

1-25th ARB Soldiers load up mission



This week Soldiers of 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment conduct C-5 Galaxy Loadout operations at LADD Army Airfield, Fort Wainwright, Alaska in order to transfer 14 of the battalion's AH-64D Apache helicopters to Fort Drum, New York. Their hard work and technical expertise during this mission has made this operation truly exceptional while exponentially increasing the battalion's readiness capabilities. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jessica Mears, 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment)

Army Futures Command to build on 3 pillars ‘to ensure we can fight and win’

David Vergun
 Army News Service

“We’ll potentially be in a near-peer fight in the near future ... and it will be a difficult fight,” said Lt. Gen. Paul A. Ostrowski, principal military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology and director of the Army Acquisition Corps, during an Association of the U.S. Army breakfast in Arlington, Virginia, July 18.

Peer competitors are already investing heavily in such things as hypersonics and electronic warfare, Ostrowski said. “We have to get after those pieces.”

To counter these threats and help the Army maintain a decisive advantage over its adversaries, the new U.S. Army Futures Command will focus its energy on three pillars that will support modernization.

Ostrowski called the first pillar “Futures and Concepts.”

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Agent Orange presumption policy leads to higher VA health care use

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 VA Research Communications

For Vietnam Veterans, having a medical condition presumed related to Agent Orange exposure is linked to greater use of Veterans Affairs health care. That is the main finding of a study by researchers with the War Related Illness and Injury Study Center (WRIISC) at the VA New Jersey Healthcare System. They say the results show that a law passed by Congress nearly 30 years ago has largely met its goal: helping affected Veterans get the care they need. The study results appeared in May 2018 in the journal *Medicine*.

Agent Orange linked to 14 conditions

Agent Orange is a chemical defoliant that was sprayed by the U.S. during the Vietnam War to kill plants and clear land. It was contaminated with dioxin, which is known to cause cancer and other conditions. Twenty million gallons of Agent Orange were sprayed during the Vietnam War. About 2.7 million U.S. military personnel may have been exposed. Veterans are eligible for compensation from the Veterans Benefits Administration if they have a service-connected disability. The higher the disability rating, the more compensation they are due. Veterans with higher service-connected disability



Private Fred L. Greenleaf crosses a deep irrigation canal during an allied operation during the Vietnam War. (Photo courtesy National Archives)

ratings also have greater access to no-cost health care through the Veterans Health Administration. However, it is often difficult to prove direct service connection for Agent Orange-related

conditions because they may develop years after exposure. To address this problem, Congress passed the Agent

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‘Time travel’ brings Army Guard members home from Mongolia



Alaska Air National Guard Tech Sgt. Thomas Hough, a loadmaster with the 249th Airlift Squadron, paces through a AS C-17 Globemaster III July 1, 2018, during the final stage of its ascent out of Yokota Air Base, Japan, after the passenger Soldiers participated in Khaan Quest 2018. Khaan Quest is a combined (multinational) joint (multi-service) training exercise designed to strengthen the capabilities of U.S., Mongolian and other partner nations in international peace support operations. (Photo by Sgt. David Bedard, 176th Wing Public Affairs)

Sgt. David Bedard
 176th Wing Public Affairs

For Airmen of the 249th Airlift Squadron “Arctic Terns” and Soldiers of the 297th Regional Support Group, the C-17 Globemaster III cargo aircraft they were traveling on was a veritable time machine.

Leaving July 1 from Yokota Air Base, Japan, C-17 Tail No. 0168, Flight No. Reach 257, arrived at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, late on the evening of June 30.

Occupying the role of Dr. Who, the fictitious time-traveling scientist, was Alaska Air National Guard Maj. David Lang, aircraft commander of the Globemaster.

The C-17 wasn’t a TARDIS capable of contorting the fabric of space-time. Lang and co-pilot Lt. Col. Greg Yoschak simply piloted the aircraft over the International Dateline on the way to Chinggis Khaan International Airport, Mongolia, to retrieve several dozen Alaska Army National Guard members and a handful of 716th Explosive Ordnance Detachment Soldiers who participated in Khaan Quest 2018 for three weeks.

Khaan Quest is a combined (multinational) joint (multi-service) exercise designed to strengthen the capabilities of U.S., Mongolian and other partner nations in international peace support operations.

