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A Georgia Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk from the 1st Battalion, 171st Aviation Regiment, lifts off rapidly after inserting Georgian special forces during an urban operations exercise at the Vaziani Training Area on Aug. 5 during Noble Partner 18. The exercise highlights the 24 years the two militaries have worked together under the U.S. National Guard's State Partnership Program.

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TRADOC CG: Army leaders must embrace mission command, 'disciplined initiative'

By Kelly P. Morris

USACE Public Affairs

General Stephen J. Townsend, commanding general of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, highlighted the importance of 'disciplined initiative' during a session with Aviation Captains Career Course students during his visit to the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence here Aug. 14.

The Army's philosophy and system for command and control, known as mission command, includes building a cohesive team, which requires mutual trust, according to Townsend.

"I'm an infantryman by background. I don't know how to fix or fly a helicopter. I trust that you do. When I get in the back of a helicopter I don't wonder if the crew chief knew what he was doing, where he was trained, or how many times he's done it, and I don't really wonder about the qualifications of the aircrew up front. I trust you. We have to have that same kind of trust throughout our Army, and it starts with you—future company commanders," he said.

Trust must be built with subordinates as well as superiors.

Although mission command is "a fantastic command philosophy," there's a problem, according to Townsend.

"The problem is some of you don't believe in it. That's because for the last ten years, if you've been deployed, and I see a number of you here, we've been doing mission command by CONOP --a multiple (PowerPoint) slide concept of the operation," Townsend said. "That's not really mission command, and I don't want you to think that's how we're going to fight in the future."

"It won't work in a future war against a near-peer adversary," he said.

At the start of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, mission command was how the Army fought—including establishing the big-picture of the commander's intent, and setting left and right limits, and then providing platoon leaders, company commanders and brigade commanders more decision making authority. But over time, as the Army began extracting itself and partner nations were asked to do more, the Army imposed greater controls on itself, according to Townsend.

Townsend encouraged becoming 'disciples' of mission command, which includes gently pushing back when it comes to too much oversight from their higher headquarters.

"I want you to preach it, practice it," Townsend said. "I want you to go to your unit and help get this back on track. It's my estimation this is the right system but it's off track in our Army and we all need to row together to get it back on track. That's what I want you to do here."

A clear, concise commander's intent is important, and should be written in a way that every Soldier down to the lowest level can easily remember it, according to Townsend.

"It's the bottom line. It's what is really important in the whole Operations Order. It gives shared understanding. It also empowers disciplined initiative," Townsend said.

"Have the discipline to follow your orders until you realize they're not going to work or they don't pertain anymore. Be smart enough...to come up with a plan that will work, and have the guts enough to do it," he said.

Townsend also spoke about the standing up of a new major Army command for first time since the 1970s. Impacts to TRADOC include the 'design' function for the future Army, which shifts from TRADOC over to Army Futures Command. TRADOC will remain focused on recruiting, training and educating Soldiers and leaders so they contribute to Army readiness; building and improving the Army; and leader development to strengthen the Army profession.

Changes on the horizon in the arena of fitness, according to Townsend, include the new Army Combat Fitness Test, a more holistic approach that has been years in the making and intends to change the fitness culture of the Army. The ACFT looks to better prepare Soldiers for tasks, strengthen the entire body and also reduce injuries.

"This was not a quick decision. There's been six years of concentrated effort to put this test together. For the last two years we've been piloting it around the Army, and we're about to undergo a large scale field test this fiscal year with 60 battalions across the Army—Guard, Reserve and active, all over the world," he said.

Townsend also emphasized the importance of ensuring balance between unit and personal time.

"As an officer and a future company commander, you're going to be one of the people who instill and exemplify balance, role model balance in your life and also help your Soldiers and leaders make balanced decisions," he said.

Townsend urged the group to remember leadership comes first.

"You're an officer and a leader first, and a pilot second. Remember that. I want you to



PHOTO BY KELLY MORRIS

General Stephen J. Townsend, commanding general of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, speaks to Aviation Captains Career Course Students about the importance of mission command, exercising disciplined initiative and the Army Combat Fitness Test Aug. 14.

be good pilots. It'll make you a better leader if you're a good pilot because it will instill confidence among your troops if you can do their technical skill like they can. If you can PT as well as your troops that makes them confident, it'll buy you some respect. If you shoot as well as they do at the range, that will buy you some respect," Townsend said. "You're always a leader of Soldiers."

The visit to Fort Rucker also included an aerial tour, observation of the Basic Officer Leaders Course M9 pistol range, and Air Traffic Control Enhanced Tower Simulation Training.

Aviation Center Logistics Command welcomes new commander



PHOTO BY DAVID AGAN

Col. Richard A. Martin, commander, Aviation Center Logistics Command, assumes command from Col. Michael J. Best as he accepts the colors from Maj. Gen. Douglas M. Gabram, commanding general, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, during a change of command ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum July 31.

By David Agan

Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Hundreds descended upon the U.S. Army Aviation Museum to welcome the new commander of the Aviation Center Logistics Command and bid farewell to the outgoing commander during a ceremony July 31.

Col. Richard A. Martin assumed command of ACLC from Col. Michael J. Best as the colors changed hands from Best to Maj. Gen. Douglas M. Gabram, commanding general, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, to Martin.

Gabram hosted the ceremony, and praised Best for his leadership and the performance of the organization during his time as commander.

“At Rucker, [Best] and his team provided over 600 quality and safe aircraft and the logistical support needed to enable USAACE

(U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence) and the Air Force to fly over 206,000 hours,” said Gabram. “He enabled the training of over 39,000 students in over 300 programs of instruction in a cost-effective manner.”

Gabram also welcomed the new commander and expressed confidence in his ability to lead ACLC.

“[Martin’s] vast technical and tactical experience with both operations and maintenance will serve us all well,” said Gabram. “Rich, get ready for a great ride,” he continued.

Martin shared his gratitude to the outgoing commander for leaving a legacy of caring for the people of his organization.

“It’s clear to me that you’ve led this command well, that you’ve loved the people,

you’ve built a sense of pride in ownership across this entire command and it shows in all they do,” said Martin. “I know that they’ll continue to make you proud in their future endeavors and to honor your legacy. Thank you for all that you’ve done in preparing this command for the challenges that lie ahead.”

Martin reflected on the importance of ACLC’s mission and the impact of logistics throughout Aviation history.

“From the Ia Drang Valley, through Desert Shield and Storm, to Afghanistan and Iraq, whether as a crewmember, maintenance personnel or support staff, we’re all on the same team,” he said. “Army Aviation continues to depend upon each of us and has since we began flying the machines that you see throughout this museum.”

