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Council on Foreign Relations visits White Sands Missile Range

By **Miriam U. Rodriguez**
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The Council on Foreign Relations, a U.S. nonprofit think tank specializing in U.S. foreign policy and international affairs, was at White Sands Missile Range May 2 to tour the range and get a better understanding of WSMR's role in national defense.

The 24-member team, which included representatives from government agencies, the private sector and academia, was briefed on several WSMR programs at the Frontier Club before touring the Cox Range Control Center, WSMR Museum and taking a tour of the test range.

"This visit is about having transparency with our government and to showcase what we do here at WSMR, and how what we do contributes to our national defense,"



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY ADRIAN MORENO

Members of the Council on Foreign Relations, a U.S. nonprofit think tank specializing in U.S. foreign policy and international affairs, and members of White Sands Missile Range leadership, pose for a group photo outside the Frontier Club May 2 following several briefings.

said Garrison Commander Col. Chris Ward.

"It is always important to get the Army and DoD message out to stakeholders and folks that might not understand the importance of what we do here for national security and the entire de-

fense department," said White Sands Test Center Commander Col. David Cheney.

"That is why it is important that we host groups like the CFR and others like them so they can understand what it is we do here and how com-

plicated it is, and (point out) the support we need. It is important to the mission," Cheney said.

Meaghan M. Fulco, director for the Council on Foreign Relations, said the purpose of their trip to WSMR was information gathering.

"Most of us have never had access to a place like this before and we are trying to broaden our knowledge of what is happening here and learn about the role WSMR has in our national defense and how it affects all of us," Fulco said.

Fulco described members of the CFR as influencers and decision makers who want to be informed. She said members are able to spread the word about what is happening at WSMR and get the word out about all the good work WSMR is doing.

Ward, who welcomed the group during the morning briefing, said that as is the case with all distinguished visitors, the purpose of the CFR visit was to inform and educate them about what is happening here at WSMR.

"White Sands is a national treasure and we want to showcase what activities and programs go on here. They in turn can go back to their communities and share their experiences and what they have learned during their visit."

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Second Front

WSMR volunteers recognized for contributions to community

By Miriam U. Rodriguez
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A mock check in the amount of \$304,716.68 representing the amount of time in dollars donated by White Sands Missile Range volunteers in 2018 was presented to WSMR Commander Brig. Gen. Greg Brady and WSMR Garrison Commander Col. Chris Ward during an April 11 Volunteer Recognition Luncheon held at the Frontier Club.

Volunteers were recognized for their contributions to the community through their volunteer work. Brady and Ward thanked the volunteers for their service.

Ward said the installation could not be what it is without the support and care that volunteers afford the community with the programs they volunteer in. "You give so much and ask nothing in return."

"I cannot over emphasize how important and critical your time is in support of this community," Ward said. "All the great things our small community has, from the chapel, the library, the theater, the sports and youth programs, and museum, cannot be possible without your efforts. You are the life blood of this installation."

Army Community Service Director Patsy Gomez said WSMR had a total of 121 volunteers with 12,204 hours for



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY MIRIAM U. RODRIGUEZ

White Sands Missile Range Commander Brig. Gen. Greg Brady, left, and Garrison Commander Col. Chris Ward, right, present Suzanne Pitchford with the Volunteer of the Year award.

a total of \$304, 716.78. "That is what you contributed to WSMR."

Suzanne Pitchford received the Volunteer of the Year award and Joe

Marlin received the June Bisbey Volunteer Angel of the Year award.

"I love this community. I love each and every one of you.

Thank you so much for encouraging me and doing things with me. Thank you all for being dear friends. We love this community," Pitch-



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY MIRIAM U. RODRIGUEZ

White Sands Missile Range Commander Brig. Gen. Greg Brady, right, and Garrison Commander Col. Chris Ward, left, hold up a check in the amount of \$304,716.68 representing the amount of time in dollars donated by volunteers.

ford said.

Maj. Allan Pitchford and Maj. Kurt Findlay received the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Award.

Brady said his father-in-law liked to say that there are two types of people in the world – givers and takers.

"It is up to you to choose which one you want to be. Choosing to be a giver is not easy," Brady said. "We are here to honor you the military and civilian volunteers because all of you have chosen to be givers, givers of your time, talents, and resources. Sometimes you put yourselves in situations that are often thankless and often stressful."

Brady went on to say that the strength of this White Sands Missile Range community lies in

the talents and the contributions of its members, and volunteering stabilizes the community by building cohesion, increasing self-reliance and enhancing the wellbeing of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and their families.

"You build readiness in our communities by being the force behind the force. All volunteers here please understand this we recognize your commitments, your contribution and your sacrifices, which are essential to our mission and also conserves valuable resources," Brady said.

"I know your continued acts of selfless service will continue to inspire others to join your ranks. So we salute you on your efforts that make a difference in everyone's lives." +



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY MIRIAM U. RODRIGUEZ

White Sands Missile Range Commander Brig. Gen. Greg Brady, left, and Garrison Commander Col. Chris Ward, right, present Joe Marlin with the June Bisbey Volunteer Angel award.