The return trip, mirroring the C-17 crew’s journey out to Chinggis Khaan, required two legs -- a 5.5-hour hop from Mongolia to Japan and 7.5-hour leg from Yokota to JBER.

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WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday Partly cloudy with a high of 74 degrees and a low of 53.	Saturday Mostly sunny with a high of 81 and a low of 56degrees.	Sunday Sunny with a high of 85 degrees and a low of 59.
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INSTALLATION-WIDE YARD SALE

The next installation-wide yard sale is Saturday, July 21, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fort Wainwright residents may sell from their homes or from the Family and MWR resale lot, located at the corner of Neely and Meridian Roads. DOD ID cardholders coming from off post to participate may sell from the FMWR resale lots on a first come, first serve basis. General public wishing to enter post with the purpose of attending the yard sale need to obtain a pass from the Visitor's Center by providing a valid driver's license, proof of insurance and registration for the vehicle they are operating. All passengers will be required to show a photo ID. A reminder that marijuana in any form, though legal in the State of Alaska, is still illegal on federal installations. For more information, call 353-7648, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

History Snapshot: T-3 Runway from SA-16 Rescue plane

L. Amber Phillippe
Fort Wainwright Landscape
Historian

Department of Defense Press
Release: 15 May 1952
“The floating ice island T-3
which the US Air Force has used to
establish a weather station, unfolds
under the wing of the US Air Force
SA-16 Rescue plane as it comes in
for a routine landing.
A C-47 of the US Air Force’s
Air Weather Service can be seen in
the foreground, while another plane
can be seen in the distance.
It was through the efforts of
the 58th Strategic Reconnaissance
Squadron of the Air Weather
Service that this island and T-1 and
T-2 became known to Air Force
scientists.
First landing was made on T-3
on 19 March when Lt Col Joseph
O. Fletcher, Dr. Kaare Rodahl and
Captain Marion F. Brinegar landed
in ski-equipped planes as large as

C-54’s and the island’s population
has fluctuated from a low of three
persons to a high of 30 persons.
A permanent weather station is
contemplated pending the outcome
of the current experiment now in
progress.”
T-3 became the epicenter of
“Project Icicle” and was in use
from 1951-1961. Researchers on
T-3 contributed to the studies of
oceanography, arctic meteorology,
ice movement, solar radiation,
gravity, and magnetism. In 1961
the U.S. Air Force ended its
sponsorship of ice station research
and turned the island and its
facilities over to the U.S. Navy.
The Navy used the island off and
on over the next two decades as
part of their Naval Arctic Research
Laboratory until 1979, when
researchers made their last visit.
T-3 continued to drift, occasionally
noted on satellite imagery, until
it drifted into open water and
presumably melted away sometime
in the early 1980s.



(File photo, Fort Wainwright Environmental Division)

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How to spot a scam page on Facebook

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59th Signal Battalion, Information
Systems Engineer

We have all heard the news about
fake Facebook pages but do you know
how to spot a fake Facebook page? The
chances of you encountering a false
Facebook page during thirty minutes of
browsing are extremely high.
According to a November 2017 New
York Times article by Mike Isaac and
Scott Shane, Facebook estimated that
roughly one in every ten of its 2.07
billion active accounts are fake. While
this number is only a snapshot in time,
a quick search on the social media site
still reveals a large amount of fake
accounts and pages.
Facebook attempted to make the

identification of phony pages a little
easier through the use of verification
badges. A verification badge is a blue
or gray icon with a check mark in the
center. This icon is located next to the
title of the Facebook page. Whereas the
blue badge is for prominent people and
organizations, the gray badge is meant
for local businesses. The process to
obtain a gray badge is easier than that of
a blue badge, therefore remain cautious
when a page only has a gray verification
icon. A verification badge is one of
the easiest ways to decide whether a
Facebook page is legitimate but this
feature is not available to small groups
or local organizations.
The absence of a verification badge
does not automatically mean that a
Facebook page is illegitimate so it
may be necessary to use additional

techniques to make a determination.
Similar to a fake website, one of the
best ways to determine the page validity
is by carefully examining the title and
web address of the page. Abnormal
characters or misspelled titles are a
key giveaway that the Facebook page
is fake. Furthermore, a web address
that does not match the page title also
indicates that the page may be fake.
Checking both the title and web address
for the page can help you determine if a
page is real or an imitation.
A final assessment of a Facebook
page can be made by checking the posts
on the site. Many fake Facebook pages
have inaccurate information listed in
the about section. If the posts or page
content is poorly written or does not
properly describe the organization then
the Facebook page is likely a fake.