Martin received a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Aviation Branch in May 1995. He has served in multiple deployments, including Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, OIF 06-08 and OIF 09-10. Prior to assuming command of ACLC, Martin served as a seminar leader and instructor for the Advanced Military Studies Program at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

As he relinquished command to Martin, Best shared some parting words with those gathered at the ceremony.

“It’s mission first, people always,” said Best. “I encourage everyone in ACLC to continue to take care of one another and remember you are producing the future of our Army.”



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BE PREPARED

National Disaster Preparedness Month focuses on preparation

Fort Rucker Public Affairs Staff Report

An unruly Mother Nature can devastate lives and property; however, people can lessen their vulnerability to disaster through preparation.

September is National Preparedness Month and the South is no stranger to its fair share of rough weather, so Willie Worsham, Fort Rucker Emergency Manager, wants to make sure the people of Fort Rucker and the surrounding communities are as ready as they can be for when rough weather hits.

“This month serves as a reminder that people should prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect them where they live, work and also where they visit,” Worsham said. “This year’s theme, Disaster’s Happen “Prepare

Now. Learn How,” will continue to emphasize preparedness planning.”

Each week throughout the month focuses on a different theme:

- Sept. 1-8 – Make and practice your plan;
- Sept. 9-15 – Learn lifesaving skills;
- Sept. 16-22 – Check your insurance coverage; and
- Sept. 23-29 – Save for an emergency.

For the South, tornadoes traditionally increase during the fall months, but other dangers, like thunderstorms, lightning, flooding and icing, can accompany them, said Worsham.

“With the transition of the seasons, the polar front jet stream starts pushing frontal systems across the South,” he said. “It cre-

ates pretty much the same thing we see in the spring. The fronts will come through, and during the fall the gulf is still open and still has moisture being funneled up into our area. With the colliding of the two air masses, you can get volatile weather out of it – severe thunderstorms, flooding and tornadoes.

“The key to successfully navigating Mother Nature’s nastiness is preparedness,” he added. “Make sure that you have a plan.”

Worsham suggests that people visit the Ready Army website, which gives people all sorts of information on what to expect, how to make a kit and how to prepare for severe weather seasons and even hurricane season.

The first step is to be informed, said Worsham.

Many emergencies, like power outages, disease outbreaks and manmade accidents can happen anywhere. But certain disasters are more likely in some places than others. At Fort Rucker, a blizzard is less likely than a hurricane, so the first information residents should gather is how to prepare for severe weather caused by hurricanes, he said.

Ready Army recommends understanding the local mass warning systems that officials will use to inform people on weather conditions. At Fort Rucker, the agencies that warn of natural hazards are the National Weather Service and the U.S. Geological Survey. Part of being informed is knowing how to receive information from these agencies, said the emergency manager, adding that it is a good idea to have a backup way of receiving information in case a primary system goes down.

Being informed also means people knowing where evacuation points are located in the event they cannot get home or their current location becomes unsafe. Ready Army suggests people also know what circumstances would require evacuation and when they should shelter in place.

Accountability is a key part of the Army, and in a disaster this does not change. People

should know the way they will contact their unit and receive instructions in the event of a disaster.

The next step is to make a plan.

Ready Army suggests that people keep their plans practical and tuned to likely disasters that they might face. People should take the information they learned in the first step and talk about what their family plan is in each different disaster scenario. People should take into account how they will react if it is a weekend, as opposed to a workday, if their children are at school, or if an evacuation is ordered and sheltering in place is no longer an option.

Building a kit is the next step in Ready Army’s list. A kit is nothing more than the supplies that people and their families will need over a three-day period. That is the estimated time it might take to clear roads, restore power or have emergency crews reach people.

After a disaster, emergency responders will address critical needs first and might not be able to get to people right away. A disaster kit will allow people to take care of themselves and their families, freeing up emergency responders to focus on the critically injured and restoring infrastructure.

Ready Army suggests people have multiple kits in different locations, like their car, office and home, because they never know where they will be when disaster strikes.

The final step is to get involved.

The Army has joined the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency in America’s Prepare-A-Thon! – a nationwide campaign to increase emergency preparedness and community resilience.

For more information, visit <http://www.rucker.army.mil/readymil/> or <https://www.ready.gov/september>.

'THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE'

Officials: As anti-terrorism awareness month ends, vigilance still a must

Fort Rucker Public Affairs Staff Report

Antiterrorism Awareness Month as passed, but Fort Rucker officials want to remind people to stay vigilant year round.

The theme for the observance month centers on homegrown violent extremism, which has seen an increase in activity in recent years, and for that reason it's imperative that the community stays on alert, said Mike Whittaker, Fort Rucker antiterrorism officer.

"Because we in the military, our families, our DA civilian and contractor co-workers enjoy the benefits and security of a 'gated community' environment, we tend to get complacent and let our guard down," he said, "but this is a time for personal vigilance.

"Whether the violent extremism is politically, racially or ideologically motivated, the results are still the same," he continued. "Good people – friends, family members, neighbors – are all put in harm's way when we do not pay attention to our surroundings, situations evolving around us and each other's welfare."

Whittaker said that since people of the community are usually the first people to see when a potential act of terrorism might occur, they are actually the first line of defense.

"We, the people,' not local law enforcement or the military police, are the first line of defense," he said. "Be their eyes and ears. If you see or hear anything suspicious, call

somebody."

"There is a lot of activity and things happening [overseas] that is driving things that are going on here in the U.S. with [law enforcement agencies], and we're all still saying the same thing – see something, say something," said Cory Greenawalt, Fort Rucker antiterrorism analyst. "One of the big things that we are looking out for is radicalization and homegrown violent extremism.

ISIS is one terror group that is still very

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prevalent on the Internet, and because that is a medium that can be accessed by anyone globally, it's important that people are vigilant about their own operational security when venturing online, said Greenawalt.

"OPSEC and [antiterrorism] go hand in hand, especially where social media is concerned – social media can be a breeding ground for bad things to happen," he said.



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He added that although social media isn't bad, it's when young, impressionable minds are able to be reached out to through the medium that it becomes a problem. But it's not just traditional social media platforms, like Facebook and Twitter, that are the targets of terrorist groups, but gaming platforms, as well.

"It's spilling over into game play through [computer gaming and console gaming]," said the antiterrorism analyst. "We're seeing conversations going on in chat rooms on video games, so it's very entrenched and in depth – it's something that parents and Soldiers need to be aware of because it's out there."

It's because of the depth of reach that these organizations have that Greenawalt said it falls on parents to make sure they know who their children are talking to and what they're talking about. The best way to do that is through conversation.

"Bring them back to the dinner table and ask them who they're talking to online and things like that. Let them know they need to be aware of these things," he said.

"One of the things that I've learned over the last 28 years is that terrorism will find a

way – it's prolific," Greenawalt said. "[Terrorists'] tactics, techniques and procedures change, as ours do. That's why we need people to remain vigilant."

