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Army Family Team Building program a comforting port in transition storm

Frenchi Watts Kemp

AFTB Program Coordinator

Arriving at a new duty station and/or experiencing military life for the first time are typically high-stress and anxiety-inducing moments for family members and their service member sponsors.

Optimistically, the “unknowns” can represent an opportunity for exploration and experiencing new things, but that excitement is often overpowered by the worry of “fitting in” and the discomfort of unfamiliar surroundings. In many instances, military transitions are a time when friends and support systems get left behind, identities must be reinvented, and employment and family finances become major concerns.

Further exacerbating this potential cycle of worry and loss is the assumption that nobody cares or there are no resources available to fix the feelings of loneliness and isolation. Family members are especially vulnerable in this area because they’re often not privy to the welcome briefings and indoctrination programs that quickly bring their military sponsors up to speed on offerings and expectations in the community.

Recognizing this dilemma, the Fort



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Military spouses Inez Scott and Wisteria Usera share some laughs while participating in a game that required them to draw a picture based on the description provided by their partner. The exercise emphasized the importance of effective communication and good listening skills when relaying information within a group. It was among the activities of a March course titled “Personal Growth” under the Army Family Team Building curriculum. AFTB classes are regularly conducted at the Army Community Service facility and are open to all government ID cardholders.

Lee Army Community Service team is determined to ensure its assortment of individual and family assistance programs do not go unidentified or

underutilized. Navigating a new life, in a new place, with new people requires restored resolve and healthy interventions – components that bring continuity back to transitioning military lives.

ACS serves as the primary Army resource to foster and nurture resiliency and readiness among military dependents. Among its program is Army Family Team Building, which aids in the reinforcement of sustainable readiness by offering classes that foster military knowledge, personal growth and professional leadership development in learning environments that are interactive and engaging, with individuals who have shared military-life experiences.


By providing an outlet for military family members to plug into, AFTB helps transitioning military family members get past the initial stages of denial and detachment that military moves can sometimes cause and helps them shift toward the stages of dialogue and acceptance, which often means a swifter return to a more meaningful, wholesome military life.

To promote its marketing and quality of support efforts, AFTB in partnership with the ACS Relocation Readiness Program will host a Preparation for Transitions Social from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Aug. 15 at Fort Lee’s TenStrike Bowling Center near the intersection of C and Lee avenues. The social is free and food will be provided. To RSVP, call 804-734-

7979.

Additional information about ACS programs here is available at lee.armymwr.com/programs/army-community-service. Of particular note is the Newcomers’ Orientation scheduled every Monday, 2 p.m., at the Soldier Support Center, building 3400, 1401 B Avenue. Military spouses and young family members are welcome. The presentation includes program overviews from ACS, the legal office, Child and Youth Services, the Army Wellness Center, Garrison Safety, the Inspector General, Family and MWR, and many others.

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Col. Jared P. Helwig takes the Transportation Corps flag from Maj. Gen. Paul C. Hurley Jr., CASCOM and Fort Lee commanding general, during a change of command ceremony June 22 in MacLaughlin Fitness Center. For story and photo, see Page 3.

Trans. Corps welcomes Helwig as new chief, school commandant

Amy Perry

Production/News Assistant Editor

Col. Jered P. Helwig became the 30th Chief of Transportation during a change of command ceremony June 22 at MacLaughlin Fitness Center.

He replaces Maj. Gen. Jeffrey W. Drushal, who was promoted June 21 and will be moving to Redstone Arsenal, Ala., to serve as the commanding general of the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command.

Maj. Gen. Paul C. Hurley, Jr., CASCOM and Fort Lee commanding general, oversaw the formalities and, early in his remarks at the event, noted how he and the honorees share the common background of starting out their careers as military transporters.

“(Drushal and Helwig) are absolute role models of what transporters should be,” he said. “Thus, in career and in conduct, they are what you want the Transportation Corps to be like.”

The outgoing COT accumulated a plethora of accomplishments while in charge, said Hurley.

“I want to thank him and his staff for being amazing teammates and team players,” he said. “I have been overwhelmingly comforted and slept well at night knowing that Jeff Drushal was at the helm.

“I want to give great credit to Jeff for putting the Transportation Corps back on the Army’s radar,” Hurley confirmed later in his speech. “Jeff, you are an incredible leader, transporter and multi-functional logistician.”

After thanking the team at the corps headquarters, Drushal shared one of his early recollections of being Chief of Transportation.

“I had very limited experience (in TRADOC),” he said. “I can honestly tell you, I had no idea what this job would be like. As I walked around, learning about CASCOM and the Transportation



(ABOVE LEFT) Col. Jered P. Helwig takes the Transportation Corps flag from Maj. Gen. Paul C. Hurley Jr., CASCOM and Fort Lee commanding general, during a change of command ceremony June 22 in MacLaughlin Fitness Center. Helwig became the 30th chief of the corps, replacing newly promoted Maj. Gen. Jeffrey W. Drushal who is heading for a command assignment at Redstone Arsenal, Ala. (ABOVE RIGHT) Drushal, Hurley and Helwig salute during the playing of the national anthem at the ceremony.

School, I saw some of the most dedicated professionals working day in and day out to make a better Army and a better Transportation Corps.

