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Wendy Brown / Fort Bliss Garrison Public Affairs Soldiers assigned to Company D, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, participate in a gunnery at Fort Bliss Dec. 7, 2018, that helped evaluators test the Trophy Active Protection System for tanks. These M1A2 SEPv2 Abrams tanks were not equipped with the system, but served as a baseline against which testers could compare tanks equipped with the system. For more on this story, see

# 1st AD CAB prepared for deployment

# Col. Hopkins: 'We're ready to fight now'

By Wendy Brown | Fort Bliss Garrison Public Affairs

Soldiers assigned to the 1st Armored Division Combat Aviation Brigade are ready to deploy to Afghanistan and take over their Operation Freedom's Sentinel mission from the 101st Airborne Division Combat Aviation Brigade from Fort Campbell, Kentucky.





**CSM George** Ackerman

Col. Jay Hopkins, commander, 1st AD CAB, said units have spent the past fiscal year training at Fort Bliss and the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California, in preparation for the deploy-Jay Hopkins ment. The brigade expects to take over the mission in March, he said.

> "We've been pretty busy, and in between (several major exercises, we've also conducted) all the individual training that goes on and the advanced gunnery tables that we do for our attack helicopters, so we're ready," Hopkins said.

In addition to the 2,500 Soldiers from the 1st AD CAB's five battalions, two National Guard companies and slightly fewer than 2,000 Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas, will also participate in the deployment, Hopkins said.

"I'm extremely proud of the Iron Eagles and the teammates that we're going to garner from other parts of the United States," Hopkins said. "We're ready to fight now. We're excited about our role in supporting the Afghans and the NATO partners that are there. We look forward to the mission, but we look



Wendy Brown / Fort Bliss Garrison Public Affairs

Soldiers restock an Apache assigned to 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Armored Division, with ammo during gunnery training at Doña Ana Range, N.M., Oct. 11, 2018.

forward to getting back, all of us collectively, all of us coming back this time next year."

The brigade also brings expertise to the mission with its new command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. George Ackerman.

Ackerman assumed responsibility Dec. 11, 2018, and he previously served as the 96th Aviation Support Battalion, 101st Abn. Div.

CAB, command sergeant major, and then as the 101st Abn. Div. CAB rear detachment sergeant major during the brigade's deployment in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

"It gives me some insight and some expertise that I carry with me from having gone through the train-up pre-deployment, as well

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David Burge / Special to the Fort Bliss Col. John M. Cushing is the chief of staff for the 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss. He has been impressed by the facilities at the installation and has been focusing on readi-

## 1st AD chief of staff focused on readiness

By David Burge | Special to the Fort Bliss Bugle

For Col. John M. Cushing, his time with the 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss has been "a diamond in the rough kind of assignment."

Cushing, a 47-year-old from Rochester, Michigan, has served as the chief of staff for the division and the installation since April 2018.

It is the first time that he and his family have ever served with the 1st Armored Division or at Fort Bliss.

"We didn't realize everything Fort Bliss and El Paso has to offer," Cushing said. "By far, Fort Bliss has the best military facilities I have ever seen. When Army did the Base Realignment and Closure process, they did it right for Fort Bliss.

Cushing initially arrived at Fort Bliss in the summer of 2017 and immediately deployed to Iraq – where he served as the deputy commanding officer for support for the 1st AD's forward deployed headquarters element.

After returning from deployment, Cushing has served as the division and installation chief of staff. He expects to serve in that role until the summer.

As chief of staff, he said his role is to make sure that all the division headquarters' staff functions "aren't vertical stove pipes" but connect with each other and function in a synchronized manner.

During most of his tenure, Cushing and the division headquarters have focused on getting ready for the Warfighter exercise, which was held in November at Fort Bliss. The Warfighter is the division headquarters' equivalent of doing a rota tion at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California.

"It was a great exercise," Cushing said. "We are very fortunate here at the division to have General Matlock and his wife Jacqy as the command team. He's a general like no other I have ever had before. He considers himself the primary teacher/trainer of not only myself but the division staff as well."

During the Warfighter, Cushing said he "felt like a brand-new second lieutenant - just listening to him, learning and soaking it all in."

Maj. Gen. Patrick Matlock, who took over as the commanding general for the 1st AD and Fort Bliss on July 12, 2018, had previously served in Cushing's job as chief of staff from July 2012 to February 2014 during an earlier assignment at Fort

Cushing said that is a little intimidating, but also a great opportunity to learn from one of the best in the Army.