Scrolling through the pages’ information
can reveal misspelt words, erroneous
information, and misleading content.
Imitation Facebook pages are primarily
created to make the owners money or
mislead users. If radical articles, that
are unlikely to be supported by the real
organization, are found in the feed then
the Facebook page is probably a fake
account.
Please be sure to exercise caution
when liking or joining a Facebook page.
Spending just a short time on Facebook
is likely to reveal at least one fake
account. You can exercise discretion by
using the techniques listed above which
can significantly reduce your exposure
to malefactors.

HE IS OUT FOR
REVENGE
2018

Howe’s Revenge
2-Person Golf Scramble
Saturday, August 11
Set your own tee time
Advanced registration: \$15
Day-of registration: \$20

After 22 years on the course,
Certified Chena Bend Golf
Course Superintendent,
George Howe, exacts
his revenge!

Tee blocks placed back

Pins tucked away

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Don’t miss the summer cookout!
Enjoy specialty drinks from the Clubhouse full
bar like the Bloody Mary and Screwdriver!

Commissary Reset improves shopping experience

Staff Report
Fort Wainwright
Commissary

The Fort Wainwright
Commissary will close
early on Sunday Aug.
5, starting at 4 p.m.
and remain closed thru
Tuesday, Aug. 7, while
it undergoes a “reset”
as part of the Defense
Commissary Agency’s
ongoing effort to enhance
the shopping experience.
The commissary
will be re-opening on
Wednesday, Aug. 8 for
normal operating hours of
9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
“We hate to
inconvenience our
customers with the closure,
but this is something we’ll
all appreciate when it’s
done,” said Store Director
Darlene Robertson.
The reset is part of an
agency-wide program
that systematically
changes how products
are displayed on shelving
throughout a commissary
in order to better serve
customer shopping
patterns. The goal is
to give commissaries
worldwide a more
customer-friendly product
flow and a layout that is
as consistent as possible
from location to location,
according to Tracie L.
Russ, director of sales.
“Although we have
to take into consideration
that no two commissaries
are constructed exactly

alike, a customer-friendly
product flow means dog
food will be next to pet
supplies instead of the
charcoal, peanut butter is
best found next to the jam,
and you shouldn’t have to
cruise three different aisles
to find all your cleaning
products. It’s a simple
matter of making the
commissary layout more
sensible by ‘resetting’ the
store,” he said.
DeCA is intent on
making the commissary
shopping experience
faster and easier – making
the commissary the place
to shop every day, not just
on pay day.
One of the priorities is
to help busy, active-duty
shoppers make quick runs
through their commissary
and get home more
quickly.
“The whole idea,
in a nutshell, is to get
convenience into the
shopping experience,”
said Russ. Consistency
is also part of the reset
equation. “Why shouldn’t
you be able to go to
different commissaries
and find basically the
same layout?”
“We try not to

inconvenience the
customers while resetting
stores,” said Russ, “but
we often have to close the
store for a day, sometimes
two, in order to tear
down the shelving and
move it and restock. Our
customers usually like the
new layout once they get
used to it. Sales increases
always follow a store reset
and that’s an indication
that the user-friendly
product flow is a good
change.”
To make changes easier
for customers to follow,
stores have aisle layout
maps available as well
as generic item locators
on their web pages. Store
web pages are under the
locations link at www.commissaries.com along
with store hours, contact
information, store news
and special customer
service features.

Storm water pollution prevention starts with you

Ida Petersen
Fort Wainwright Water Program Manager

After spending 4 years in the Pacific Ocean, Staff Sergeant A.K. Salmon has returned to his birthplace in the Chena River to ensure that his habitat is healthy and free of pollutants. Sgt. Salmon’s primary objective is preventing pollution in storm water from harming the ecosystem.

Storm water begins as rain or snow falling on the natural or urban landscape. On Fort Wainwright, the water that isn’t absorbed into the ground travels through drainage swales, culverts, and creeks and into the Chena River and the several ponds on post. Water in the system can contact pollutants and carry them along right into Sgt. Salmon’s living room.