“All of you work tirelessly to improve the quality and execution of training,” continued Drushal. “I’ve witnessed the efforts to reshape doctrine to better educate our Soldiers; the fight for limited resources to improve our organizational structure and our support of large-scale combat operations; the determination to



Photos by Amy Perry

create new material so our Soldiers go to war with the best equipment possible; the development of policy that better serves the Army and reduces the burden on our Soldiers; and the efforts to provide the best leaders possible. This change of command is not a reflection of me, but of your determined efforts to improve the Army.”

As is typical with Army changes of command, said Hurley, the departure of one great leader opens the opportunity for

another professional warrior waiting in the wings to take his place.

“We are honored to welcome another stellar leader, Col. Jered Helwig, and his family to the Fort Lee team,” he said. “Jered is an amazing, battle-tested, combat logistician, and reportedly, a pretty good transporter.

“Jered is the right man at the right time to take the Transportation School ... into the future,” Hurley confirmed.

Drushal echoed the sentiment and said the corps is in good shape with Helwig.

“I rest easy knowing the Transportation Corps is in good hands,” he said. “I know he will do a great job, and continue the traditions and proud heritage of the corps.”

Helwig said he eagerly anticipates the opportunity to lead the Transportation Corps into the future.

“Our family is honored to join such a remarkable team and become a part of the Fort Lee community,” he said. “We thank God and are grateful for the opportunity to serve Soldiers again – particularly in this exciting time of change.

“There is a saying that ‘nothing happens until something moves,’” Helwig observed. “I am humbled to be a part of that momentum and look forward to serving the exceptional Soldiers of the Transportation Corps who work as an integral component of the greater sustainment team to build deployment readiness and deliver world-class support to the war-fighter at the tactical point of need.”



Photo by Chris Hart, CASCOM Public Affairs Office

Two Star Promotion

Command Sgt. Maj. Vickie G. Culp, Transportation Corps Regimental CSM, watches as Maj. Gen. Jeffrey W. Drushal unfurls his new general officer flag at a June 21 promotion ceremony in Wylie Hall auditorium. The tradition of general officer flags began in 1910 when the senior leaders were authorized a boat flag with their star rank. In 1923, an automobile flag and field officer flag were added. A line officer had a scarlet-colored flag with a white star and gold trim. In 1947, all general officer flags, except those of the Medical and Chaplains Corps, were designed in the scarlet color to create a universal command marker.

Perry picks up CASCOM CSM duties as retiring Bartee closes 33-year career

T. Anthony Bell

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The Combined Arms Support Command welcomed a highly decorated, culinary-rooted Soldier as its senior noncommissioned officer while celebrating the 33-year career of his predecessor during a change of responsibility and retirement ceremony June 20 at the Lee Theater.

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael J. Perry III was installed as CASCOM's top enlisted leader while the sustainment community paid tribute to the accomplishments of CSM Nathaniel J. Bartee Sr. during the full-to-capacity event hosted by Maj. Gen. Paul C. Hurley Jr., CASCOM and Fort Lee commanding general.

Visiting dignitaries on hand for the occasion included Lt. Gen. Darrell K. Williams, the former CASCOM CG who now directs Defense Logistics Agency operations at Fort Belvoir. He was accompanied by his senior enlisted advisor, Command Master Chief Shaun Brahmsteadt. Also among the massive audience were command representatives from CASCOM's Ordnance, Quartermaster and Transportation schools as well as its Army Logistics University.

The event, designated as an outdoor ceremony for the change of responsibility portion, featured the traditional passing of the colors, speeches, an NCO-themed theatrical performance and award presentations.

During remarks about Perry, Hurley said the Youngstown, Ohio, native is the "optimal fit" for the position, noting he gained confidence in the CSM's abilities after speaking with him several times over the phone in calls to Iraq.

"He knew everything about the theater, and he had only been there about a year," Hurley said. "He knew things that took me two-years-plus to learn, so I knew a warrior like that was someone I wanted to bring to CASCOM."

When Perry took the podium, he first

acknowledged his family and then thanked Hurley for selecting him for the position. He gave a nod to the many who were instrumental in his career, most notably a "Sgt. Maj. Cantrell," who saw his potential as a professional food service Soldier.

"I'm truly humbled and honored by the opportunity to continue serving our Army, CASCOM and the sustainment community," Perry said. "I look forward to building upon the strong foundation set forth by those who served in this position before me. I know I am joining a phenomenal team of leaders, Soldiers and civilians. I recognize the vast importance of developing sustainment training and doctrine to not only support our war-fighters but also to deter and defeat today's threats to our national security."

Perry most recently served as the Sustainment Directorate sergeant major for Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve, headquartered in the Middle East. Prior to that he was the CSM for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Sustainment Brigade "Lifeliners."

While speaking about Bartee, Hurley created a bit of intrigue at the start of the ceremony by saying a few surprises were in store for the Quitman, Ga., native. The first was executed when the 392nd Army Band played "Ruffles and Flourishes" – a piece that traditionally recognizes the senior commander, but Hurley allowed Bartee to take the honor, nudging him to step forward in his place during the number.

"There are certain times when the commander can defer honors to those who are more deserving," he explained during his remarks.

Bartee was marginally confused but visibly touched by the move. "We knew he would have absolutely refused (to do it), so we didn't tell him," said Hurley. "It was an absolute surprise."

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NEWS BRIEFS

Fourth at Fort Celebration

The annual Independence Day celebration at Fort Lee begins at 5 p.m. in Williams Stadium. Admission is free and open to the public.

Fourth at the Fort's entertainment lineup includes the local rock, country and R&B Trademark Band at 5:15 p.m. followed by the 392nd Army Band. Fireworks will start at approximately 9:35 p.m.