After the Warfighter, Cushing and the rest of the division have been focusing on

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# WBAMC welcomes first born of 2019

By Marcy Sanchez | WBAMC Public Affairs

William Beaumont Army Medical Center celebrated the New Year with a special delivery Jan. 1 – the first baby of 2019 at Fort Bliss.

Alonzo Francisco Washington entered the world at 3:21 a.m. on New Year's Day to the delight of his parents, Tieanna and Spc. Nathaniel Washington, an information technology specialist with the 86th Expeditionary Signal Battalion at Fort Bliss.

To welcome the new arrival, WBAMC staff and leaders presented the family with a gift basket filled with newborn essentials assembled through donations from the Maternal-Child Section staff.

"It feels pretty good," said Tieanna, regarding delivering the couple's first born. "At first I was shocked that I actually (delivered), and that I did it without the epidural."

On Dec. 31, around 10 p.m., Nathaniel drove his expecting wife to WBAMC after her water broke. Tieanna's original due date was set for Jan. 14, so the couple wasn't expecting, nor had they planned for a New Year's baby.

"We were invited to somebody's house to celebrate the New Year, but I didn't even feel like staying up this year," said Tieanna, a native of Fayetteville, North Carolina. "I wasn't really feeling anything, and we weren't expecting him to be early."

As Tieanna went into labor, Nathaniel began preparing their trip to the hospital.

We just walked through here nonchalantly, and just four hours later he just flew out," said Nathaniel, also a native of Fayetteville. "It was a really good experience (at WBAMC)."

Although the couple already knew it was a boy, Nathaniel was excited to be able to hold his son in his arms and looks forward to parenthood.



Photos by Marcy Sanchez / WBAMC Public Affairs

Tieanna and Spc. Nathaniel Washington celebrate the arrival of their first born, Alonzo Francisco Washington, with a visit from William Beaumont Army Medical Center leaders at the hospital Jan. 1. Alonzo, the first baby delivered at WBAMC in 2019, was welcomed into the Army family at 3:21 a.m. and received a gift basket assembled through donations from WBAMC's Mother-Baby Section.

"We want to give him a happy life," said Nathaniel. "I'm going to teach him everything I know. Now we have two things to celebrate (on New Year's Day)."

(Right) Alonzo Francisco Washington, first baby delivered at WBAMC in 2019, was welcomed into the Army family at 3:21 a.m. and received a gift basket assembled through donations from WBAMC's Mother-Baby Section.





Photos by Wendy Brown / Fort Bliss Garrison Public Affairs An AH-64 Apache helicopter takes off from a Forward Arming and Refueling Point during a 1st Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade,

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as pushing the 101st CAB out the door," Ackerman said.

1st Armored Division, gunnery at Range 83 at Orogrande, N.M., April 23, 2018

Beyond a doubt, the 1st AD CAB is prepared to deploy, Ackerman said.

"I think they are really prepared," Ackerman said. "They have done a lot of stuff: several Warfighters, multiple NTC rotations, gunneries. They've had the opportunity to do their own site visit. They've (held video teleconferences) with 101 weekly to ensure that they have their systems and processes down. We've done just about everything that we can possibly do to ensure our success going into theater."

Hopkins, who took command of the brigade in July 2017, said Operation Freedom's Sentinel is a mission that supports the Afghan army and our nation's NATO partners in Afghanistan. There are as many as 40 countries that support the mission in Afghanistan, and that hasn't changed much over the past 17 years, he said.

During the deployment, elements of the 1st AD CAB and their partners will be spread across the entire country of Afghanistan, Hopkins said.

"Unlike some of the other units that deploy there, we will fly and support, like I said, NATO partners, U.S. partners, and Afghan partners across the entire country," Hopkins said.

In addition to the Soldiers, 1st AD CAB leaders have also ensured that family members are prepared, Hopkins said.

Brigade leaders have met on a monthly basis with key family readiness leaders from the battalion and brigade levels, as well as held a series of briefings to get families ready, Hopkins said.

Soldiers also received a healthy block leave so they could go home over the holiday season and see family, Hopkins said.

Ackerman said the environment at Fort Bliss and its training opportunities could not prepare a brigade better for what Soldiers will experience in Afghanistan.

"Our aviators, our back seaters, our support logistics personnel are so prepared that I would stack them up against any brigade in the Army, as far as training as readiness goes, to go into a fight like that," Ackerman

making sure the division headquarters and all its brigades are ready for whatever new mission they may be called to do.

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"Everything is focused on readiness ... whether the division headquarters or the brigades," Cushing said.

Cushing said he would like his legacy to be that he helped the division become ready and the division staff to be "a team that is excellent in staff systems and staff processes."

"I want to make sure for the folks who come to replace us, we give them all our lessons learned and make sure the team is set up for success," Cushing said.