The main way people can remain vigilant is by utilizing the iWatch Army program, which is an antiterrorism program that focuses on encouraging Army-wide community awareness and outreach efforts to address important topics related to protecting those communities, said the antiterrorism analyst.

"Freedom and liberty are not gifts handed down by our forefathers, but the ultimate prizes in life being competed for every minute of every day, by those who would take yours away," added Whittaker. "Stay alert and stay alive."

To access the iWatch Army website, people can visit <http://www.myarmyonesource.com/familyprogramsandservices/iwatchprogram/default.aspx>.

Greenawalt also stressed that when reporting suspicious activity, people should call the Fort Rucker non-emergency line at 255-2222, adding that 911 should only be utilized for emergency situations.



With a combined 413 years of service, 14 Soldiers and two civilians retired during the Fort Rucker Quarterly Retirement Ceremony July 27 in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. The retirees: (back row) CW3 Dana J. Perdue, CW4 Miguel A. Toledo-Diaz, CW4 Brian F. Murray and Theresa Barnette; (front row) CW5 Virgil G. Martin Jr., CW4 Derrick S. Brown, Joy Moseley and CW4 Jorge Correa.



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The retirees: CW4 Chad Eller, CW4 Rebecca E. Magoun, Master Sgt. Charles T. McCoy, Sgt. 1st Class Latif Tariq, Capt. Taj L. Williams, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Timothy K. Bedsole Sr., CW5 Martin A. Calkins and Sgt. 1st Class Casey L. Reznickcheck.

413 YEARS OF SERVICE

Fort Rucker honors latest retirees during ceremony

By Jim Hughes

Command Information Officer

With a combined 413 years of service, 14 Soldiers and two civilians retired from service to the country during the post's quarterly retirement ceremony July 27 at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

Col. Thomas von Eschenbach, director of the Capability Development and Integration Directorate, hosted the event and was assisted by Sgt. Maj. Alex Woodell, CDID sergeant major.

A short write-up on each retiree follows.

LT. COL. TIMOTHY K. BEDSOLE SR.

Bedsole, training and operations chaplain for the Fort Rucker Religious Support Office, entered military service with a direct commission in June 1988 at Fort Rucker. Upon graduation from the Chaplain Officer Basic Course, he was assigned to Fort Stewart, Georgia, and then deployed to Operation Desert Shield/Storm. He said the highlight of his career was serving God and country around the world with his wife, Tammie, and

their family, and watching his children continue the tradition of serving the U.S. Army. He and Tammie have three children. They plan to reside in Slocomb.

CAPT. TAJ L. WILLIAMS

Williams, deputy director of the Concepts and Requirements Directorate, entered military service in 1994 as an infantry Soldier. Williams commissioned in 2010 after completing the Army Reserve Officer Training

Corps Green to Gold active duty option through Campbell University, branching Aviation. He said the highlight of his career was being able to serve Soldiers during his company command. He and his wife, Carla, have five children. They plan to reside in Enterprise.

CW5 MARTIN A. CALKINS

Calkins, chief of doctrine, B Company, 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment, entered

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military service in 1985 as a Cobra mechanic. He was selected for Army Warrant Officer Flight Training in 1988. He said he has many highlights in his military career, including supporting Soldiers on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan, managing the repair of more than 100 aircraft damaged during a hail storm while deployed and supporting humanitarian relief efforts. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have three children. They plan to reside in Sumrall, Mississippi.

CW5 VIRGIL G. MARTIN JR.

Martin, Directorate of Evaluation and Standardization Cargo Branch chief, entered military service in 1989 as an aircraft armament and missile system repairer. He was selected for Army Warrant Officer Flight Training in 1998. He said the highlight of his career was serving with and mentoring future warfighters and leaders. He and his wife, Dana, plan to reside in Texas as she attends taxidermy school.

CW4 JORGE CORREA

Correa, Air Traffic Services Command chief of standardization and certification, entered military service in 1991 as a cannon crew member. He was selected for Army Warrant Officer Flight Training in 1999. He said the highlight of his career was being selected to join the U.S. Army Priority Transport in support of Operation Enduring Freedom where he conducted the executive air transportation to the commander of International Security Assistance Force. He and his wife, Martina, have two children. They plan to reside in Enterprise.

CW4 DERRICK S. BROWN

Brown, Directorate of Evaluation and Standardization standardization officer, entered military service in 1992 as a Marine Corps

infantryman. He was selected for Army Warrant Officer Flight Training in 1999. He said the highlight of his career was being an instructor executing Aviation standardization, mission and training assistance to Aviation units worldwide while at Fort Rucker. He and his wife, Kisha, have two children. They plan to reside in Atlanta.

CW4 CHAD ELLER

Eller, 1-212th Avn. Regt. deputy chief of standardization, entered military service in 1994 as a radio and communications security repairer. He was selected for Army Warrant Officer Flight Training in 2002. He said the highlight of his career was serving as the standardization pilot and chief warrant officer of B Co., 3-158th Avn. Regt., in Katterbach, Germany, where he was able to instruct, coach and develop his fellow warrant officers both in garrison and in combat. He and his wife, Lisa, have a daughter. They plan to reside in Chancellor.

CW4 BRIAN F. MURRAY

Murray, F Co., 1-212th Avn. Regt. executive officer, entered military service in 1991 as a military police officer. He was selected for Army Warrant Officer Flight Training in 2001. He said the highlight of his career was being able to be mentored by and mentor the most professional men and women in the world, and serving beside them while deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. He plans to fly with U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

CW4 MIGUEL TOLEDO-DIAZ

Toledo-Diaz, B Co., 1-212th Avn. Regt. instructor pilot and platoon leader, entered military service in 1996 as a combat medic. He was selected for Army Warrant Officer Flight Training in 2001. He said the highlight of his career was having the privilege

to serve his country while taking the fight to the enemy as a scout pilot and working hand in hand with maintainers to ensure aircraft were always ready for the mission while at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He and his wife, Joann, have three children. They plan to reside in Huntsville.

CW4 REBECCA E. MAGOUN

Magoun entered military service in 1996 as an avionics mechanic. She was selected for Army Warrant Officer Flight Training in 2002. She said the highlight of her career was the knowledge that the support she provided made all the difference for the ground forces she covered. She and her husband, retired CW5 Jon Magoun, have three children. They plan to reside in Geneva.

CW3 DANA J. PERDUE

Perdue, E Co., 1-212th Avn. Regt. instructor pilot, entered military service in 1995 as a combat medic. He was selected for Army Warrant Officer Flight Training in 2007. He said the highlights of his career were being an instructor pilot in support of the Ranger mission at Fort Benning, Georgia, and being stationed at Fort Rucker. He plans to reside in Enterprise.

