again,” he said.

“It’s important that we have qualified JTACs (joint terminal attack controllers) and JFOs (joint fires observers) that can operate in a joint environment and be able to safely and effectively control air in combat,” said Kozeliski, who is with the 14th Marine Regiment at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth, Texas.

Perched behind a concrete buttress on Andrews Hill, April 27, the ANGLICO



1st Battalion, 30th Artillery’s Paladin howitzers hit the target a mile from Andrews Hill during a joint training exercise to keep Marine ANGLICO teams current on their skills. Marines from four states and Fort Sill participated.

teams used a laser to “paint” a shipping container target about a mile distant. F/A-18 Hornets piloted by VMFA-112 Marine Reservists (“Cowboys”) out of the Joint Air Reserve Base provided close air support.

The Marines on the ground have a small device that shows the target area on a screen which is also duplicated in the aircraft.

Capt. Kyle Oser, with 4th ANGLICO in West Palm Beach, Fla., was officer-in-charge. “We put the laser onto the target, and the bomb has a seeker head in front of it which will direct it to that laser energy.”

While one of the F/A-18s went to a refueling tanker, the other conducted the air strikes with a practice round, which made smoke

but not a significant explosion.

The Marines also called in 155mm artillery rounds from the Paladin howitzers manned by Army cannoners from 1st Battalion, 30th Field Artillery, with fire direction from Fort Sill’s Marine Artillery Detachment.

While one team trained on the Hill, another was at the Jared Monti Hall Mission Simulation Center.

“The simulator offers an environment that is tough to replicate out on the field,” said Oser. “You can do a lot more in the simulator as far as different environments, different assets.”

As night fell, Marines donned night vision devices to continue the exercise. They also employed an infrared pointer, visible with



Machinery and computers only do so much when it comes to calling in artillery and airstrikes. Mathematical skills and protractors are also required. Marine Sgt. Daniel Baldwin prepares a mission in the Jared Monti Hall Mission Simulation Center, April 28.

night vision, that aided the targeting.

Michelle Mullen, Marine Forces Reserve Tactical Air Control Party Program Manager based in New Orleans, keeps JTACs and JFOs current on their qualifications. Her job entails “coordinating with bases that have the support that we need — simulators, air space, zones where we can drop ordnance, all of those things combined is what we need to

continue the readiness of the program.”

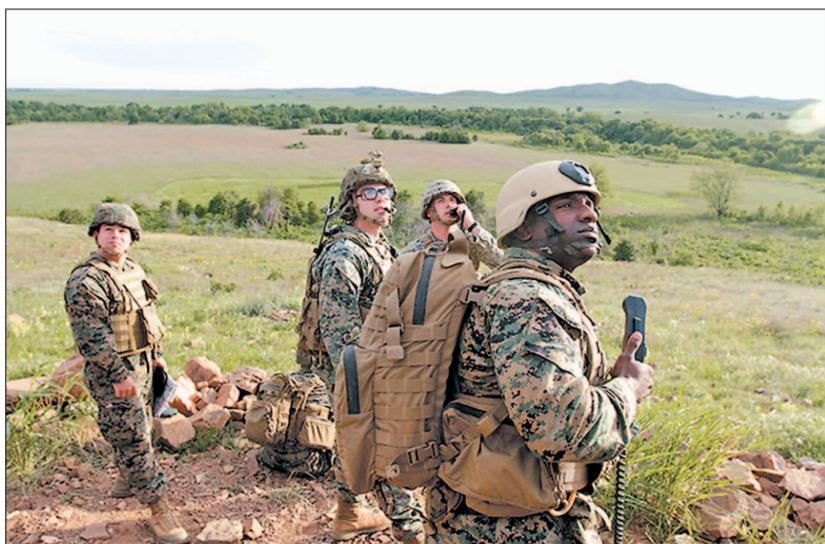
She said the assets that Fort Sill offered were perfect for their needs. “We need a combination of fixed air wing, rotary air wing. We need artillery, we need simulation, and it’s very hard to get all those things together.”