Since he and his family have arrived at Fort Bliss, they have really fallen in love with the installation and the surrounding community.

"We didn't know what to expect coming in, but we have really enjoyed El Paso – the people, the climate, the culture," Cushing said. "There is so much to do here. We try to make a bucket list every place we go and it is pretty long here. I am not sure we will get it all done.'

Before coming to Fort Bliss, Cushing served as the commander of the 194th Armored Brigade at Fort Benning, Georgia.

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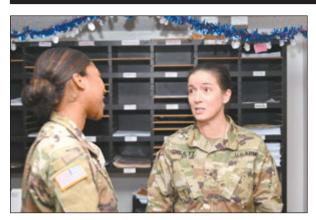


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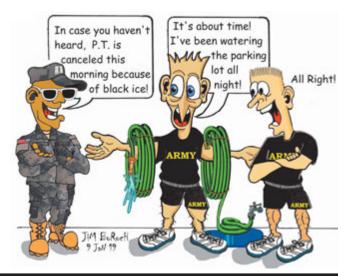
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#### **Unit Briefs**

Tax Center opening: The Fort Bliss Tax Center will open Tuesday, but will be answering the phones and booking times starting tomorrow. The center will be open Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturdays and training holidays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 2910 Cassidy Road. 568-1040

Attention new command spouses: The Spouse Leadership Development Course is a new 40-hour course run by the Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Center of Excellence and USASMA. It will offer an introduction to a number of extremely important topics for those spouses who are entering into a command team at the battalion level. Lessons cover a wide range of topics from protocol and etiquette, American Red Cross, Army Emergency Relief and public speaking. The first class will start in April. Contact Michelle Mebane at 744-1201.

Fort Bliss traffic advisory: The intersection of Torch Street and Rifleman Tank Trail will be under construction until Feb. 2 to replace concrete. The intersection will remain open. Traffic will be reduced one lane each direction. The lanes will shift after the completion of each side. For official information, contact USACE at 568-9713.





Photos by Sgt. Christopher A. Hernandez / 210th RSG – MaD Brigade/Fort Bliss DPTMS

Two M270A1 Multiple Launch Rocket System crews with Battery B, 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery Regiment, South Dakota Army National Guard, fire rockets from their respective loader launcher modules during the unit's validation training exercises conducted at the Orogrande Range Complex, N.M., Jan. 4.

# **Echoes from the desert:**

# 1-147th Field Artillery conducts live-fire rocket exercises

By Sgt. Christopher A. Hernandez | 210th RSG -Mobilization and Deployment Brigade/Fort Bliss DPTMS

OROGRANDE RANGE COMPLEX, N.M. - In the vast expanse of the Orogrande Range Complex, an assemblage of uniformed personnel and military tactical vehicles gathered. Despite the frigid climate on the morning of Jan. 4, Army National Guardsmen of Battery B and Forward Support Company, 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery Regiment, Watertown, South Dakota, stood outside in eager anticipation to witness an awe-inspiring spectacle.

Suddenly, a deafening roar temporarily disrupted the stillness of the desert landscape. A group of M270A1 Multiple Launch Rocket Systems have launched a volley of rockets, propelling them in convergence toward the sun-drenched sky.

This training event was one of the 1st Bn., 47th FA Regt.'s premobilization exercises conducted to strengthen their readiness and lethality postures.

"We are here for mobilization validation," said 1st Lt. Jessie Park, operations officer for Btry. B, 1st Bn., 47th FA Regt. "The South Dakota Army National Guard is one of two MLRS battalions in the United States, so it's really important that we keep up on our platforms and training."

The abovementioned volley of rockets is called Time on Target, or ToT, a critical artillery technique in which an area or target is completely saturated by munitions. ToT is one of several tasks performed by the 1st Bn., 47th FA Regt., under direct scrutiny and evaluation by observer controller/trainers from the 5th Armored Brigade at Fort Bliss.

"We did three types of fire missions: Fire When Ready, At My Command ... and then ToT," said Sgt. Dillyn Thompson, MLRS crewmember and seven-year veteran of the 1st Bn., 47th FA Regt. "It's a little different this year, the way they have us doing this live fire. We have (the MLRS vehicles) all lined up, with four to eight rockets in a row."

According to Sgt. 1st Class James Meyer, master gunner for Btry. B, 1st Bn., 47th FA Regt., the M270A1 MLRS can launch over a dozen types of disparate munitions.