MASTER SGT. CHARLES T. MCCOY

McCoy, Organization and Personnel Force Development Directorate Aviation Branch senior enlisted career manager, entered military service in 1991 as an Aviation operations specialist. He and his wife, Mary, have a son. The plan to reside in Clarksville, Tennessee.

SGT. 1ST CLASS CASEY L. REZNICKCHECK

Reznickcheck, Special Operations Task Force, 7th Special Forces Group identity intelligence operations manager, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, entered military service

in 1991 as a field radio operator in the Marine Corps. He later re-enlisted as a chemical warfare specialist in the Army. He said the highlight of his career was having to go all the way to a combat zone to find the love of his life and marrying his beautiful wife, Amanda. They plan to reside in Arlington, Virginia.

SGT. 1ST CLASS LATIF TARIQ

Tariq, air traffic control evaluation sergeant, air traffic control specialist and control tower operator examiner, entered military service in 1993 as a ground surveillance systems operator and later re-enlisted as an air traffic control specialist. He said the highlight of his career was becoming an ATCS/CTO examiner. He plans to reside in Dallas, Texas.

THERESA BARNETTE

Barnette, Resource Management Office budget analyst, retired after 32 years of federal service. She said the highlight of her career was working at RMO where she met the love of her life and also where she got to work with many wonderful people throughout the years. She and her husband, retired CW3 James Barnette, have four children and two grandchildren. They plan to reside in Huntsville.

JOY MOSELEY

Moseley, Internal Review and Audit Compliance Office auditor, retired after 26 ½ years of federal service. She entered civil service in 1991 as a travel voucher examiner in Bamberg, Germany. She said the highlight of her career was working with many wonderful people throughout the years, especially at Fort Rucker. She added that the highlight of her life is her loving family. She plans to reside in Enterprise.



FILE PHOTO

Cinthia Gonzalez looks after her daughter, Judith, in their home where she also looks after other children as an FCC provider.

NOT JUST BABYSITTING

Post offers safe, in-home options for child care

Fort Rucker Public Affairs Staff Report

When it comes to child care, Fort Rucker wants to make sure its families are taken care of, and that's why policies exist to make sure children who are looked after on the installation receive top-notch care.

Child care on the installation must be provided by only certified child care providers and any unauthorized childcare on post is prohibited, according to Toni Hampton, Fort Rucker Child and Youth Services coordinator.

"Unauthorized care is prohibited in government-owned or leased family housing on post," said Hampton. "If you provide babysit-

ting or childcare in your home on post, you have to be a certified FCC provider."

According to post policy, unauthorized child care is any care given or provided in a home in excess of 10 hours per week that is being provided on a regular basis without the proper certifications, said the CYS coordinator.

Fortunately, parents have options for childcare on post at the Fort Rucker Child Development Center and the Mini CDC, as well as in-home care through the Family Child Care program, all with certified child care providers who cater to families, said the

CYS coordinator.

The policy does allow for babysitters, and parent central services offers a referral list for teen babysitters who have gone through the teen babysitting class, which teaches first aid, CPR and other activities in regards to babysitting. FCC certification is not required when care is being provided in another person's quarters for the children that reside in that home.

"You can go into someone else's home and babysit, but the requirement is that no other children can be there, except for your own children," she said. "It cannot be a business that says that you're providing daycare in your home."

She added that the reason for the policy is the safety of the children being cared for.

Hampton said when looking for child care, people should make sure to go through the proper channels to ensure the safety of their children.

With the FCC program, people are getting certified providers who are trained just as providers in the CDC are trained, so the quality of care is high, said the CYS coordinator. In addition to the training, each FCC home is inspected by fire, safety and health officials before being opened to receive children. Those inspections continue on a monthly basis.

Also, each provider, as well as spouses and children in the home over the age of 13, receive thorough background checks, added Hampton.

"That ensures quality care and safe care for families, so that's very important," she said. "We have strict standards as far as the programming goes – (FCC) is not just babysitting.

"They are looking at where your child is developmentally, what that child's needs are, and they are basing activities on that child's needs, interests and what can benefit them," Hampton continued. "There really is a lot

that goes into it."

Additionally, becoming an FCC provider is a great employment opportunity for those interested in taking on child care in their home.

"If people want to provide child care in their homes, there is a right way to do it and still meet all of the housing requirements, and that's through becoming an FCC provider," said Hampton. "This is an employment opportunity that allows (providers) to be in their home with their children, and those skills transfer with them when they move to

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- Toni Hampton, Fort Rucker CYS

the next post. If they have completed all of their training, they don't have to start over."

FCC providers receive training at no cost, access to equipment and materials, U.S. Department of Agriculture food program reimbursement, financial incentives and a built-in support network of subject-matter experts, said the CYS coordinator.

"The providers have a network of professionals that they can use as experts, so if a provider gets a child with allergies or a specific medical condition, that person has all of those resources at their fingertips and can tap into that for assistance, support or training," she said. "There are a lot of resources that FCC providers are able to use, as opposed to someone who is providing unauthorized child care. This is about the safety of our children, and it's about knowing that they are in a safe home and that they are being cared after the right way."

For more information on FCC, call 255-3066. For more information on CYS registration, enrollment or babysitting, call 255-9638.

MAKING THE GRADE

Fort Rucker 2nd-grader honored for academic achievement



COURTESY PHOTO

Amy Fowler, second-grader at Fort Rucker Elementary School and joined by her family, is presented with a \$500 Exchange gift card by Col. Brian E. Walsh, Fort Rucker garrison commander, Beate Bateman, store manager, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jasper C. Johnson, Fort Rucker garrison command sergeant major, July 31. Fowler won third place in the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's 'You Made the Grade' sweepstakes which honors military children for their academic performances.

By Marisa Wolfe
AAFES Public Affairs

Eight-year-old Amy Fowler summed up her feelings in one word: "Excited!"

The Fort Rucker Elementary School second-grader is one of three winners worldwide in the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's You Made the Grade sweepstakes, which honors military children for their academic performances.

Amy was presented with her winnings -- a \$500 Exchange gift card -- by Col. Brian E. Walsh, Fort Rucker garrison commander, Command Sgt. Maj. Jasper C. Johnson, Fort Rucker garrison command sergeant major, Ralph Kleemann, Exchange general manager, and Beate Bateman, store manager, at the Fort Rucker Exchange on July 31. Amy

also received a commander's coin from Col. Walsh.

Amy is the daughter of WO1 Paul Fowler and wife Angela. Fowler has served in the Army for 12 years and recently arrived at Fort Rucker.

"We're shocked and really happy," Fowler said. "It's nice for Amy to get recognized for excelling in school."

The family recalls entering the sweepstakes but didn't give it much thought afterward. In the midst of a PCS move to Fort Rucker, they soon forgot about the sweepstakes until receiving the call about Amy's win.