Human activities such as watering lawns or washing vehicles also introduces water and pollutants to the system. Common pollutants are oil and other fluids from vehicles, sediment, pet waste, nutrients, and litter.

As an actual fish, Sgt. Salmon is unable to speak or type, so the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division is serving as a liaison to share his message of pollution prevention.

The Environmental Division also

helps to maintain Fort Wainwright’s Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit, or MS4, and associated Storm Water Management Plan. This plan includes requirements to label storm water outfalls and storm drain inlets to increase public awareness of the connection between our actions and water quality. Look for Sergeant Salmon on signs posted at Fort Wainwright’s 27 storm water outfalls along the Chena River and Badger Pit. Over the summer, storm drain inlets will be marked with Sergeant Salmon placards to remind us all that pollution prevention starts with us.

What can community members do to help Sgt. Salmon’s mission?

OIL AND VEHICLE FLUIDS
Use drip pans for leaking vehicles. Perform vehicle maintenance inside a garage or at the Auto Skills Center, in building 4730 and contain all fluids. Wash cars at the car wash, where water gets recycled or treated before it goes back into the environment. If you notice a petroleum sheen on a pond or river, report it to Fort Wainwright Dispatch by calling (907) 353-7353.

SEDIMENT
Although it may seem harmless, an increased load of dirt or sediment into the surface water can smother

salmon eggs, reduce light and oxygen in the water, and damage fish gills. Erosion is especially problematic on construction sites and the banks of waterways.

PET WASTE
Pet waste contains billions of fecal coliform bacteria. It also contains viruses, bacteria, and parasites that cause disease and an excess of nutrients that can harm the environment downstream. Clean up after your pet right away at home and along the walking paths.
Pick up a free bag dispenser and baggies at DPW Environmental at 3023 Engineer Place, or at the North Haven Communities main office at 4268 Neely Road.

NUTRIENTS
Common sources of nutrients are fertilizer and pet waste. Nitrogen and phosphorus are essential elements for life, but too much of them in the water can cause an overgrowth of algae and, in turn, reduce the oxygen in the water and produce toxins or bacteria. Limit your use of fertilizer, store chemicals properly, and clean up after pets.

LITTER
Not only is litter unsightly, but it can harm birds, fish, and aquatic

animals. Plastics will take thousands of years to break down. Participate in Cleanup Day and pick up trash when you see it throughout the year. Secure items in the back of truck beds to prevent them from blowing out.

Fort Wainwright and Interior Alaska have a tremendous resource in the surface water that dots and traverses our landscape. With that water comes diverse life ranging in size from single-celled organisms to 20-pound king salmon to the largest moose in the world.

People directly come into contact with the water for transportation, recreation, and fishing. Pollution may also impact us indirectly through plants and animals and, over time, polluted surface water could affect the surrounding soil or underground drinking water supply. The way we take care of storm water affects the entire ecosystem.

Keep on the lookout for more information in the Alaska Post.

Sergeant Salmon thanks you!



(Illustration by Ida Petersen, Fort Wainwright Water Program Manager)



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B.O.S.S. LIFE SKILLS: BASIC VEHICLE MAINTENANCE
Understand what makes your vehicle run, and what it takes to maintain your vehicle for smooth driving. This B.O.S.S. Life Skills event is open to eligible Service Members. From 1 to 5 p.m., July 23, at the Automotive Skills Center, building 3730 Call 353-7648, registration required.

SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE
Donating blood is so easy and rewarding! The Summer Blood Drive, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 26, at the Last Frontier Community Activity Center, building 1044 Call 353-7755, is a great way to save a life. Register in person ahead of time or online at www.bloodbankofalaska.org

RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY
The U.S. Army Garrison Alaska command team and the Northern Alaska Military Retiree Council, invite you and your family to the annual Retiree Appreciation Day on Saturday, Aug. 4 at the Last Frontier Community Activity Center, building 1044, on Fort Wainwright. We will begin the day's activities at 9 a.m. The Posting of the Colors, opening remarks and guest speaker session will begin at 10 a.m. The Information/Health Bazaar is planned throughout the day as well the opportunity to win many door prizes from local businesses. The information bazaar provides retirees and veterans an opportunity to speak with representatives from a variety of state, federal, retiree, and veterans organizations regarding services available to you and your family. The Dining Facility, will be offering brunch to retirees and their families for \$6.25 per person from noon to 1 p.m. The bowling alley and golf course will be offering discounts for retirees throughout the day. We look forward to seeing you there.
If you have any questions, or would like to RSVP, please call Steven Schack at (907) 353-2095.