Spc. Tim Adair and Sgt. Jessica Anderson, M270 Multiple Launch Rocket System repairers for Forward Support Company, 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery Regiment, South Dakota Army National Guard, assist each other in adjusting and repairing the elevation transducer on a M270A1 MLRS loader launcher module prior to the unit's validation training exercises conducted at the Orogrande Range Complex,

"We can shoot multiple rockets from the MLRS, depending on the setup and whatever mission requirements are, such as M28/ M28A1 training rounds, M30/M31 guided rockets, and ATACMS (Army Tactical Missile System) guided missiles," Meyer said.

Thompson further elaborated on the destructive power of the MLRS, touching upon the weapon platform's moniker: "Grid Square Removal System."

"The maximum load is 12 rockets or two missiles total," Thompson said. "If we have a full load of rockets, we can take out an entire grid square on a map."

These validation and military rehearsal exercises (MRXs) have been vital to the preparation for the 1st Bn., 47th FA Regt.'s upcoming mobilization.

"Under Operation Atlantic Resolve, we're going to participate in exercises in Germany, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Lithuania and Latvia," said 1st Sgt. Dusty Kiner, first sergeant for Btry. B, 1st Bn., 47th FA Regt.. "Whoever wants assistance or wants artillery support for their exercise, they will call us, and we go out to that location."

Taking into consideration the joint nature of this deployment, Kiner asserts that mission requirements principally depend on multinational collaboration.

"The way we understand it for our first exercise, we will be falling under a Canadian DIVARTY (Division Artillery)," Kiner said. "We'll be acting as the DIVARTY support for the Canadian division. It's kind of a new experience for us, as we will be functioning multi-national and multi-echelon all the way through the entire phase."

For junior enlisted Soldiers like Spc. Micah Miller, an automated logistical specialist for the FSC, 1st Bn., 47th FA Regt., these training exercises have ventured outside the

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>> 1st Sgt. Dusty Kiner

proverbial comfort zone.

"One of the biggest challenges is this different climate and terrain here," Miller said. There's a lot more mountains here than there back in South Dakota, which is a lot

Nevertheless, Thompson said he and his unit have been primed and ready for this occasion.

"I was in Saber Guardian in Romania, where I was able to jump in with Alpha Battery out of Aberdeen, South Dakota, and go over there with them," Thompson said. "But with this mobilization, I think that we can get a little more in-depth, which will be nice in being able to train with other countries. It's all pretty new to me, and I'm excited

Btry. B and FSC elements of the 1st Bn., 47th FA Regt. will sustain their premobilization training scenarios until their eventual flight to Eastern Europe.

"We're looking forward to moving out to Eastern Europe and making this stuff happen and get some rockets downrange in Europe," Kiner said. "Supposedly, we are going to be the first heavy MLRS unit in Eastern Europe since 9/11. We're going to help write new doctrine as to how heavy artillery operates in Europe. This is a cool mission for us."



## Fort Bliss Tax Center opens Tuesday with headache-free preparation

By David Burge | Special to the Fort Bliss Bugle

Soldiers helping Soldiers.

That is what the Fort Bliss Tax Center is all about

This year, the center at 2910 Cassidy Road will open at 10 a.m. Tuesday and will stay open through the tax-filing season.

The center provides free federal and state tax preparation and filing for active-duty

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568-1040

Soldiers, Reservists on active orders for more than 30 days, retirees and dependents of all those groups.

"This is your chance to get as much as you can back," said Spc. Julia Thacker, who is assigned to the Tax

Center. "It's free and headache free."

Thacker, a mechanic with 1st Armored Division Artillery, said the center is a way to give back to her fellow Soldiers and is particularly helpful for single Soldiers living in the barracks.

The center also provides a way for Soldiers and other members of the Fort Bliss community to save some money through its free services and maximize their tax refund, said Capt. Vy Nguyen, an Army lawyer and officer in charge of the center this year.

Last year, the center did about 4,000 returns, saving the Fort Bliss community at least \$1 million in tax-preparation fees, Nguyen said.

The center also generated about \$9 million in refunds last year for its clients, Nguyen said

Each year, the center is run by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. It is manned by Soldiers on temporary assignment and by civilian volunteers

In years past, Soldiers and civilian volunteers received training through the Internal Revenue Service. But with the partial government shutdown, that was not possible this year, Nguyen said.

So instead, they received training from Dallas tax attorney Charolette Noel, who recently visited Fort Bliss and provided several days of tax lessons on a pro bono basis, Nguyen said.

As a result, the Soldiers and civil-

ians who work at the center are well versed in tax issues that the military community may encounter – things like combat pay or moving expenses for a new assignment, he said.

"Those are unique situations that the military faces," Nguyen said.

The center also falls within the Army's top priority of maintaining readiness, he added.