Other activities include a KidZone play area with a bounce house and more. There is a cost for ride tickets in the play area. The event also will feature a food court with a wide variety of carnival-style snacks and beverages available for purchase.

All installation access gates will be operational from 1:30 -8 p.m. Personal pyrotechnics, tailgating, coolers, smoking or pets are not permitted in or around the event area.

For additional details and updates, visit the *ArmyFortLee* and *FortLeeFMWR* Facebook pages or call 804-765-1539.

Kenner 4th of July Closure

All Kenner Army Health Clinic facilities and ancillary services will be closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day. The clinics will resume normal operating hours and services July 5.

To request authorization to visit an urgent care center after-hours or when the clinic is closed, call the nurse advice line at 1-800-TRICARE and choose option 1. For an emergency, dial 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

Prince George School System Job Fair

Prince George County Public Schools will host a Job Fair for individuals seeking employment as bus drivers and custodians July 11, 9 a.m. - noon, at the PGCS Board Office, 6410 Courts Drive.

For details, call 804-733-2712 or 733-2700.

Agency, Unit Leaders Invited to Resiliency Summit

Agency and unit leaders are invited to a SHARP and Army Resiliency Summit July 10, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., in the Army Logistics University multi-purpose room.

The session will focus on Army readiness by addressing ways to shape a culture of trust, reducing sexual misconduct, through prevention and facilitating organization resiliency.

For details, call Sgt. 1st Class Curtis Dickens at 804-734-6594

Fishing for Our Troops Program

The USO of Hampton Roads and Central Virginia will offer a free fishing seminar for active duty and military veterans sponsored by B.A.S.S. Pro July 14, at Hopewell City Marina, 1051 Riverside Ave. The event is all day and participants should register to spend time on the water with professional anglers. Food and drinks will be provided.

To register, visit www.fishingfourtroops.com.

Exchange Flex with Gronk Sweepstakes

Authorized shoppers have a chance to win a flat-screen TV during the Army and Air Exchange Service Procter & Gamble "Bulk Up with Gronk" sweepstakes by June 30.

To enter, take a selfie with the life-size cutout of New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski at the Fort Lee Exchange, and upload it to shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes. The grand prize winner will earn the TV valued at \$1,000. Runner up prizes also will be awarded.

There is no purchase necessary to enter. Participants must be 18 and older.

Graduating teen draws strength from childhood autism diagnosis

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Troubled by their child's developmental delays, Tyrone and Charlotte Marshall sought medical help and received news no parent wants to hear – the distressing and heart-sinking announcement their son was not normal and would likely require assisted care in the long run.

"I was hurt when we first heard the diagnosis," recalled Tyrone, a retired staff sergeant who now works as a contract employee at the Army Logistics University. "I never had to deal (with anything) like this. I was angry, sad and asking questions like, 'Why my son?'"

At least two medical professionals said their toddler Quinton would not "talk, write or read" due to autism spectrum disorder, a condition that is "characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and non-verbal communication," according to autismspeaks.org.

Fortunately, a diagnosis doesn't equate to a done deal.

Quinton, now 19 years of age, confidently walked across a Prince George High School stage June 16 to receive his diploma alongside 435 classmates. His verbal, writing and reading skills had helped him to maintain a 3.0 grade point average or better since freshman year.

Tyrone, cognizant of the moment's finality and touched by its sweetness, waded through the throngs of spectators following the commencement ceremony to be one of the first to congratulate his son.

"When I finally got to him, I just hugged him and we both cried," recalled the elder Marshall. "I said, 'Son, you did it!'"

To be more accurate, they did it – a point the new graduate proudly admits.

"My mom and dad helped me throughout this experience," said Quinton with a calm and dignified voice, "so I've got to take it with me and start a new chapter."

The younger Marshall, whose cool demeanor seems to belie his years, shares his father's underdog fighting streak in his approach to living.

"When life comes, you're not going to be perfect," he said, "but you always have the ability to get back up and start over."

The Marshalls were a challenged couple following the diagnosis. They already had four older children, and Quinton needed fulltime care, so Charlotte – a Soldier at the time – shed her uniform and became a full-time mother and advocate for her son. Tyrone, a prior enlistee with a civilian job, returned to the Army to help defray the costs of medical care. Their career moves were buoyed by the commitment to provide Quinton with whatever he needed.

"Once we found out what we could do about autism, we made everything conducive to him," Tyrone said. "It was a family deal. Everyone had to pitch in to make sure we had an environment in which he could thrive; in which he wouldn't feel pushed aside or left behind."

Charlotte, being a hands-on and stay-at-home mother, researched the subject matter to no end; learned how to read individualized education programs required of special needs students; and presided over all the lessons during the after-school Marshall Academy. As a teacher to her lone student, one of her biggest endeavors was to create the regimented learning environment many autistic children require.

"Routines are comfortable for them," said Charlotte. "They have to know what they're going to be doing. They just can't watch something and say, 'OK, I got this.' No, it has to be familiar."

To help Quinton retain the learning for everyday tasks, the Marshalls used pictures and storyboards. Every time a task was performed, Quinton would move it aside and complete the next step. This went on for years, according to Charlotte; up until middle school



T. Anthony Bell

Retired Staff Sgt. Tyrone Marshall poses with his son, Quinton, a few hours after the 19-year-old earned a standard diploma from Prince George High School June 16. Quinton was diagnosed with autism as a toddler. Marshall is a contract employee at the Army Logistics University.

when Quinton began to own the routines and didn't require the visuals.