The prize should make back-to-school shopping for the Fowler family easier. When asked how she planned to spend her winnings, Amy wanted to use it to buy "school stuff" for the upcoming year.

"The Exchange is privileged to be a part of the lives of our Soldiers and their families," Kleemann said. "To be able to encourage and reward military kids like Amy for all their hard work in school is real honor for us."

Through the Exchange's You Made the Grade program, first through 12th graders with a B average or higher are eligible to enter the sweepstakes for a chance at a \$2,000, \$1,500 or \$500 Exchange gift card.

For more information about the You Made the Grade program, students and guardians can contact the Fort Rucker post exchange at (334) 503-9044. Students can send You Made the Grade sweepstakes entry forms to: You Made the Grade, P.O. Box 227398, Dallas, TX 75222-7398.

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Unexploded ordnance are munitions that fail to detonate during live fire training. They are extremely dangerous and could explode if tampered with. The Fort Rucker garrison commander urges residents of Fort Rucker to NEVER touch unexploded ordnance and to report the location of ANY suspected unexploded ordnance to Fort Rucker Range Operations at (334) 255-4303, or call 911.

RECOGNIZE • RETREAT • REPORT

CALL 911

FROM DFMWR

LITERATURE AND THE VETERAN EXPERIENCE

Center Library and Alabama Humanities Foundation have partnered together to host the Literature and the Veteran Experience group meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 5:30 p.m. This program is open to combat veterans, retirees, and active duty Soldiers. Registration is limited to the first 20 participants and a free meal will be provided to those registered by Sept. 3.

To register, or for more information, come by Center Library or call 255-3885.

W.I.N.D.

W.I.N.D. – Worthwhile Information Needing Distribution is a monthly meeting that provides the senior spouses, commanders, FRG leaders and all who attend, information about the different services, events or programs on the installation. The W.I.N.D. meeting will be held at 9 a.m. at Divots, at the Silver Wings Golf Course, on the first Thursday of the month. Attendees are informed about improved services or changes that the programs are confronting. The senior spouses have the opportunity to share any concerns that our Soldier and Families may be facing and to ask specific questions to the program representatives.

For more information contact Relocation Readiness Program at 255-3735.

SCUBA DIVING IN PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA

Join us for a fun filled experience under the sea only a short drive away, in Panama City Beach, Florida! Diving underwater is something that has attracted mankind since we figured out that there was a living world under the seas. This scuba diving experience is for ages 10 and up and the company provides everything you need. Transportation and the scuba diving is included in the \$115 per person fee. A minimum of 14 people is required for transportation to be included. Patrons are encouraged to pack a lunch or bring money to

purchase lunch. We will depart from Bldg. 5700 at 6 a.m. and a return on or about 4 p.m.

For more information or to reserve your spot, please call MWR Central at 255-2997/9517.

DEEP SEA FISHING DAY TRIP

Join MWR Central on Sept. 15 for a Day of Deep Sea Fishing on a 45-foot walk around party boat with The Vera Marie in Destin, Florida. We have all the details taken care of so you can sit back, relax and enjoy the trip. We have reserved 30 seats, so don't wait to register! The cost of this trip is \$78 per person and includes transportation, bait, rod, reel, fishing license, fish cleaning, tip, and six-hour fishing trip. We recommend that you bring a small cooler with snacks and drinks (no glass).

To register, call MWR Central at 255-2997/9517.

PRO-AM TOURNAMENT

Join us for the annual Silver Wings Pro-Am Golf Tournament on Sept. 15-16 at Silver Wings Golf Course. Register today to play with the pros. Members of the National Women's Golf Association will team up with golfers to play 36 holes. The entry fee is \$250 for non-members/\$200 for Members. Teams will be comprised of one professional and three amateurs. Sept. 14, golfers will have a practice round and enjoy a pairings party that evening at 5 p.m. Tournament play will begin Saturday. Entry fee includes tournament course fees, range balls, tee gifts, tournament meals, and prizes. Limited spots available, sign up today! Open to the Public.

For more information, call the Silver Wings Golf Course at 255-0089.

UNAUTHORIZED CHILD CARE



- Unauthorized child care is any care, occurring in your privatized housing on post, in excess of 10 child care hours per week being provided on a regular basis.
- Please do not begin caring for children until you have been certified by the Garrison Family Child Care Office.
- Providing unauthorized child care jeopardizes your eligibility for housing.

**Check with the
Family Child Care Office
to learn about FCC Certification.**

For more information call the
Family Child Care Office
at (334)255-3066.



DFMWR



Visit Fort Rucker Army Community Service on Facebook for a calendar of our activities!

INTERNATIONAL SPOUSES GET TOGETHER SEPTEMBER 7

Do you need help understanding the American culture and military life? Come join us Friday, Sept. 7, and meet spouses from other countries at our International Spouses Get Together the first Friday of every month beginning at 9 a.m. at the Allen Heights Community Center. Come join us and gain the support and knowledge with finding the resources for obtaining U.S. citizenship, education, driver's license and more. Multilingual volunteers available. Contact the Relocation Readiness Program at 255-3735.

RESILIENCE TRAINING • SEPTEMBER 10

Resilience Training is designed to provide family members and civilians with the tools to better cope and overcome adversity and challenges, as well as perform better in stressful situations. Our goal is for our students to thrive when facing life challenges, not just bounce back. The training will be held on Sept. 10 from 9 – 11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 350.

For more information on attending a Resilience Training Workshop or two-day training, or to schedule Resilience Training for your Family Readiness Group or staff members, call ACS at 255-3161/3735.

EMPLOYMENT READINESS WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 13 & 27

Mark your calendars! Make plans to attend this scheduled Employment Readiness Program Workshop on Sept. 13 and 27 from 8:45-11:30 a.m. at Bldg. 5700 in the ACS Multipurpose Room. Patrons will meet in Rm. 350 at 8:45 a.m. for paperwork and attendance prior to the session. You'll get

the essentials about how to conduct a successful job campaign, to include crafting a winning resume, prepping for job interview and other helpful tips! Advance registration is required. For more information and to reserve your seat, call ACS at 255-2594.

FOUNDATION/KEY CONTACT TRAINING SEPTEMBER 13

Join ACS for Foundation/Key Contact Training held on Sept. 13 at Bldg. 5700 in Rm. 284 from 8:15 a.m. – 1 p.m. The Key Contact/Caller training will highlight the standards that provide guidance for FRG operations, the FRG mission, and the various FRG roles, responsibilities of a key contact/caller. Pre-registration is required and can be done by calling 255-9578/3161.

Free child care available with registration by calling 255-3564. Class subject to cancellation without pre-registration.

For more information, please call ACS at 255-9578.