Medal of Honor Recipient
Focus on Behavioral Health

Speaker: Master Sergeant (Retired) Leroy Petry
“Take a Knee for Behavioral Health”

Date: Wednesday, July 25th



Master Sergeant (Retired) Leroy Petry is a 2008 Medal of Honor Recipient and an ardent advocate of behavioral health, and substance dependency care and treatment for our Military, their Families, and our trans-generational veteran population.

Location: Northern Lights Chapel, Fort Wainwright
Times: 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

MSG(R) Petry will discuss taking advantage of behavioral health and substance abuse resources available to our population.



For more information about MSG(R) Petry, please scan the QR code at left or visit <https://www.army.mil/medalofhonor/petry/>



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GUARD

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Lang and Yoschak said the landing approach in Japan was pretty standard despite being next to the world’s most populous metro area and offering a bird’s-eye view of Mount Fuji.

The approach to Chinggis Khaan International differed from landing at U.S. air bases, Lang said, because the tower gave him instructions using metric measurements -- meters and kilometers instead of feet and knots, which required quick conversions on the part of the pilots.

After mandatory crew rest, the Airmen met their passengers and cargo the following morning. Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Fitzpatrick and Tech. Sgt. Thomas Hough, loadmasters with 249 AS, had their hands full with a 5-ton truckload of duffel bags, rucksacks and storm cases. Normally handled by Airmen assigned to base joint mobility complexes, the loadmasters took it upon themselves to liaison with the Army unit and supervise the pallet configuration.

Despite cargo brimming over the rails of the truck’s huge bed, Fitzpatrick and Hough managed to work with the Soldiers to pack the majority of the equipment on two 463L pallets, aluminum 9-by-7-foot pallets that snapped into the C-17 floor like metal Lego blocks. The Soldiers’ duffel bags were neatly and strategically laid in alternating north-south and east-west oriented layers, making for a green Lincoln Log-like load that ensured maximum stability in flight.

Once the pallets were packed, the loadmasters estimated the weight of the cargo and the passengers, and arrayed them throughout the cavernous cargo hold of the Globemaster to make for an optimal center of balance.

Meanwhile, Staff Sgt. Troy Kennedy, 703rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flying crew chief, conducted pre-flight checks to ensure the aircraft was in top running shape. If he had found any major faults in Mongolia, he said he could call on backup maintenance personnel to assist. If faults were discovered in Yokota, he would work with base maintenance Airmen to quickly get the iron bird back into service.

Once the cargo was secured and the passengers were buckled in, Hough briefed the Soldiers on safety procedures and administrative requirements, injecting humor in an effort to add levity to a long flight.

“Are there any small children on this flight?” he



Alaska Air National Guard Tech Sgt. Jennifer Fitzpatrick (center), a loadmaster with the 249th Airlift Squadron, supervises Soldiers loading a cargo pallet June 30, 2018, at Chinggis Khaan International Airport, Mongolia, after the Soldiers participated in Khaan Quest 2018. Khaan Quest is a combined (multinational) joint (multi-service) training exercise designed to strengthen the capabilities of U.S., Mongolian and other partner nations in international peace support operations. (Photo by Sgt. David Bedard, 176th Wing Public Affairs)

asked when explaining oxygen mask procedures, before showing passengers how to use a hood-style backup oxygen mask, “which will probably be the only time your mother won’t yell at you for pulling a plastic bag over your head.”

Most likely because the Soldiers endured a 3 a.m. wakeup after three weeks of marginal sleep, Hough’s comedic efforts were met by scattered chuckles.

Still, passenger safety was serious business for the Airmen. Fitzpatrick said two loadmasters were assigned to the flight because there were more than 40 passengers, and having a pair granted them the ability to assist as needed.