Charlotte was just as tenacious when it came to being an advocate for Quinton in the public school classroom, Tyrone noted. She questioned educators when she was unsure; confronted them when an issue was overlooked; and conveyed to everyone that her son was worthy of a fair shake at life and a good education. Through it all, Charlotte, who said she was once a hardened disciplinarian as a Soldier, rediscovered tolerance, compassion and patience in raising Quinton.

"This really bought me back to the young lady I was," she said, "because once you leave home, especially with the military, it changes you a little bit. You take on a certain personality. I saw where I lost who I was. Quinton bought me back to being reserved, calm and peaceful."

Helping to raise his son didn't necessarily transform Tyrone, but it did push him to double down on his developed belief autism would in no way be a barrier to Quinton's success or fulfillment. Those who did not subscribe to that way of thinking were stopped at the

door, met at the eyeball and stared down to the tissue. He was not having any doomsday predictions in the beginning nor end, and more importantly, was not going pity his son because of his condition.

"Throughout his childhood, I was always in his corner," said Tyrone, who admitted having a bit of a chip on his shoulder because he was frequently told what he could not do. "I didn't care what doctors said. I didn't believe them. My wife used to laugh, but I'd say 'He doesn't have autism.' I heard what they were saying, but I knew what he could do. A lot of times he'd reach that landmark that supposedly he couldn't reach. I knew he could."

"My wife was the loving mom, but I was the dad," he continued. "I'm not the one to feel sorry for you. When he needed the loving and the cuddling, he got that from mama, but when he needed that 'Hey, you've got to stand up and be a man no matter what because this world doesn't care if you have autism' – that was my role – because mom and dad are not always going to be here."

In retrospect, the Marshalls said although their roles were somewhat distinct, they were united and committed to the goal of not just providing Quinton a good education but raising him with values and a sense of resiliency.

"I just want him to be successful, no matter what he chooses to do," said Tyrone. "I want him to be confident in himself as a man and know that he can achieve whatever life puts in front of him."

Quinton, an avid illustrator, said he draws frequently and wants to share his talent with others.

"I'm so committed to my gift, and I have a lot of faith in it," he said. "I want to make a TV show or YouTube channel – a lot of people get paid on YouTube – to highlight the shine of young adults."

Quinton has plans to attend nearby Richard Bland College where he will major in business and animation. Like any other high school grad, he is sure to face many educational and career challenges ahead, but the backing of proud parents who approached failures with a "get back up and start over" attitude, should make him an unstoppable character who understands the power of persistence.

59th Ordnance Brigade leadership changes hands

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The 59th Ordnance Brigade welcomed a new leader to its ranks during a June 15 change of command ceremony at Whittington Field.

Col. Daniel P. Ellinger, a native of Jefferson City, Mo., assumed the title of brigade commander in a ceremony officiated by Brig. Gen. Heidi J. Hoyle, Chief of Ordnance. He replaced Col. Sean P. Davis.

Among those in attendance were Maj. Gen. Paul C. Hurley Jr., CASCOM and Fort Lee commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Nathaniel Bartee, CASCOM CSM.

Ellinger took over command of the Power-to-Spare Brigade after serving a stint as director, Enterprise System Directorate and TRADOC Capability Manager – Sustainment Mission Command

at CASCOM. During remarks, he thanked his wife Kathy and other family members for their support and encouragement. He also acknowledged the work he did under Hurley’s command and said he’s looking forward to serving as brigade commander.

“I’m humbled to join the ranks of the 59th Ordnance Brigade and the Ordnance School,” he said. “I’m honored to serve with the Soldier-trainees, and the military, civilians and contractors who are working together to make sure our Soldiers, our Army’s and our nation’s tomorrow is better than today.”

Davis, who assumed command in June 2016, paid tribute to the Power-to-Spare Soldiers on the field during his remarks, saying, “It is deeply humbling and even more so comforting to see the most powerful, honorable Soldiers the world has ever



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Colonel Daniel P. Ellinger, incoming commander, 59th Ordnance Brigade, accepts the brigade colors from Brig. Gen. Heidi J. Hoyle, Chief of Ordnance, during a change of command ceremony June 15 at Whittington Field. Ellinger was formerly assigned as director, Enterprise System Directorate and TRADOC Capability Manager – Sustainment Mission Command at CASCOM. He replaced Col. Sean P. Davis, who had commanded the Power-To-Spare Brigade since June 2016.



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Pfc. LaKisha Miller



T. Anthony Bell

Unit: 217th Military Police Detachment
MOS: 56M – religious affairs specialist
Age: 31

Time in service: eight months

Marital status: dual military with children

Hometown: South Boston

Describe yourself: “I’m very shy; I try to stay to myself. I open up when I need to, and I can be fun among those who know me.”

Personal strengths: “Helping people.”

Personal weaknesses: “Communication. I won’t extend my hand unless I’m comfortable. I joined the Army as a way to try to get me out of my shell.”

Pastimes: “I spend time with my husband and family. We do a lot of outdoor activities – fishing, dirt bike riding and

boating.”

Worst fear: “Having never been deployed, I am fearful about that aspect of military life. I don’t know what it’s like being out of the country, experiencing a different language, being away from my family and not being able to come back home (at one’s leisure).”

Dream car: “Something luxurious – a

Mercedes, BMW, etc.”