SPOUSE SURVIVAL 101 • SEPTEMBER 14

Want to learn more about life at Fort Rucker? Interested in making new friends? Then come and join Army Family Team Building for a fun, interactive day of learning! Topics will include acronyms, Army customs and courtesies, military rank, community resources and more! This workshop will be held on Friday, Sept. 14 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Silver Wings Golf Course. Free lunch and childcare will be provided. Register by Sept. 12.

For registration and childcare information, call ACS at 255-1429.

CARE TEAM TRAINING • SEPTEMBER 19

Join ACS for CARE Team Training held

on Sept. 19 at Bldg. 5700 in Rm. 371-F from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

For more information, please call ACS at 255-9578.

SINGLE PARENT FAMILY GAME NIGHT SEPTEMBER 20

Bring your family to enjoy some quality family time and games with Army Community Service and AAFES on Thursday, Sept. 20 from 5-7 p.m. at the AAFES PX Food Court. Free giveaways will be included. This will be an EFMP-friendly event. This is an initiative of Fort Rucker Community Health Promotions Council Community Resiliency Work Group. Open to authorized patrons. Limited to the first 20 families. Open to single parents who are active duty, retired, DoD employees and their families.

Please pre-register by calling ACS New Parent Support Program at 255-3359/9647/9805.

NEWCOMERS' WELCOME • SEPTEMBER 21

Please join us Friday, Sept. 21 from 9-11:30 a.m. for Newcomers' Welcome at The Landing. Active Duty, Spouse, Foreign Students, DA Civilians and Family Members are all encouraged to attend this very informative event. A free light breakfast and Starbucks coffee will be served.

For free childcare, register your children at the Child Development Center by calling 255-3564. Reservations must be made 24 hours prior to the Newcomers' Welcome.

For more information, call ACS at 255-3161.

FEDERAL JOB WORKSHOP • SEPTEMBER 24

Interested in working for the federal government? Mystified by the federal hiring

process? Or maybe you're just frustrated by your repeated attempts to put together an effective and impactful USAJOBS.gov resume? Then make plans to attend the Federal Job Workshop with ACS on Sept. 24 from 8 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 5700, Rm. 284. This informative and interactive workshop is aimed at getting you the info you need to increase your federal employment possibilities! Participants will receive a FREE copy of Kathryn Troutman's "Jobseeker's Guide" (7th Edition).

Registration is required two days prior to the workshop. Space is limited to the first 60 to register. Open to authorized patrons only.

For more information or to register, call ACS at 255-2594.

BLENDED RETIREMENT SYSTEM SEMINAR SEPTEMBER 25

Army Community Service, Financial Readiness Program will present a Blended Retirement System Seminar from 6-7 p.m. on Sept. 25 in the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 5700, Rm. 282. This will be a discussion of the significant changes to the current military retirement system, including how retirement pay will be calculated, continuation pay, and the Thrift Savings Plan with matching government contributions. This discussion will be facilitated by ACS Accredited Financial Counselors. Registration deadline is Sept. 24.

Free childcare is available with registration. Class subject to cancellation without pre-registration.

For more information and to register, call ACS at 255-3765/9631/2341.



UNITED STATES ARMY
CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

FAMILY CHILD CARE OFFERS AT HOME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Family Child Care homes offer child care services to children whose parents have irregular duty hours, children who need a small group setting and those preferring care in a home setting.

WHY CHOOSE FCC?

FCC providers:

- Pass stringent background checks and inspections;
- Receive intensive training and support; and
- Regularly visited and undergo scheduled and surprise inspections.

HOW CAN I BECOME AN FCC PROVIDER?

All FCC providers must register with Child and Youth Services and be certified prior to opening their home for childcare.

BENEFITS OF BEING AN FCC PROVIDER

If you live on post, you may qualify and receive the following benefits:

- Flexible hours;
- The ability to be at home with your own children;
- Extensive training, including CPR and first aid;
- Liability insurance;
- Health, safety and fire inspections to ensure children are safe;
- In-depth background check;
- Equipment and supplies to help you get started;
- A built-in support network of subject matter experts; and
- Financial benefits, such as USDA food cost reimbursements.

JOIN CYS FOR A BECOMING A FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER INFORMATION MEETING SEPT. 15 FROM 10 A.M. TO NOON AT THE MINI CDC, BLDG. 8946 ON SEVENTH AVENUE.

For more information, contact CYS FCC management at 255-3066.

FORT RUCKER CDC HAS SPACE AVAILABLE!

The Child Development Center is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and offers full-day, hourly care, after-school programs and part-day toddler programs. Open to authorized patrons (military, APF and NAF civilians, and authorized contractors).

Register today: Fort Rucker CDC, 255-2262/3564; and Parent Central Services, 255-9638.

SKIES UNLIMITED INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

SKIES Unlimited - School of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills. We offer

instructional programs in gymnastics, swim lessons year-round, music – piano, guitar and violin – and home school enrichment.

For more information on SKIES, call 255-1867/9812.

BACK TO SCHOOL SKATE NIGHT

Join the School Age Center for Back to School Skate Night Sept. 21. Safety skate will be from 5-6 p.m. and regular skate will be from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$2 for safety skate and \$5 for regular skate. Payment will be accepted by cash only.

For more information, call 255-9108.

ARMY FAMILY ACTION PLAN LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

AFAP is an Army-wide program designed to improve quality of life for the total Army family. Through AFAP, all members of the Army, including active duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers, family members, retirees, surviving spouses and Department of the Army civilians have a forum to voice concerns to Army leadership and make recommendations for change. Issues and recommendations should improve facilities, or change policies or regulations – making things better for everyone!

AFAP is held annually to discuss issues submitted by community representatives. Army Community Service will host the AFAP Focus Group Forum in November at Wings Chapel. The AFAP Focus Groups provide a process to address issues and provide solutions in support of the highest quality of community life for Soldiers and their families.

The AFAP Forum provides a process to identify issues that can be resolved at the local level and forwards issues to higher headquarters, if necessary. Delegates and participants will be requested from directorates, brigades, tenant activities and units at Fort Rucker. Training for delegates will be held Oct. 17 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Backup training will be Oct. 24 from 2-4 p.m. Training for FRTI participants will be Oct. 18 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Backup training will be Oct. 25 from 2-4 p.m. Training will be conducted by ACS. If you have issues you would like to submit, AFAP submission boxes are located around the installation where you can drop off issues, or you can submit your issues online at <https://rucker.armymwr.com> or contact the AFAP manager at 255-1429.

New DOD policy prohibits GPS-enabled devices in deployed settings

By **Jim Garamone**

DOD News

WASHINGTON -- Deployed service members are going to have to ditch their “geolocation devices” in response to a new memo from Deputy Defense Secretary Patrick M. Shanahan.