She had high praise for the post. “The simulator system is amazing, the staff here has been incredible, we’ve gotten a

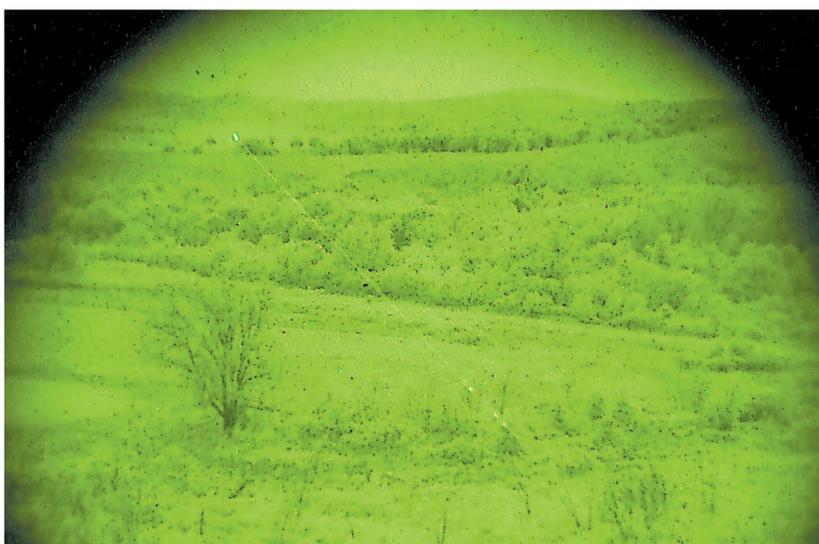
lot of help from the Marine Det(achment) here, the Army, everybody’s been extremely supportive of us building on this program.”

Mullen said they are aiming for a semi-annual training event, rotated to different installations because the Marines come from all over the country.

The 3rd ANGLICO is based in Seal Beach, Calif., the 4th is from West Palm Beach, Fla., and the 6th is from Concord, Calif.



Marine Gunnery Sgt. Duriel Johnson and his ANGLICO team watch the F/A-18 Hornet make its run on the target they designated. Various methods were used to target artillery and bombs, including lasers, flares, illumination rounds, and infrared pointers.



An infrared pointer locates a target as night falls during a live-fire close air support exercise. The pointer is only visible with a night vision device. Marine teams alternated between field exercises and tasks at the Jared Monti Hall Mission Simulation Center.



Things to do

Lunch with mom

Mother's Day brunch is May 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Patriot Club. Dine on waffles and omelets and much more. Cost is \$18 for adults, \$9 for children 5-12, and \$4 for children 4 and under. Call 580-442-5300 to make reservations by May 10.

Summer concert

Maren Morris will take the stage July 4 for Fort Sill's annual summer concert. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. giving concert-goers ample time to secure a favorable spot to listen to warm-up acts, Aaron Watson and Chris Bullard, who will precede Morris to the stage beginning at 6:30 p.m. Morris was nominated for six Academy of Country Music Awards recently and won New Female Vocalist of the Year. Stick around after the concert for an Independence Day fireworks show. Tickets go on sale May 8.

Volksmarch

The Lawton Walkers volksmarch club will host 5K and 10K volksmarches May 6, in Geronimo, Okla. The walks will begin between 9 a.m. and noon, at the Geronimo City Park. Everyone must be off the trail by 3 p.m. There is no preregistration. It's free unless people want to purchase incentive awards for completing the march. Walkers in the incentive program can register free with a donation of nonperishable food for the Lawton Food Bank. Everyone is welcome including leashed pets as long as they are well-behaved. Children younger than age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 214-649-4150 or email rlo@rioedmgroupp.com. Brochures are available in the Lawton Public Library lobby.

Burger fest

If you held the mayo on Cinco de Mayo, head out to the 29th Annual Burger Day Festival, May 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in El Reno, Okla. The salute to most Americans' favorite barbecue treat includes the assembling and cooking of a mammoth fried onion burger that's 8.5 feet in diameter and weighs more than 850 pounds. Just imagine the size of the titanic tomatoes and prodigious pickles that will properly adorn such a gigantic gastronomic spectacle! Live music will feature the likes of rock, country, jazz and other genres. Burger Day also offers a children's stage, a classic car show, a drag boat exhibition, other forms of entertainment pleasing to most family members and probably an assortment of medicinal remedies for too-full stomachs and heartburn. For more information see www.elrenoburgerday.com.

Local theater

Lawton Community Theatre's season concludes with "Young Frankenstein," June 16-25 at the John Denney Playhouse, 1316 NW Bell. For more information, email director@lct-ok.org or call 580-355-1600.

Library activities

Nye Library offers story time Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m. for infants to preschool-age children. Children can enjoy games and crafts, too. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 580-442-2048.

Ladies golf

The Fort Sill Ladies Golf Association is open to women who play golf or are interested in learning how to play. Information about ladies golf at Fort Sill and other areas throughout Oklahoma will be available. The association meets Thursdays from March through November for playdates at the Fort Sill Golf Course. Visitors to Fort Sill who do not have DoD identification, must get a pass at the Visitor Control Center. For more information, call Teresa Stephens at 580-512-1846, or Bonnie Sparks at 580-591-6760.

Museum hours

Looking for something to do without burning a lot of gas? Fort Sill has a variety of museums and related facilities with interesting artifacts from bygone years.