Pet peeve: “Laziness and lack of cleanliness. I’m OCD (obsessive-compulsive disorder) about cleaning. I like everything to be organized. In regard to laziness, I was raised with the belief that you have to get up and do the hard work.”

One lesson you like sharing with others: “Be passionate about whatever you do.”

Your ideal life: “Being retired and laying on the beach.”

Favorite TV show: “I like the Food Network’s ‘Guy’s Grocery Games.’ It’s interesting because I like to cook.”

Three things you would take to a deserted island: “My cellphone; some kind of navigation in case I get lost; and something to make me comfortable – I would say a blanket. As long as I have somewhere to sleep (laugh)!”

One person you admire: “My grandmother – Mary Wade. She raised me, and I turned out to be an amazing individual. I was the only niece (among one brother and several male cousins

Miller was raised with). She is about to turn 80 and can move around as though she was still 20.”

Why you chose the word “amazing” to describe yourself: “My grandmother always taught us to pursue our goals – that nothing is impossible – and to push the limits on everything we do in life. There’s never been a point in which I didn’t accomplish my goal. I’m very shy, but I’ve taken on big things and gotten them done.”

You sound like you’re a determined individual: “I’ve always been confident in things I’m passionate about doing. I’ve always been an athletic competitor, and being competitive is what I know best.”

The celebrity or historical figure you would like to meet: “I’ve always looked up to Maya Angelou (the author and poet). I’ve worked with special needs children, and I know she’s written a lot of children’s books. She’s very inspirational.”

One life-changing event: “When my aunt passed away. That was 2001. She was

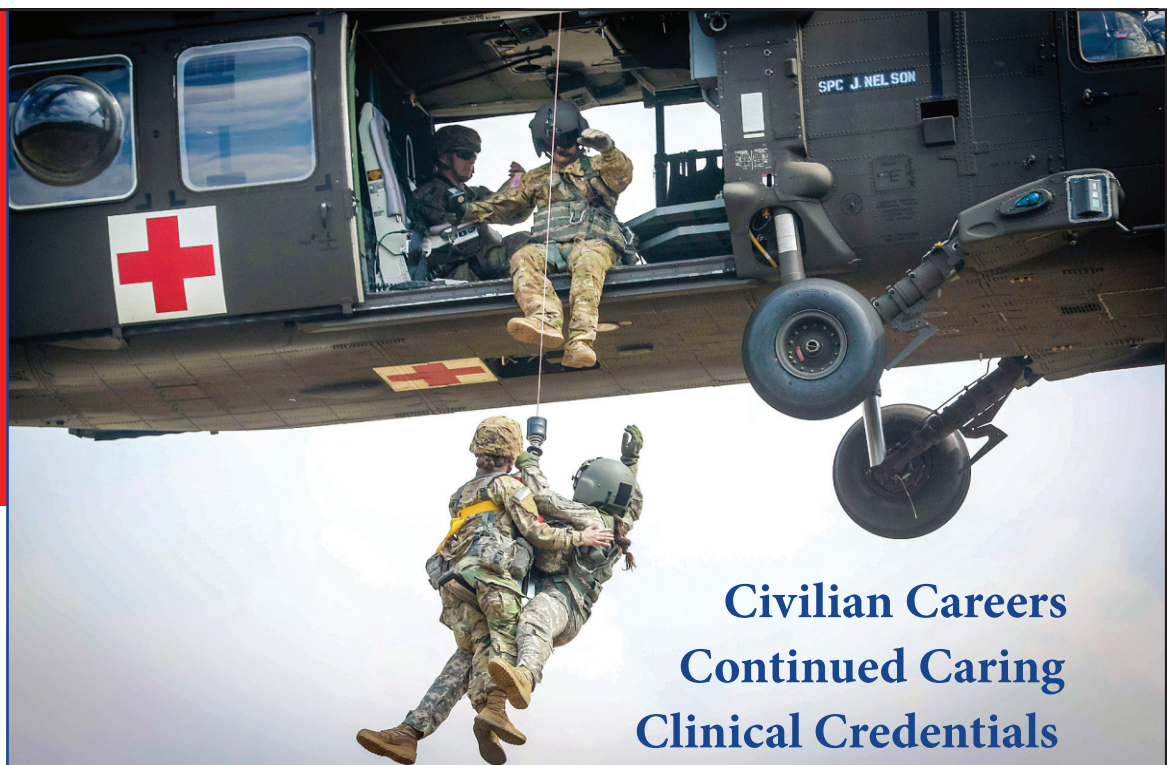
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(ABOVE) Advanced individual training students demonstrate rapid medical evacuation procedures during the 23rd Quartermaster Brigade Soldier Stakes Competition on June 16. Six all-volunteer teams participated in the quarterly event that presents eight challenges over a 3.5-mile course. The 262nd QM Battalion earned bragging rights for turning in the fastest time with fewest point deductions. (BELOW RIGHT) A competing team struggles to hold its ground during a tug-o-war showdown between Juliet Company, 262nd QM Battalion, AIT classes. The company organized the June 22 event to promote teamwork and esprit de corps. In other challenges, the teams had to perform a combined 600-pushups, run with filled five-gallon water cans, race in a high-crawl position, and more.