White Sands School students get to work at WSMR Works event

By **Chuck Roberts**
Staff Writer

Students from White Sands School have been earning token money the past few weeks at various WSMR agencies such as the Army Community Service, Outdoor Recreation, and the White Sands Fire Department where they were put to work rolling up fire hoses and cleaning fire trucks.

On May 1, 2019, they were finally able to cash in their hard-earned tokens during in the school gym during WSMR Works. In exchange for a few tokens, students in grades kindergarten through 8th grade were able to explore career opportunities among 28 vendors that included Film Las Cruces, lawyers, auto mechanics, nutritionists, florists, graphic designers, librarians and lawyers. And if they had a few extra tokens jingling in their pockets at the end of the day, they could visit the company store for a special treat.

“Careers on steroids” is how the event was described by event coordinator Dawn Armstrong, a wellness coordinator for WSMR Wellness, one of sponsors for the event along with Las Cruces Public Schools. But the chaos was kept under control, Armstrong said, by having a great team behind her.

“Here at White Sands we work together and support each other. That is what WSMR Works



PHOTO BY WHITE SANDS SCHOOL STUDENT

A volunteer helps a White Sands School student take vitals during the WSMR Works event at White Sands School May 1. Students had a chance to try out different careers during the interactive career fair day.



PHOTO BY WHITE SANDS SCHOOL STUDENT

McAfee U.S. Army Clinic employees help out at one of the booths during the May 1 WSMR Works event at White Sands School May 1. Students used tokens they earned during the week prior to the event for a chance to practice a career at the fair.



PHOTO BY WHITE SANDS SCHOOL STUDENT

A volunteer helps students dig for rocks at the Environmental Division booth during the WSMR Works event at White Sands School May 1.

was about. Learning new industries and helping each other with all of our strengths. When we do that, we are successful. With the WSMR Works project, that is exactly what we did. We came together as a community to support our youth of tomorrow.”

Armstrong said she based WSMR Works on KidZania, a privately held international chain of indoor family entertainment centers currently operating in 24 locations worldwide, allowing children to role play adult jobs and earn currency. KidZania has received more than 68 million visitors since its opening, making it

one of the fastest growing global edutainment brands in the world.

One of the 28 vendors at the event was WSMR Public Affairs which offered a crash course on photojournalism.

After only a brief 2-minute tutorial covering the theory and mechanics of photography, they boldly marched forth starting clicking away.

Most of them had never held a real camera in their hands before, and some struggled with their index fingers to reach the shutter release button.

But when they did, the accompanying photos reveals the quality of their work. ✚



PHOTO BY WHITE SANDS SCHOOL STUDENT

A White Sands School student works on a tire during the WSMR Works event at White Sands School May 1.



PHOTO BY WHITE SANDS SCHOOL STUDENT

A White Sands School student works with a WSMR Firefighter during the WSMR Works event at White Sands School May 1.



PHOTO BY WHITE SANDS SCHOOL STUDENT

A White Sands School student visits one of the many interactive career fair booths during the WSMR Works event at White Sands School May 1.



PHOTO BY WHITE SANDS SCHOOL STUDENT

A White Sands School student reads to her friends while trying out the Librarian career at the WSMR Works event at White Sands School May 1.

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Ward said the group was very engaged throughout the day and asked a lot of intelligent questions.

Emerita Torres, a political advisor with the U.S. Department of State and CFR member, said this was a fact finding trip where the CFR is looking at various organizations and military capabilities.

“This is for our consumption as policy makers,” Torres said. “Some of us are policy makers, others work for private sector and the media.”

Marisa Shannon, assistant director for the Council on Foreign Relations, said she was very impressed by how expansive White Sands Missile Range test range actually is.

“I really had no understanding of WSMR before I came here today,” Shannon said. “I was very impressed by the

presentations we were given this morning and I’m leaving with a better understanding of everything they are doing here in regards to testing and how efficient and safe they are.”

Mattathias Schwartz, a contributing writer with The New York Times Magazine and CFR member, said he was impressed by the rich history of WSMR in developing U.S. military capabilities and had a chance to witness how that tradition is being carried forward today.

“The knowledge I gained during this trip will be a useful lens when I think about foreign policy moving forward and discuss it with my peers and write about it. Having had the chance to witness what goes on at WSMR first hand will be invaluable.”

The CFR visited Fort Bliss the day before their tour of WSMR. ✚



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Chief of Range Control Benny Favella, right, speaks with members of the Council on Foreign Relations, a U.S. nonprofit think tank specializing in U.S. foreign policy and international affairs, during a tour of the Cox Range Control Center May 2. During their visit members of the CFR had a chance to tour the Cox Range Control Center, the museum and toured the test range on a helicopter.