The Army Air Defense Artillery Training Support, Technology Preservation Facility is open in Bldgs. 1505 and 1506

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Spouse-a-Palooza in the house



Photo by Monica K. Guthrie

Ivette Domino (left) talks with Quindora Byrd during Spouse-a-Palooza at the Main Exchange, April 25. The annual event organized by Fort Sill Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, brought vendors ranging from a local painting store to a computer specialist. Additionally, spouses enjoyed tacos, sandwiches, chocolates and beverages.

Giving back to the community

Volunteers of the year honored at ceremony

Story, photos
By Jeff Crawley

When Jonathan Perez was 8 years old, he and his single mother lived in a domestic shelter for one year in Los Angeles. The shelter's staff was dedicated to helping them get back on their feet, which included finding an apartment for them, he said.

Perez never forgot the compassion of the staff, and the impression it made on him. Today as part of his volunteer activities, he works at the C. Carter Crane Shelter for the Homeless in Lawton, averaging about 12 hours per week. He assists with food drives and spends time with the residents, some of which are veterans.

"In a way I guess it's me trying to repay everyone who helped me when I was a little kid," Perez said. Drill Sergeant (Staff Sgt.) Perez, 95th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception), was one of 22 volunteers recognized April 28, during the Fort Sill Helping Hands award ceremony. The event acclaimed the contributions of the installation's volunteers to the Lawton-Fort Sill community, and honored its active-duty, spouse, and retiree volunteers of the year.

1950s sock-hop theme

During the ceremony which had a 1950s sock-hop theme, a symbolic, oversized check for over \$1.6 million, was unveiled by Brenda Spencer-Ragland, Fort Sill Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation director; and Maj. Gen. Brian McKiernan, Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill commanding general. The check represented the monetary value of the post's 3,500 volunteers' time donated during 2016.

The general thanked the volunteers for making a good community even better.

"I know that you do not volunteer for recognition," McKiernan said. "I know you do it because it's giving back to the community, because there is something inside you that tells you it's the right thing to do."

McKiernan and FCoE and Fort Sill Command Sgt. Maj. Carl Fagan presented certificates of appreciation to all the nominees. The three volunteers of the year also each received a framed two-star note, CG's coin of excellence, and a highly coveted Fort Sill Artillery Half Section blanket.

Jean Mills, Army Community Service director, said volunteers are a tremendous asset to Fort Sill.

"They really extend the Army's budget, if you look at it," she said. And, many of the programs would not be as robust as they are without volunteers.

Volunteers of all ages serve in a range of positions at units, organizations and agencies, said Natira McGee, Army Volunteer Corps program manager.

They volunteer in family readiness groups, Child and Youth Services sports programs, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, chapels, Post Thrift Store, Red Cross, tax center, numerous off-post agencies, and many more.

"I just registered a 10-year-old to volunteer at Nye Library," McGee said.

Selection process

Battalions and agencies nominated their outstanding volunteers to become the post's



Staff Sgt. Dale Chaffey (center), 2nd Battalion, 6th Air Defense Artillery, is the Fort Sill active-duty volunteer of the year. He volunteered with Child and Youth Services' sports, and Fort Sill Girl Scout Troop 648, as well as getting his AIT Soldiers to perform community service projects.

volunteers of the year. The winners were selected by a panel made up of a senior commander, senior military spouse, DA civilian, and retiree, McGee said. They scrutinized nominee packets for community involvement and impact, hours donated, team work, leadership, and more.

"Oh my gosh, the (nominee) scores were so close," she said.

Volunteers of the year

Staff Sgt. Dale Chaffey, 2nd Battalion, 6th Air Defense Artillery, is the active-duty volunteer of the year.

"I love volunteering, it's something I'm very passionate about," said Chaffey, who works as an Air Defense Battle System Operator (MOS 14G) Advanced Individual Training senior instructor.

Much of his volunteer activities involved his two daughters. This included sports coaching on multiple Child and Youth Services teams, as well as working with Fort Sill Girl Scout Troop 648. He added that he gets his AIT Soldiers involved in community service.

The spouse volunteer of the year is Laura Trentham, who works with 3rd Battalion, 13th Field Artillery. She said it's her love of spouses and Soldiers that sustains her commitment to volunteering, which she has been doing for 17 years.

She said being selected as volunteer of the year felt a little strange.

"I don't do it to be awarded things, I do it because I want to help other people," she said.

Trentham volunteered with the 3-13th FA as a roster key caller, and as part of the care team, or casualty notification; and at the Protestant Women of the Chapel as a financial officer and publicist. She's also on the Patriot Spouses Club executive board as a parliamentarian.