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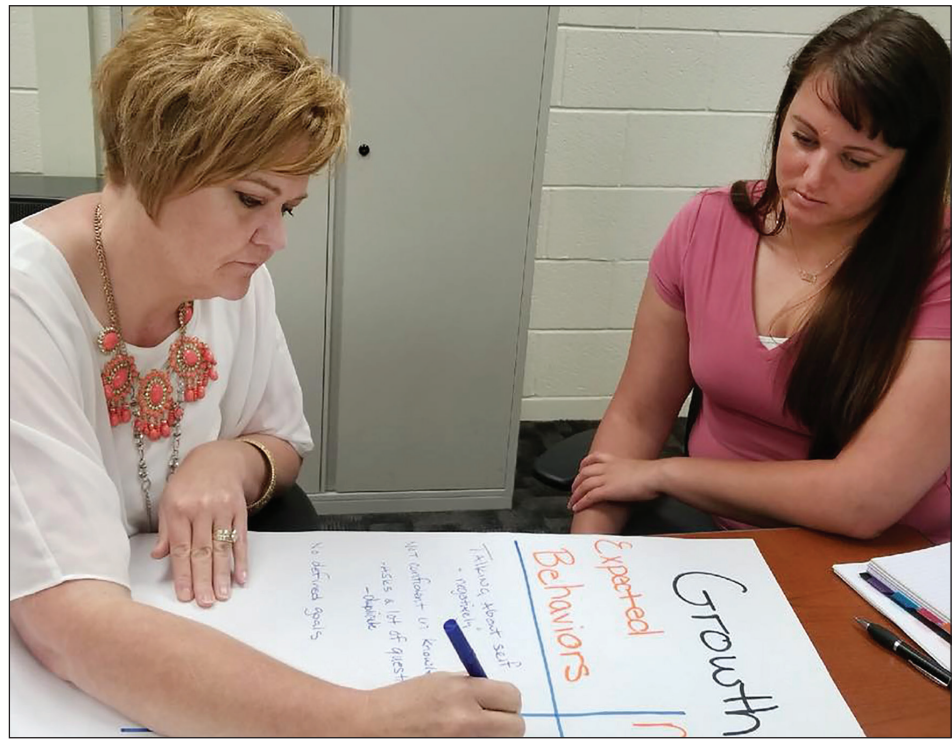


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(ABOVE) Staff Sgt. Donald Cureton helps with food preparation chores during a June 7 Kenner Army Health Clinic breakfast and fundraiser for the agency's upcoming organization day picnic - conducted June 22 at Point of Rocks Park. At the latter event, the clinic staff enjoyed food and various teambuilding activities.



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(LEFT) Brig. Gen. Douglas McBride Jr., who became the 55th Quartermaster General just a couple of weeks ago, took his troops out for an esprit de corps run during the early morning hours of June 21. In the photo, he is accompanied by Command Sgt. Maj. Sean Rice, QM Corps CSM, and other members of the command staff.

(ABOVE) Lt. Col. Paul Kassebaum, Kenner Army Health Clinic commander, discusses the harmful effects of tobacco usage during a "Kick Butts Day" event May 31 on the Child and Youth Services campus. A team of Kenner staff members participated in a friendly kickball competition with youngsters from the Youth and School-Age centers at the event. (LEFT) Soldiers shuffle through the buffet line at a free Father's Day brunch that was part of the Reload Christian Service June 17 at the Ordnance Resilience Training Center. The Reload event also included its typical fare of live music and an uplifting message. (SECOND LEFT) Representatives from the Army Logistics University and Civilian Personnel Advisory Center list the differences between expected and managed behaviors during the 3rd quarter Army Family Team Building workshop June 6 at the Army Community Service Center.

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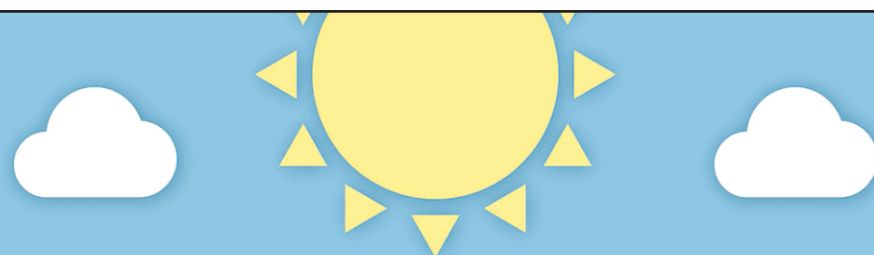
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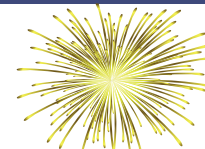


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known standing only meters away from our families.”

Davis went on to share with the audience his thoughts about the “faith, family and friends” triad that helped sustain him over the course of his command, thanking the chaplains for their services; his wife Camille and their extended family for their continued support and patience; and all on the Ordnance School team – military members, government civilians, contractors and volunteers – who contributed to the mission.

During Davis’ tenure, a cumulative total of more than 56,000 Soldiers were assigned to 59th Ord. Bde. and its subordinate units. Hoyle described him as a “champion for training” who achieved “extraordinary success.” One of Davis’ triumphs was his work with the Power Academy, said Hoyle, “which welcomed over 1,500 permanent party (personnel) and family members. It also provided for the efficient in-processing of more than 25,000 AIT Soldiers.”