In Japan, the loadmasters had the pallets weighed in an effort to re-validate the aircraft load. After a night or

rest for aircrew and passengers, both rendezvoused the next morning to repeat the process for the final leg.

Because the flight was returning from an international location, the loadmasters’ job included prosaic tasks such as handing out and collecting customs forms, and ensuring passengers disposed of any non-American meat or produce.

Touching down at JBER, the crew of C-17 Tail No. 0168 had crossed space and time to return the Soldiers to their home in Alaska after their Mongolian adventure.

“I know you had absolutely no choice in travel, but thanks for flying with us anyway,” Hough beamed over the intercom.

FUTURE

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It is what the visionaries of the Futures and Concepts group within Futures Command will develop as they ask:

What will the battlefield look like in 2036?

What are the tactics, techniques and procedures needed to win in 2036?

Will the current organization revolving around brigade combat teams still be relevant in 2036 or does there need to be a reorganization?

How will quantum computing, high-energy lasers, directed energy weapons, hypersonics, and artificial intelligence change the nature of warfare by 2036?



An AH-64 Apache helicopter takes off from a Forward Arming and Refueling Point during a 1st Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Armored Division, gunnery at Range 83 at Orogrande, N.M., April 23, 2018. Future Vertical Lift is one of the priorities of the new Army Futures Command. (Photo by Winifred Brown, U.S. Army)

Lt. Gen. Paul A. Ostrowski, principal military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology and director of the Army Acquisition Corps, speaks on the new Army Futures Command at an Association of the U.S. Army breakfast in Arlington, Va., July 18, 2018. (Photo by David Vergun, Army News Service)



While academia, science and industry will inform these visionaries, Ostrowski suggested that they also look to Hollywood. “Think about it. How many things do we have in our hands today that you saw in movies growing up?”

The second pillar is Combat Development, which is the ability to take those aspects of Futures and Concepts and turn them into requirements. The Army Capabilities Integration Center personnel will be involved in that.

In the past, “the way we wrote requirements [was] in a vacuum,” he said. “They were not informed requirements, technology was not informing them, testing was not informing them and sustainment and logistics were not informing them. Now they are informing them.”

Ostrowski described the third pillar of Combat Systems as taking what has been learned from Futures and Concepts and turning that into experimentation, prototyping and capabilities that can be tested by Soldiers who give their feedback.

In the past, “we didn’t have Soldier touchpoints along the way to make sure we were doing the right thing,” he said, referencing user testing during all aspects of research and development. “Now we do.”

Army Futures Command, which will be headquartered in Austin, Texas, will be focusing on those three pillars for years to come, Ostrowski said.

“Futures Command is all about bringing together all the parts and pieces of the enterprise called modernization under one roof in order to get after the things that were missing all these years: agility, speed and the ability to ensure we can fight and win not only today, but well into the future,” Ostrowski said.

Quilts of Valor Foundation award quilts to Veterans



The Quilts of Valor Foundation awarded five quilts to veterans for their military service July 13 at the Clearwater Lodge. The Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 with a dream that ailing veterans would find a form of healing with their new quilts, and that a Quilt of Valor would unequivocally say, "thank you for your service, sacrifice, and valor in serving our nation in combat." The five Quilts of Valor recipients were Benny Geagley, who served 2 tours in Vietnam, Ray Dinger, a Vietnam veteran, Dan Coakley, Larry Harwell, and Cynthia Souhrada. (Photo by Chris Maestas, Fort Greely Public Affairs)

Old Glory Flag unites Soldiers and veterans at Fort Greely



Soldiers and veterans united atop Donnelly Dome to honor the Old Glory relay flag July 13. The Old Glory relay flag passed through Fort Greely before heading to Germany with a goal of honoring and uniting America's veterans with one flag passed through 20,000 sets of hands. Old Glory will officially start its 4,300 mile trek across the U.S. on Sep. 11, in the shadows of the USS Constitution in Boston Harbor and finish on Veterans Day, Nov. 11 in San Diego. (Photo by Chris Maestas, Fort Greely Public Affairs)



Fort Greely Command Sgt. Maj. Chris Magee and his wife Kelly transport the "Old Glory" relay flag via Clearwater Creek to a gathering honoring Soldiers and veterans July 13, at Clearwater Lodge. (Photo by Chris Maestas, Fort Greely Public Affairs)

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