Former Army officer, and retired DA civilian Rose Mary Bazor is the retiree volunteer of the year. She volunteered

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as a counselor at the Income Tax Assistance Center and as a Red Cross volunteer at Reynolds Army Health Clinic.

She said she was honored and surprised to be selected.

Why does she volunteer?

"It gives me great pride every day to help the Soldiers, their dependents, and retirees to do their taxes," she said. Bazor has over 6,800 hours of volunteer service to the community, according to Volunteer Management Information System records.

The Helping Hands ceremony was the culmination of activities during Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 23 through 29, McGee said. Units used the week to recognize their volunteers with events in their shops; and a postwide volunteer ice cream social April 27, at the Patriot Club drew about 260 people.

Military unit volunteers

FCoE Sgt. Angelique Mahome
FCoE Spc. Anilson Posades
1-40th FA Staff Sgt. Daniel Beard
1-40th FA Britannie Bowsher
95th AG Drill Sergeant (Staff Sgt.) Jonathan Perez
2-20th FA Staff Sgt. Shawn Cavender
3-13th FA Laura Trentham
2-18th FA Angela Bunn
2-4th FA 1st Lt. Oniel Rhooms
1-14th FA 1st Lt. Justin Cooley
3-6th Air Defense Artillery Staff Sgt. Joshua Bell
2-6th ADA Staff Sgt. Dale Chaffey
2-6th ADA Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Roletto
4-3rd ADA Spc. Kenyatta Chapman
4-3rd ADA Staff Sgt. Carlos Muñiz

Agency volunteers

Armed Services YMCA Michelle Meggs
MWR, ACS Juanita Tiffany
MWR, fitness center Debra Cheek-Miller
MWR, youth sports Noelani Roman
Tax center Rose Mary Bazor
Post chapel Sgt. 1st Class Steven Tucker
Post Thrift Shop Tammy Huffman



Brenda Spencer-Ragland, Fort Sill FWWR director, and Maj. Gen. Brian McKiernan, Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill commanding general, unveil the oversized, symbolic check of over \$1.6 million, which represents the value of the hours donated to the Lawton-Fort Sill community in 2016, by the post's 3,500 volunteers.



Capt. Andrew Matwijec captures a dimly lit alley in a market place in Jiufen, Taiwan. Trip preplanning ensures he takes photos that are culturally and legally acceptable.



Matwijec journeyed into the hills surrounding the post he was stationed at in Alaska to capture the Aurora Borealis during a year when the Northern Lights appeared almost every night during December.



Blurred vehicle head and taillights pass around a dramatic obelisk in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The captain also visited Chile and Brazil.

Self-taught photographer 'shoots' his way around the world

By James Brabenec
Photos by Capt. Andrew Matwijec

Capt. Andrew Matwijec's two main hobbies — photography and travel — fit together perfectly as at age 29 he has already visited 43 countries documenting the cultures of the people he meets as well as recording memorable images of scenic landscapes, his favorite subject.

Those countries included a transcontinental train trip from Moscow to Beijing, on which he shot thousands of digital images. Another trip took him to South Africa and a safari where he photographed some of the Dark Continent's mega fauna.

Having always been interested in photography, he first bought a basic point-and-shoot camera while in college in 2007. It came in handy as that year he studied in Europe, and found time to visit 16 countries relying on the camera automatic settings to capture what he saw.

"Even then I had a keen eye for composition," said Matwijec, 902nd Military Working Dog and 40th Military Police detachments commander here.

Naturally, a world traveler would refine his second hobby abroad. Matwijec said his appreciation deepened during a deployment to Afghanistan where he spent hours talking photography with a sergeant in his unit who used to be a professional photographer. Though he didn't have a camera with him, he recalled images from his mind's eye of majestic landscapes and richly colored sunlight poking through thick clouds to illuminate an ancient fortress high on a mountain ridge.

Returning stateside, the captain was stationed in Alaska, where he purchased his Nikon D7100 camera. Immediately, he turned the automatic function off and practiced in manual mode adjusting his aperture, shutter speed and other fundamentals. However, instead of taking a class or reaching for a how-to book, Matwijec traveled the virtual world gaining insight and developing his photography skills online.

"I'm self-taught all from YouTube," he said. Unlike some photo buffs whose first images on manual might not have been anything to hang on the refrigerator, let alone print, Matwijec said he was taking quality images right away.

That intense online study gave him an understanding of how to work with existing light to get the effects he desired without needing to practice with his camera. Arriving in summer, light was plentiful for a developing photo enthusiast.

"I lived right at the base of a mountain and would learn online during the day, then go up the mountain in the evening to take pictures of the sunset," he said. "In Alaska during the summer there's tons of photo-taking opportunities."