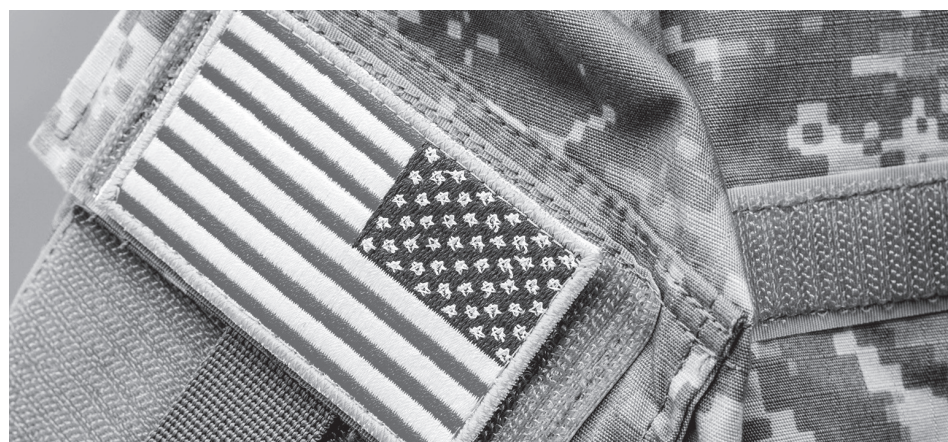
The academy program resulted in a decrease of suicide ideations and medical separations, and its concept was recently briefed to the Secretary of the Army, added Hoyle.

“We anticipate that he will then brief it during his next Congressional update,” said Hoyle. “That’s pretty significant for a brigade commander’s actions to be understood and known by the most senior Army leadership and then going on to Capitol Hill.”

Other achievements under Davis’ leadership include the implementation of the Platoon Honors Program, which was noted by the TRADOC deputy commanding general as a best practice for character development, and a Spouse Master Resilience Training Program that was adopted by CASCOM, said Hoyle.

Fort Belvoir is the next stop for Davis. There, he will join Lt. Gen. Darrell K. Williams, former CASCOM and Fort Lee commanding general, at the Defense Logistics Agency headquarters.

The 59th Ord. Bde. is an element of the Ordnance School. It provides administrative support and training to more than 25,000 Soldiers a year in three core competencies – maintenance, ammunition and explosive ordnance disposal – further comprised of 30 military occupational specialties. In addition to two battalions located at Fort Lee, it has elements located at installations around the country.





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Col. Daniel P Ellinger, 59th Ordnance Brigade commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Perry C. Williamson, brigade CSM, hold the Fort Lee Army Emergency Relief trophy that was awarded to their unit in recognition of its noteworthy performance during the recent AER fundraising campaign earlier this year. The trophy was presented at a June 21 celebration for all participating AER representatives. Garrison command team members pictured include Col. Adam Butler and Command Sgt. Maj. Vittorio DeSouza. Other AER coordinators and 59th brigade representatives also posed for the photo. Overall, Fort Lee surpassed its AER goal, raising \$124,000.

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like my second mother. Anytime I had an athletic event, she was in the stands with a sign that read 'You're the best.' It always had my name at the bottom and was accompanied by a heart and the words 'I love you.' She was there from the time I was born to the time she passed away. That kind of inspired me to join the Army."

Why your aunt's passing was inspirational: "She was that person who pushed me more than anything. At some point, I stopped pushing myself and kind of let a lot of opportunities pass me by. So, I just got up one day and said, 'I'm going to join the Army.'"

Talk about your upbringing in South Boston: "I was raised in the country – the type of place where your best friend's house was miles away, you had cows in the front yard and tobacco fields were most of what you saw when looking out the window. Our usual childhood activities were climbing trees, playing kickball or dodgeball, and cutting grass. As the only girl, I had to fend for myself and stay above water. It was a tough house."

Talk more in-depth about your decision to join the Army: "Originally, when I got out of high school in '04, I wanted to join the Air Force. I moved away (after getting married), had my first child at 19, and those plans were put on the back burner a little bit. Then, after moving around for 12 years, I wanted to try to find some stability and do something else. That's when I decided to join."

Your thoughts about deploying in light of being part of a dual military family: "That's always been in the back of my mind. I know it can happen at any time, but I'm prepared."

Thoughts about balancing work and family life in the military: "We (military parents) definitely need to learn how to shut it off. When I leave that job and come home, I take those boots off, and that's it – I leave the job at the door. We come home to not an Army life, but a civilian family life. We turn on our buttons to that

and turn off our buttons to the Army."

Why you chose to be a religious services specialist: "I'm passionate about caring for people, so getting into this MOS is not that far outside of my comfort zone. It's something I naturally know how to do."

Do those in your MOS work on Sundays? "Most of us work on Sundays. When we come in, we're helping out members of the congregation, making sure they are comfortable in the chapel. We also do offerings and deal with a lot of money, so it's important to be very detail oriented."

Best thing about your job: "Just seeing people being happy after their needs have been fulfilled."

What it means to serve your country: "It means having integrity. It also means having the courage to get out there to make sure your helping and protecting your battle buddies."

What makes a good Soldier: "It starts with believing in Army Values. From there, you have to have respect for one another and be able to trust others. Also it's having the ability to lead and demonstrate a good work ethic."

Your idea of a good leader: "Someone who is a hard worker. I see that every day. I have a battle buddy who sits next to me and works harder than anybody I know. She gets things done. I can turn to her at any point and ask a question, and she always answers or provides guidance. She never stops. She's like that machine that goes and goes and goes, but at the same time, she's considerate of everyone else. She makes sure you get what's needed to complete tasks."

What you would change if you were the Army Chief of Staff: "The way we do PT. I would look at changing the program to reduce injuries."

Best thing about the Army: "The stability."

Worst thing about the Army: "The early mornings and late nights."