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WSMR pays homage to Veterans bound for honor flight mission

By Chuck Roberts
Staff Writer

Lt. Col. Kirsten Swanson paid tribute to 28 veterans from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, and then administered the Honor Flight Oath before they set off on a three-day journey to Washington D.C., on May 1, 2019.

Swanson, Commander of the McAfee U.S. Army Health Clinic at White Sands Missile Range, represented WSMR at the Honor Flight Southern New Mexico Mission 12 Pre-Flight Meeting in Las Cruces.

Honor Flight is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing veterans with honor and closure. Its mission is to transport America's Veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit memorials dedicated to honor the service and sacrifices of themselves and their friends. It consists of 131 Honor Flight Hubs in 45 states. Honor Flight Southern New Mexico was established in 2008 by business and community leaders devoted to honoring our veterans. It also serves El Paso. The Honor Flight trip in May marks the twelfth mission for HFSNM, serving more than 360 veterans.

Swanson expressed her admiration for their honorable service. "Over 70, 60, 40 plus years ago since the end of World War II, an agreement signed in Korea, and an accord in Vietnam would bring you all



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY CHUCK ROBERTS

Lt. Col. Kirsten Swanson administers the Honor Flight Oath to veterans of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War in preparation for their Honor Flight trip to Washington D.C.



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY CHUCK ROBERTS

Lt. Col. Kirsten Swanson visits with one of the 28 veterans being honored by Honor Flight Southern New Mexico, dedicated to providing veterans with honor and closure.

home. Home to families and friends with a continued connection to your fellow comrades," said Swanson. "Thank you for your continued service here at home where you took those engrained values and brotherhood to take care of your families and make your communities better. You continue to inspire all of us."

Her words of praise resonated with Antonio

Ortiz, an Army veteran from the Vietnam War who said joining fellow veterans for the Honor Flight 12 mission brought back a lot of memories that many of his fellow veterans have never discussed with family or friends.

"It's an experience that's hard to describe," Ortiz said of being an Honor Flight participant. "It takes you back

to when you were drafted or volunteered. It brings back a lot of memories, and a relief from within a lot of us."

For more information participating in an Honor Flight mission as a veteran or a guardian support for an Honor Flight mission, go to <https://www.honorflightnm.org/> or call 844-697-1590 or e-mail info@honorflightnm.org. +

Army demonstration

By Devon L. Suits
Army News Service

WASHINGTON -- The Army recently demonstrated extended ranges for the guided multiple launch rocket system, and two 155mm cannon artillery precision munitions.

Aligning with the Army's top priority -- Long-Range Precision Fires --- these changes support the force's need for both close and deep-strike capabilities against a near-peer adversary.

Last fall, the Army conducted demonstrations of the new XM1113 and Excalibur M982 munitions from a prototype Extended Range Cannon Artillery, or ERCA self-propelled howitzer.

The XM1113 Insensitive Munition High Explosive Rocket Assisted Projectile is slated to replace the Army's aging M549A1 rounds. Currently, the M549 rounds can reach about 30 km.

The XM1113 reached 72 km during a demonstration, said Rich Gran-

itzki, Long-Range Precision Fires Science and Technology Advisor for Combat Capabilities Development Command, or CCDC, at Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey.

Similarly, the Excalibur M982 is a Global Positioning System-guided, extended-range artillery projectile, supporting the Army's next generation of cannon artillery.

During a limited-range test, the M982 exhibited an increase in range, going from 40 to 62 km, Granitzki added.

Moving forward, ammo modernization and improvements to cannon technologies will play a vital role in optimizing these and other armaments technologies to reach "extended ranges and to get increased rates of fire," Granitzki said.

"We are still maturing our demonstrators, component technology and subsystems, in advance of future demonstrations to transition our systems to programs of record," he added. +

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Community Calendar

Community Calendar submissions are compiled by the Public Affairs Office. Any WSMR organization wishing to publicize an event on this calendar should submit information to usarmy.wsmr.atec.list.ranger@mail.mil.

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Frontier Club - Chicken vodka penne

Thursday, May 16

Frontier Club - Green chile meatloaf

Friday, May 17

Frontier Club - Nachos

Monday, May 20

Frontier Club - Kung Pao chicken

Tuesday, May 21

Frontier Club - Green chile enchilada

Wednesday, May 22

Frontier Club - Chicken angelo

Thursday, May 23

Frontier Club - Chicken cacciatore

Friday, May 24

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Monday, May 27

Frontier Club - Closed for Memorial Day

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Frontier Club - Taco Tuesday

Wednesday, May 29

Frontier Club - Chicago pizza

Thursday, May 30

Frontier Club - Barbeque

Friday, May 31

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- May 30 - Honors and Awards Ceremony

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Fri May. 10	What Men Want		R
Sat May. 11	Green Book		PG-13
Sun May. 12	The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part		PG
Fri May. 17	The Prodigy		R
Sat May. 18	Tyler Perry's A Madea Family Funeral		PG-13
Sun May. 19	Teen Titans Go: To the Movies		PG
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