But summers are short in the far north, and as autumn quickly passed, winter set in accompanied by the second phenomenon of northern latitudes. The Northern Lights.

As if the gods of the universe ordained it, he said that year throughout December the Aurora Borealis lit up the sky for five hours

a night. He said the sky so brilliantly shimmered most nights he got a little tired of shooting them.

Most of his images he posts to his Facebook page where he said family and friends "virtually travel" through his glimpses of life around the world. One image occurred while he was stationed in South Korea. Taking a weekend trip with Morale, Welfare and Recreation to Cambodia, his group toured a muddy, crocodile-infested river, with the captain busy snapping photos. Several of those images appeared on Facebook with one drawing a lot of interest. It captured a memorable expression on the face of a Cambodian boy squatting on a houseboat amid the squalor of boats crowded together and the people on them making a difficult living.

In January 2016, he entered 30 images in an online photography contest.

"There were about 10,000 photos submitted in that contest and those who finished with a top 10 photo received prizes," he said.

The image of the Cambodian boy earned Matwijec a top 10 finish and an overseas trip. A second photo, "Patagonian Sunrise," which won in the Army Digital Photography Contest last year, also placed in the top 10 of the online contest.

Given his globe-trotting nature, Matwijec is poring over maps planning future trips as the company's website offers 322 destinations to 58 countries on six continents. With landscapes being his favorite photo subject, he also has his eye on an excursion to Antarctica.

How he does it

Matwijec said before traveling he checks local laws to verify what he can legally photograph. He also learns about the culture of the people who live there, and plans ahead how to get to remote locations.

Speaking of the various trips he's been on, the captain said he shoots thousands of images looking for the best light to capture what he's looking for. Later, he reviews all images on his computer to select the best. At this time, there's no business interest. The captain just enjoys the traveling along with sharing his images online. He added photography is a great complement to his duties as a military police officer.

"It's a good stress reliever, and I'm more apt to notice and appreciate the little things, like walking out of my office late at night and seeing the sunset on the way home from work," he said.

One thing he's learned is to have a camera with him at all times. For example, the Patagonian image happened after hours recording thousands of photos, many from a tripod to help steady him because of high winds, in the early morning light. But later, after breakfast, he happened upon the setting he desired with optimal light. Without the tripod, he snapped away and out of 20 images found the contest winner.

"The good photos will come when you least expect them," he said.

Where they come from, at least for this captain, could be anywhere worldwide.



Capt. Andrew Matwijec sits on the front perch of a safari vehicle during a trip he took to South Africa where he photographed some of the Dark Continent's megafauna.



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Swim lessons

Summer is a great time to educate people of all ages to be safe in, on and around the water while learning a new life skill at the Rinehart Fitness Center indoor pool.

Three sessions are scheduled throughout the summer to enhance the individual swimmer's growth and development. Rinehart Aquatics offers American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim classes for ages 6 months through adult. Sessions cost \$40 with a multiple-child discount available.

Classes are 30-45 minutes in length and meet Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays, depending on swimmers' ability for four weeks. Children must be registered with Child Youth and School (CYS) Parent Central Services at 580-442-3927. They must also have a sports physical to enroll in swim lessons. For registration, visit <https://webtrac/mwr.army.mil/webtrac/sill-cyms.html>. Rinehart Indoor Pool is at 2730 Bragg Road. For daily swim hours or more information on aquatic programs, call 580-442-6186.

Contact the aquatics staff for free adult swim lesson registration. All classes, times and locations are subject to change.

Library reading

Nye Library's summer reading program for children is a great opportunity for children to enjoy stories, crafts, games and prizes at the library. Parents and children are encouraged to read at home to foster a desire to learn, engage and discover at an early age. Prizes are awarded for every hour of reading recorded. Nye Library events and meetings are open to authorized FMWR patrons and their guests. Children 8 years and under must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call Jill Manley at 580-442-2048. Program dates are: May 31 to July 26: Preschool summer reading Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to noon. May 31 to July 26: Kindergarten to second grade summer reading Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. June 1 to July 27: Third to sixth grade reading, Thursdays, 2-3 p.m.

SAC camp

Weekly Summer Camp at the School Age Center is May 22 to Aug. 9 from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for children who have completed first through fifth grades. Daily activities are

aimed at stimulating children's interest and help to promote fun and learning. There will be a different theme every week with field trips in the local community and surrounding cities such as Oklahoma City and Wichita Falls. Field trips are at no additional cost to parents. Breakfast, lunch and snack will be provided. Register by the Wednesday before each week starts. Prices vary based on the total family income. For more information and registration, call 580-442-2844.