This includes physical fitness aids, applications in phones that track locations, and other devices and apps that pinpoint and track the location of individuals.

“Effective immediately, Defense Department personnel are prohibited from using geolocation features and functionality on government and nongovernment-issued devices, applications and services while in locations designated as operational areas,” Pentagon spokesman Army Col. Robert Manning III told Pentagon reporters yesterday.

Deployed personnel are in “operational areas,” and commanders will make a determination on other areas where this policy may apply.

The market for these devices has exploded over the past few years, with many service members incorporating them into their workout routines. They use the devices and applications to track their pace, running routes, calories burned and more. These devices then store the information and upload it to central servers where it can be shared with third parties. That information can present enemies with information on military operations.

USING GPS DEVICES POSE RISK

“The rapidly evolving market of devices, applications and services with geolocation capabilities presents a significant risk to the Department of Defense personnel on and off duty, and to our military operations globally,” Manning said.

These Global Positioning System capabilities can expose personal information, locations, routines and numbers of DOD personnel. Their use in overseas locations “potentially create unintended security consequences and increased risk to the joint force and mission,” Manning said.

Personal phones and other portable devices also contain apps that rely on GPS technology, and they will be affected. Commanders will be responsible for implementing the policy, and they will be allowed to make exceptions only after conducting a thorough risk assessment.

Security is at the heart of this guidance. DOD is seeking a balanced way that allows for legitimate official and personal uses of geolocation technology that does not impact security.

Manning said the department will continue to study the risk associated with these devices and change the policy as needed.



FORT RUCKER DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC SAFETY 9/11 REMEMBRANCE

Memorial Stair Climb

Friday, Sept. 7, Bldg. 5700
Ringing of the Bell at 8:46 a.m.

9/11 Ceremony

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 8:30 a.m.
Fire Station 1, Bldg. 5001

PUBLIC NOTICE

Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the implementation of the Integrated Pest Management Plan at Fort Rucker

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Army, Fort Rucker, Alabama, has prepared a Final Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the Implementation of an Integrated Pest Management Plan at Fort Rucker, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Copies of the EA have been provided for public review at the Daleville Public Library located at 308 Donnell Boulevard, Daleville, Alabama, 36322, phone number 334-503-9119; and the Fort Rucker Center Library, Building 212, 5th Ave., Fort Rucker, Alabama, 36362, phone number 334-255-3885; and the Sustainable Fort Rucker website at: <https://www.fortrucker-env.com/> under the Programs tab and then the NEPA tab. The EA will be available for review and comments for 30 days starting 3 September 2018. Comments on the EA should be sent to: Ms. Leigh Jahnke, Directorate of Public Works, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, ATTN: IMRC-PWE, Building 1121, Fort Rucker, Alabama, 36362 or leigh.b.jahnke.civ@mail.mil. Comments will be addressed and incorporated into the Final EA.

SOLDIER FOR LIFE

Transition services help develop effective job search plan

By Bryan Tharpe

Fort Rucker Soldier for Life Center

“Hey, I’ve got a lot to do before I separate from the Army -- why should I take time to use Soldier for Life - Transition Services Program employment assistance services?”

We’re glad you asked! To answer that, here are a few questions for you.

Are you interested in developing an effective job search plan? If so, you’ll want to take advantage of the SFL-TAP classes that provide detailed information on how to do so. SFL-TAP staff members and the Department of Labor representatives who teach the classes have “been there and done that.”

They’ve all transitioned from the military service (as either a military member or family member) to the private sector, they’ve all had the opportunity to apply and interview for jobs, and they’ve all had extensive training in what it takes to conduct a successful job search.

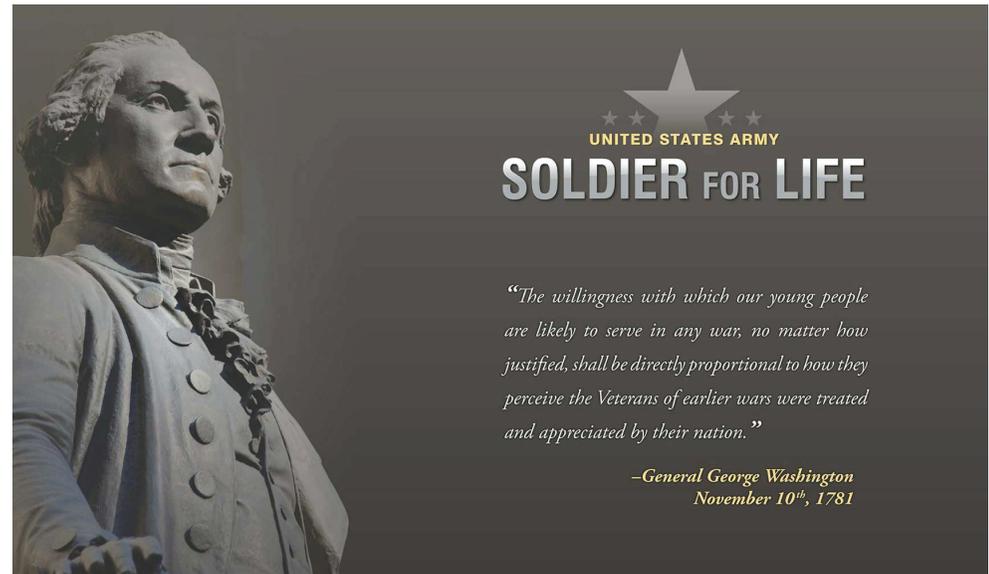
Would you like to develop resumes and cover letters that best market your qualifications for the jobs you’re interested in? SFL-TAP classes provide comprehensive guidance on how to do so. Additionally, once you’ve attended the classes, you can work one-on-one with trained counselors, and get their help in perfecting and polishing your resumes and cover letters.

At this point, perhaps you’re questioning

the use of the plural -- resumes rather than resume. “After all,” you might ask, “Isn’t a resume a resume? Why would I need more than one?” Well, you might not, but most people do. Usually, different jobs require different resumes. For a particular job, you emphasize the qualifications, experience and skills you have that are applicable to that job. The classes and counselors can help you learn how to tailor your resumes for a particular job, so you can best market yourself for that job.

Think you might be able to use a little help in translating your Army speak into terms the private sector will understand? After all, if you’re not using language in your resumes and interviews that employers understand, you’re going to be at a disadvantage in your job search. The SFL-TAP staff can help you eliminate Army jargon from your communications. They’ll also show you how to find private sector descriptions of the jobs you’ve had in the military.

Would you like to be able to make your resume available to thousands of employers by simply entering your resume into a computerized resume bank with no charge to you for the service? You can do it through the Alabama Career Centers. Once your resume is on file, it will be available to thousands of employers. They will search



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on keywords within the resume. If your resume contains enough keys, the employers will contact you to see if you’re interested in exploring the possibilities of working with them.