Future goals: "To become an officer. I'm still deciding on the career field."

– Compiled by T. Anthony Bell

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'The Lion King Jr.' Performances | June 29-30

Two free performances of "The Lion King Jr." will be presented June 29, 7 p.m., and June 30, 2 p.m. at the Lee Theater.

Participants of the Lee Theater Group's 2018 summer camp are the singers, dancers and production crew for the show.

For details, call 804-734-6629.

Federal Hiring Process Workshop | June 29

A free Federal Hiring Workshop is set for June 29, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., in Room 124 of the Soldier Support Center, building 3400, B Avenue.

Subject matter experts will provide information and resources for participants to understand the federal application hiring process, the development of the federal resume and other requirements. It is open to all community members. Registration is requested.

For details, call 804-734-6612 or email army.lee.sftap@mail.mil.

Chesterfield Family Movie Night | June 30

A free family movie night is scheduled for June 30, 6 p.m., at Pocahontas State Park, 10301 State Park Road, Chesterfield.

The "The Nut Job 2" will be shown at dusk. There will be entertainment for the kids before the movie.

For details call 804-748-1992.

Free Kings Dominion Admission | June 30 - July 8

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For details, visit www.facebook.com/kingsdominionva.

Car Show | July 4

The Fort Lee Cruise-In Car Show is set for July 4, 2-5 p.m., at the Lee Club.

There is no cost to attend or participate.

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Yorktown Liberty Celebration | July 4

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Celebrate Independence Day with a fireworks display at dark July 4, 5 p.m., at Chesterfield County Fairgrounds, 10300 Courthouse Road.

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Theater Group 'Godspell' Auditions | July 16-17

The Theatre Company at Fort Lee will hold auditions for "Godspell" July 16-17, 7 p.m., at the Lee Theater, 4300 Mahone Ave.

Director Julie Fulcher-Davis seeks 10 diverse, versatile male and female actors who also sing. Those auditioning should bring 16 bars of an up-tempo song and 16 bars of a ballad. An accompanist will be provided. Performers who play a musical instrument or have other special skills also can share during the audition. No performers are paid. Rehearsals will begin immediately after casting for a Sept. 7-23 production run.

For details, call 804-734-6629.

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Hurley, expressing his deep admiration and respect for NCOs, said Bartee epitomized how they should function, evidenced by the gratitude frequently showered upon him during their travels and command visits.

“I can say this,” he said. “I have yet to attend a ceremony – be it retirement, promotion or change of responsibility like this one – where NCOs don’t directly thank CSM Bartee for his help, mentorship and genuine interest in their careers and personal well-being. They go out of their way to say ‘Thanks.’”

“CSMs, by their creed, give tough love, but CSM Bartee gives tough, genuine, caring love, and that makes all the difference.”

Additionally, Hurley thanked the honoree for not only his professionalism but also for his friendship over the years.

“It’s been a genuine honor to serve with you in multiple assignments,” he said, “and I appreciate how you’ve been my battle buddy in tough times all throughout the Middle East and through the good and tough times here.”

Hurley had an equal amount of praise for Bartee’s wife, Pamela.

“You are an amazing mom,” he said. “You’re an incredible senior lady and (you have been) a wonderful partner and friend for (Hurley’s wife) Kathy. You shine as an example of what right looks like. You could not ask for a finer first lady and command sergeant major’s spouse.”

Williams, who served as Bartee’s commander at 1st Theater Support Command, Fort Bragg, N.C., and at CASCOM, continued the surprises. He led the crowd in singing “Happy Birthday” to Bartee, who seemed unaware his former boss knew of the occasion. Williams went on to say partnering with Bartee in consecutive assignments were “two of the most important and consequential decisions that I made over my entire career.”

Furthermore, Williams said, Bartee was as solid as Soldiers come and worthy of having his ear.

“CSM Bartee earned my complete trust and confidence, and I consider myself fortunate and honored to have served with a true battle buddy and outstanding professional,” he said.

For all that was expressed, Bartee – as is

often the case – did not have much to say.

“Thirty-three years,” said the 51-year-old. “How do you put it all in one speech? I would tell you the good Lord ordered these steps.”

Bartee went on to thank his wife, children and their extended family for continued support and encouragement; he singled out the first sergeants, instructors, platoon sergeants and drill sergeants for the work they do in preparing initial entry Soldiers; he made note of the CASCOM and Army garrison staffs; and he thanked the many who

support the mission.

“Thank you,” he said repeatedly.

The event’s final surprise came to retired Sgt. 1st Class Pamela Bartee, who ended her career without a retirement ceremony because her husband was deployed during the occasion. Fulfilling that long-overdue tradition, the senior leaders presented her a U.S. flag as she stood alongside her husband. They both saluted, and she wiped away tears.

Bartee did not indicate what he plans to do in retirement.

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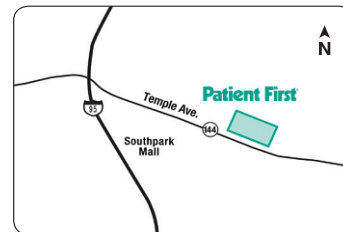
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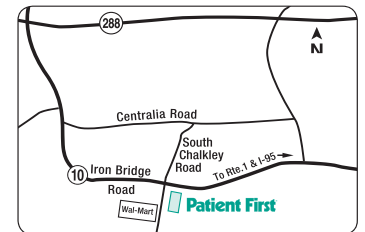
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