Youth Center camp

Adventure and fun awaits at the Fort Sill Youth Center for children grades six through 12. Each week from May 22 to Aug. 4 will have a different theme and will feature field trips in the surrounding area. Themes include Splash Camp, Adventure Camp, Starbase Camp, Week at the Museums, and more. Space is limited. Register by the Wednesday before each week starts. Camp fees are based on household income category. Teens must be registered with CYS to enroll in the camp and have paperwork on file with Parent Central Services. For more information on events and services offered at the Youth Center, call

580-442-6745/5959. The Youth Center is at 1010 Fort Sill Blvd.

SKIESUnlimited

The three-day SKIESUnlimited Reading Blast camp is designed to provide students with confidence needed to become better readers, while comprehending materials and increasing reading level. New camps will begin weekly throughout June, July and August from 2-3 p.m. at Grierson Child Development Center (CDC), 4123 Bragg Road. Registration for the camp is open to CYS eligible youths, ages 5-12 years old. Cost is \$45 per week.

SKIESUnlimited will also offer a five-day summer music camp emphasizing intensive work on music theory, songwriting, performance skills, and instrument playing. New camps begin weekly throughout June and July from noon to 3 p.m. at the Youth Center and Grierson CDC. All SKIESUnlimited classes are open to CYS eligible youth. This camp is for middle school and high school students. The cost is \$120 per week.

For more information on the SKIESUnlimited classes, call 580-442-3488.

Sill Cinema

The theater is at 3260 Sheridan Road near the USO and Truman Education Center. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages 11-6. The 3-D movies are \$8 for adults, and \$6 for children. A military ID is required to purchase tickets.

Movies can change without notice. Doors open 30 minutes before showtime. The 24-hour movie infoline is 580-353-5623 or visit www.shopmyexchange.com/Reel-Time-Theatres/Movies-Ft-Sill for more information on upcoming flicks.

May 5, 7 p.m.; May 6, 2, 5 and 7 p.m.; May 7, 2 p.m.; and May 12, 7 p.m.

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (PG-13), 2 hrs., 16 min. Set to the backdrop of Awesome Mixtape #2, Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 continues the team's adventures as they unravel the mystery of Peter Quill's true parentage.

May 13, 2 p.m.

Ghost in the Shell (PG-13), 1 hr., 47 min. In the near future, Major is the first of her kind: A human saved from a terrible crash, who is cyber-enhanced to be a perfect soldier devoted to stopping the world's most dangerous criminals.

May 13, 5 p.m.; and May 14, 2 p.m.

The Boss Baby (PG), 1 hr., 37 min. A suit-wearing briefcase-carrying baby pairs up with his 7-year old brother to stop the dastardly plot of the CEO of Puppy Co.

May 13, 7 p.m.

The Boss Baby 3-D (PG), 1 hr., 37 min.

Things

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Bateman Road here. Hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more info, call 580-442-0424.

The Fort Sill National Historic Landmark Museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 580-442-5123.

The Army Field Artillery Museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 580-442-1819 for more information.

Library activities

Nye Library offers story time Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m. for infants to preschool-age children. Children can enjoy games and crafts, too. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Events and meetings are for eligible ID card holders and their guests. Children age 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. The library is located at Bldg. 1640 Randolph Road.

Call to Worship

Regular services

The Fort Sill Religious Support Office has Wednesday night programs with dinner starting at 5 p.m. and classes at 6 p.m. A complete list of chapel services is available on the Fort Sill website. For information call, 580-442-1875, or cynthia.a.cline2.civ@mail.mil.

Prayer for Fort Sill

The Fort Sill prayer is the fourth Friday of every month, 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the Frontier Chapel, Bldg 4121.

Join Fort Sill clergy and parishioners for a prayer service for all who live and work on Fort Sill to ask God's blessing, protection, and provision.

Roman Catholic

Sunday, Confessions by appt. or 30 min. before Mass.

10:30 a.m. Mass, Cache Creek Chapel

Monday through Friday, 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Mass, Reynolds Army Community Hospital Chapel.

Monday, 6 p.m. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Frontier Chapel Center

Friday, 9:30 a.m. Catholic Women of the Chapel Faith Formation, Baker Emporium, 1320 NW Homestead, Lawton

Latter Day Saints

Sunday, 10 a.m. Cache Creek Chapel Rooms 11-13

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Friday, 6-8 p.m. Sabbath service, Room 44-45, Cache Creek Chapel

Protestant

Sunday, 8 a.m. Church of Christ, Cache Creek Chapel Room 33-35

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Protestant, Cache Creek Chapel

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'Deep Strike' Soldiers lend a hand to Cache students

Story, photos
By Spc. Brea Corley
75th Field Artillery Brigade
Public Affairs

Cache School District students have been seeing a lot more green-and-coyote tan grace their halls this spring.