Do you need a quiet place to work away from the worries of home or office? A place where state-of-the-art computers and other equipment are available for you to use, and the staff prides itself on creating a friendly atmosphere that’s conducive to getting those job search tasks under control? Look no further – the SFL-TAP center is the place.

The center has the computer equipment and programs you need to help you put your best foot forward in your job search. In addition to computers, a quality copier and a fax machine are available for client use. Internet access is also available for research related to job search and transition.

What would you pay for an opportunity to practice your interviewing skills with a trained interviewer in a no-threat environment? Put your wallet away! Practice interviewing is another service offered by the

friendly SFL-TAP center. Remember, you only get one chance to make a good first impression during an interview. The more you practice and get familiar with the process, the more comfortable you will be during your real interview. The results will be obvious.

Wouldn’t it be nice to be able to use a library that has some of the best references available in the areas of job search and transition? Look no further -- that library is as close as your SFL-TAP center. You’ll find books dealing with every area of the job search process to include several references on applying for federal jobs.

So, what are you waiting for? Unemployment pay? If you’re separating or retiring, why not get on over to SFL-TAP center and get a comprehensive orientation on what’s available for you and your family? The Fort Rucker SFL-TAP Center is located in Bldg. 4502, Rm. 250. The phone number is 255-2558. The staff would appreciate the opportunity to describe in more detail just what’s in it for you.

ARMY FAMILIES:

Are you doing your part on social media to keep Soldiers safe?

By Abigail Kelly

Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall

ARLINGTON, Va. -- Social media plays a significant role in everyday life, especially for military families. It helps them learn information about their next duty station and stay connected to the family and friends they leave. At the same time, the tool is also used by terrorists to seek out individuals and information.

Therefore, it is essential to follow Army regulations on social media use and protect operational security because if members of the military community put too much information online, and violate operational security, the safety of service members and their families can be at risk.

According to the Army's web page detailing information regarding social media use, operations security is "the process by which (individuals) protect unclassified information that can be used against (the Army). Its purpose is to prevent potential adversaries from discovering critical (Department of Defense) information. Success depends on secrecy and surprise, so the military can accomplish the mission more quickly and with less risk. Enemies of freedom want this

information, and they are not just after the military member to get it."

Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Antiterrorism Officer Vihn Cayton said it is not necessarily service members that are the problem. It is usually their loved ones.

"Our biggest violators are actually family members," he said. "They are putting stuff on there that they shouldn't be putting on social media. The majority of the Soldiers are trained. It is just them taking it to explain to the Family."

Cayton explained that family members violate operational security on social media when they give out too much information on topics such as major events and deployments such as the date, time, location, and mission.

"(For example, a family member will post) 'hey he's coming on this date, this is the flight he is on, I am going to meet him at the airport,' or 'my husband/wife is getting ready to deploy with the unit and they going to wherever doing this,'" Cayton described.

Cayton said while service members go through training on how to be smart with social media, families do not always receive



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that same information. Therefore, when he briefs a family member, he gives them a case study that can show various impacts on what social media posts can do to security.

"It could be loss of life, damage to government property, even identity theft," Cayton said. "They put too much information about themselves out there; they might go through a legal battle trying to get their identity back."

Posts on social media have even delayed deployments and homecomings for service members.

The Army stated that individuals should not post details regarding their assigned unit's mission, security procedures, and details of locations, dates of deployments, and events.

Cayton said that it is okay to post about service members, it just shouldn't be done with specific details.

"You can say 'hey I am going to a dining in' and that's it instead of giving the specific details and location," he explained.

Following these rules are essential for the military community because even when one believes their security settings are private,

and only friends can see their posts, that is not always the case, especially when other people start to share content with or without consent.

"Once information is posted or uploaded onto a social networking site, it should no longer be considered private," states the Army's Antiterrorism Awareness for Social Media Pocket Guide.

The Criminal Investigation Command also noted that when things are posted online, they never really go away.

"Once something is posted on a social networking website it can spread quickly, and no amount of effort can delete it," CID stated in a 2014 release.

Cayton said he works with service members and families to help reduce the risk and challenges from social media.

"We can't say (to family members) what you can and what you can't (post online)," he said. "It is what you should and shouldn't (post). One of my responsibilities (is to) try to get you to that proper training, so you know what you are doing."

NEWS IN BRIEF

GATE CLOSURE

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the Faulkner and Newton gates will be closed Aug. 31 to Sept. 3. Both gates will resume normal operating hours Sept. 4.

RUCKER LANES DELAYED OPENING

Due to a scheduled power outage, Rucker Lanes will open at 2 p.m. Sept. 4. For more information, call 255-9503.

9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB

The Fort Rucker Fire Department will host its annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb Sept. 7 in Bldg. 5700. Setup will take place from 8-8:30 a.m., the bell will ring at 8:46 a.m. (when the North Tower was hit) and the climb will run from 8:46-9:59 a.m. (when the South Tower collapsed).

9/11 CEREMONY

The Fort Rucker Fire Department will host its annual 9/11 ceremony Sept. 11 at 8:30 a.m. at Fire Station 1, Bldg. 5001. Parking for the event will be located off of Kingsman Street across from the fire station.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH KICKOFF

The Hispanic Heritage Month kickoff ceremony will take place Sept. 14 at 11 a.m. at the post exchange food court. The event will feature free food samples, music, exhibits and contests.

POW/MIA CEREMONY

Fort Rucker will host its annual POW/MIA ceremony Sept. 21 at 8:30 a.m. at Veterans Park. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the U.S. Army Aviation Museum.

WOUNDED WARRIOR CABIN RIBBON CUTTING

Fort Rucker will host a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the Wounded Warrior Retreat by the Lake Sept. 19 at 10 a.m. at Lake Tholocco's East Beach.

RETIREE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Fort Rucker Installation Retiree Council meets the first Thursday of each month in The Landing at 11:30 a.m. The meeting is an open forum and all retirees are invited to attend. Retirees are also encouraged to apply for one of the open positions on the council.

For more information, call 255-9124.

SIREN TEST

The Installation Operations Center conducts a test of the emergency mass notification system the first Wednesday of

each month at 11 a.m. At that time people will hear the siren over the giant voice. No actions are required.

THRIFT SHOP

The Fort Rucker Thrift Shop is open Wednesdays-Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The thrift shop needs people's unwanted items. People can drop off donations at any time in the shed behind the shop (former Armed Forces Bank building) located in front of the theater next door to the bowling alley. Donations are tax deductible.

For more information, call 255-9595.

ID CARD SECTION CLOSURE

The Fort Rucker ID Card Section will close from 2:15-4:15 p.m. for training the second Wednesday of every month.

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