Since March, 2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery Soldiers have had their boots on the ground at Cache schools. The "Deep Strike" battalion has supported the school's events across the district on more than several occasions.

On a breezy March day, students from Cache School District and rival schools filled the stadiums.

With the large gathering of students, the stadium erupted with noise that could be heard from the parking lot. On March 28 and 31, there were sports to be played and fans' mouths to be fed.

2-20th FA Soldiers came out to Ulrich Stadium at Cache Schools to support the middle school and high school track meets.

By manning grills, making burgers, distributing nachos, chips and refreshments, Soldiers supported more than 900 students March 28 and 400 students March 31.

Additionally, some Soldiers assisted at the pole vault by supervising for safety, while others were score-time trackers. Still others supported the discus, shot put and long-jump events.

Staff Sgt. Veronica Adams, coordinator of the 2-20th FA volunteer program, said the battalion's ultimate goal is to be a friendly face for students in the community and to inspire them to reach their full potential.

She hopes to empower students to use their education to succeed in life and said it all starts by having a strong presence in children's lives and in their schools.

On weekdays from April 3 through 20, the schools within the district shifted focus from sports to preparation for state testing, and the "Deep Strike" battalion was ready to

support the middle school and high school's need for test proctors.

The statewide testing that commenced would help schools pinpoint where students were at in their studies: which ones were ready to advance to the next grade, and which students needed additional tutoring and summer school to be on track for graduation.

The Soldiers walked around the quiet classrooms filled with students testing. They handed out pencils and calculators when prompted, and they monitored students to promote integrity and discourage cheating.

As the end of the school year approaches and the release for summer break peaks around the corner, the 2-20th FA battalion has plans to leave students with something to reflect on.

The Soldiers will use May to launch their mentorship program. They will shift their focus to high school students from grades nine to 11.

The teachers pre-selected students they've noticed who seem closed off from their peers or seem to lack direction. Adams and her Soldiers will come to Cache High School and speak to students about their goals and dreams for their future. Her purpose isn't to recruit for the Army, Adams said, it's to instill self-confidence within them.

"I want to mentor students the way I mentor my Soldiers," Adams said. "By teaching them that they can be whatever they want to be in life."

Adams said if they don't have dreams, she will try to inspire them and give them something to think about.

"God gives everyone a talent, but if you don't apply yourself, and take [that talent] and run with it then you won't succeed."

Adams said for her and the 2-20th FA volunteers, motivating students to succeed is their way of giving back to the community.



Above: 2-20th FA Soldiers supervise and record the distance of the shot put at Ulrich Stadium, April 28.

Below: Volunteer program coordinator Staff Sgt. Veronica Adams (far left) works with Sgt. Garmin Laeu to get nacho cheese into the disbursement machine while Sgt. Jasmine Green helps a student put cheese on chips.





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Annual kid's fishing derby casts off June 3

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It all happens 7:30-10:30 a.m. for kids 3-15 years old.

Each child is allowed one fishing rod and must also have his or her own stringer or basket, no sharing stringers. An adult must accompany them.

There is no preregistration; just show up at.

Adults may only instruct their children in casting, retrieving or landing fish during the derby.

Fishing by any adult is strictly prohibited. We hope adults will express the importance of safety, sportsmanship and conservation to the kids.

Particular attention should be given to reminding them to remove litter, carefully handling unwanted fish, and explaining regulations that protect resources.

There will be classes held by Lawton-Fort Sill Bass Club members for knot tying and casting.

They will also be available to fix reels and other fishing malfunctions.

Wild Side

By GLEN WAMPLER



Don't forget to ask questions as these folks are a treasure trove of real good fishing information as they do spend a lot of time fishing.

Fish and Wildlife personnel will measure the length of fish determining the largest and smallest caught in each age group: (3-5 years, 6-7 years, 8-9 years, 10-11 years, and 12-15 years). The heaviest stringer in each age category will also be weighed.

Sportsmanship awards will be awarded based on participation in the educational programs and courteous acts while fishing.

Even if youths have a hard time catching a fish, they are always in the running for one of these.

So bring your kids out and have some fun. As always, if you don't have any kids, then go find some to borrow and bring them out for some fun.

Fort Sill's spring turkey season ends May 6, with another great season in the books.

We have taken more than 120 gobblers and we'll break down the specifics of the harvest next week.

The deadline for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation Controlled Hunts application is May 15.

So get it in gear if you haven't already done so. Go to its website and find out all the necessary information.

Our next Fort Sill Hunters Safety Class is May 14, at 9 a.m. in the Natural Resources classroom in Bldg. 1465.

The next class is May 22, at 6 p.m. You must take this class before going out on the ranges for recreation purposes.

If you need further information call Sportsmen Services at 580-442-3553.



(Above) Hungry catfish make for happy young anglers at the Fort Sill Youth Fishing Derby. Youth may win prizes for the heaviest stringer or biggest fish.

(Below) Young anglers line the banks during a past fishing derby when ponds on post dried up during a drought.



(Left) A young girl makes an acquaintance with a large turtle during a recent fishing derby. Along with the assorted aquatic residents of the creek, youth anglers pulled in channel catfish along with a few bass, panfish and even a long, bony gar. The annual derby introduces Army children to the outdoors with the understanding of practicing good sportsmanship and being a good steward of natural resources.



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Furniture 540

LIGHTED curio cabinet 12 1/2 X 40, 33 in. tall, asking \$225. Call 580-678-5712.

Appliances 545

MALT'S QUALITY APPLS. 811 SW LEE, 355-7514 Good used appliances.

Pets - Lawton 550

NOTICE: The City of Lawton requires a Breeding/ Advertising/ Transfer (BAT) permit number included in unaltered pet advertisements distributed within the Lawton city limit. For information call the Animal Welfare Division, 581-3219.

Pet Services/ Supplies 560

PET CREMATION at Rainbow Bridge. 1386 SE 1st St., Lawton, OK 73501 580-351-8280.

Miscellaneous 575

CASH PAID for gift cards or certificates. Action Pawn, 905 SW 11th.

MCCLUNG Construction House & Trailer Moving and leveling-trailer skirting, concrete work, much more. Jim 512-0981.

PARACORD, all colors, flags, knives, Chille suit, ammo boxes. Carl's Military Surplus, 2615 NW Sheridan. 353-3100.

PRO FORM XP 400R Stationary bike, barely used, big seat and back, \$150. 580-536-1755.

Looking for a TV or a Stereo? Check out the Merchandise section of the Lawton Constitution classified.

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THE Pride Jazzy wheelchair delivers a reliable blend of power, performance and style, clean, \$500 obo. Call 580-695-8275.

USED Mobile Homes, newly remodeled, must be moved. 248-4940 or 458-7978.

Want To Buy 590

WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE Any 3 wheel or 4 wheel scooters & power chairs. Call or bring them to Kingdom Medical, 1824 NW 52nd St., 580-355-1511.

WANTED R12 freon. 609 Cert. buyer. Will come to you and pay cash for tanks and cases of cans of R12 refrigerant. Call 312-291-9169.

Recreation

Ruger New Vaquero, blued, .357Mag/38Sp, new in box. \$650. Call 580-531-0321.

Recreational Vehicles 635

'05 ITASCA Class C Motor Home, 2 slides, stored inside, low mileage, exc. cond. \$23,000. 215-3139, 588-2549.

2013 SABRE by Palomino 38" 5th wheel, 4 slideouts and more. Must see to appreciate, \$37,500. (580)695-7642.

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FOR SALE: 2014-34' Travel Trailer-\$18,500 Call Ron 580-585-3838

Boats/ Motors/ Marine 640

2005 CROWNLINE, 155 hrs, CC exhaust, \$15,500 OBO. 580-704-6873.

2013 MALIBU Response TXI Ski Boat, set up for tournament ski, \$39,500. 580-919-0314.

Transportation

'02 FORD F-150 ext. cab, clean, 115k mi., aluminum wheels, bed cover, \$4000. 695-3259.

'05 Suburban LT, AWD, black, 1 owner, 159k, \$7950. 580-585-3828.

'06 FORD F-350 super duty, crew cab dually, Lariat, diesel, 205k mi., running boards, brush guard, new front tires, just serviced, good cond., \$10,500. 591-1779.

'08 RANGER, 4 cyl. 5 spd., good rubber, 96k mi., \$6850. 284-2501.

'98 FORD F-150 ext. cab, 117k mi., \$4500. Call 580-678-5383.

Classic Cars 730

'70 Corvette, Hurst shift kit, Crate motor with less than 10k mi., gear reduction starter, ceramic Hooker headers, Flowmaster exhaust & more, clear title, \$10,000 OBO. Serious inquiries only. 647-8132.

1993 GL 1500 Aspen-cade, lots of extras, \$4000. PRICE REDUCED. 580-695-4848.

2006 HARLEY Heritage Classic, 9500 mi. Garage kept. Skulled out. No Rides. \$10,000. 580-512-1997.

Automobiles 720

'08 Mustang GT, black, 5 speed, 138k, 1 owner, \$9500. 580-585-3828.

2012 NISSAN ALTIMA, 4 dr., 112,000 mi., very clean, 1 owner, non-smoker, \$6,900 obo. 903-720-4262.

Pickups/ Vans Sport Utilities 725