"We are all about readiness," Nguyen said. "Financial readiness is just as important as combat readiness."

Sgt. 1st Class Dan Weber, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the center, said it is important for Soldiers and others in the Fort Bliss community to take advantage of this free service.

"We offer free service so that is even more cash back in someone's pocket," said Weber,



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From left, Elizabeth Topping; Spc. Julia Thacker; Sgt. 1st Class Dan Weber; and Capt. Vy Nguyen, among the staff at the Fort Bliss Tax Center this year, are ready to serve the Fort Bliss community starting Tuesday.

a maintenance supervisor with the 47th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st AD. "Why not go this route to save a little bit more?"

If you have done your own taxes in the past, it might be helpful to have someone else take a look at them and "see what you night be missing," Weber said.

Elizabeth Topping is an Army spouse who is volunteering this year at the center. She said it is her way of helping out Soldiers and their Families.

"I enjoy it," Topping said. "I am steeped in military pride. I'm an Army brat myself and military spouse."

#### Make plans

- The Fort Bliss Tax Center is located at 2910 Cassidy Road on West Fort Bliss.
- It will open at 10 a.m. Tuesday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.
- Hours: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Additional hours are available on Saturday and Sunday by appointment.
- Free tax preparation and filing services are available to active duty, Reservists on active orders for longer than 30 days, retirees and dependents of all these groups.
- Information: 568-1040. Phone becomes active Friday.

## Trust in your estate plan: blended families, non-citizen spouses and trusts

By Capt. Andrew Dieselman | Fort Bliss Legal Assistance Office

Even in death, one must pay taxes. The point of a good estate plan is to reduce the burden on those surviving the deceased as much as possible. One way to do this for married individuals is the "marital deduction" provision of the Federal Estate and Gift Tax Law. This marital deduction allows a spouse to pass an unrestricted amount of assets to their spouse at any time, including at death, free of tax.

This framework may work perfectly fine for most, but what if you have children not from your current spouse? You may believe that your spouse, should they survive you, will take care of your children, but this is not always the case. How do you ensure that your spouse does not simply take the property that has transferred to them and walk away, leaving the kids without a dime? You might think about using a Qual-

ified Terminable Interest Property trust. A QTIP (not for your ear) trust allows the testator (the one writing the estate plan or will) to ensure their spouse will be able to use any property left to them, but that the spouse cannot sell or otherwise get rid of it, ensuring the testator's kids will then inherit it after the testator's spouse eventually passes away.

These trusts are not for everyone, and to ensure you have explored all options that fit your family situation, estate plan needs and personal wishes, make an appointment to speak with an attorney at the Fort Bliss Legal Assistance Office to discuss your options.

Following the same theme of avoiding estate taxes on death, but specific to individuals with spouses who are not U.S. citizens, a Qualified Domestic Trust allows the citizen spouse, upon death, to transfer their property to their nonciti-

zen spouse (in trust) without paying extreme tax rates.

Unlike situations with two U.S. citizen spouses, who may transfer property freely with no taxes incurred, if one spouse is not a citizen the federal government does not allow for this "marital deduction." This means that upon death of the citizen spouse, the noncitizen spouse may end up paying large amounts in taxes. Setting up a QDOT in an estate plan can avoid this result.

There are very specific rules, regulations and requirements associated with QDOTs. Therefore, in order to ensure you have all the relevant information, make an appointment to speak with an attorney at the Fort Bliss Legal Assistance Office. The office is on the first floor of Building 113 on Pershing Road, and the appointment scheduling line is 568-7141.



# WBAMC L&D quick reaction saves newborn's life

By Marcy Sanchez | WBAMC Public Affairs

For most women, pregnancy is an incredible journey ending with the delivery of baby. But it's not always that easy or predictable with possible complications threatening the health of mother, baby or both.

Recently, medical professionals at William Beaumont Army Medical Center's Labor and Delivery section skillfully dealt with a rare complication when a laboring mom experienced an umbilical cord prolapse, leading staff to quickly respond to the obstetrical emergency via an emergency cesarean section.

A cord prolapse occurs when the umbili-

"These nurses are

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>> Maj. Michael Swift, WBAMC

extremely experienced

cal cord prolapses, or drops, through the open cervix into the vagina ahead of the baby, which may block fetal-placental circulation and result in a loss of oxygen to the fetus and possible stillbirth if not treated immediately.

"(The patient) was already here and admitted because we were inducing labor," said Diana Ortiz, charge nurse during the incident. "The doctor went in there to (rupture) the membrane and the cord came out, he was trying to make her go into labor."

Although the artificial rupture of membranes is a common procedure performed to accelerate or induce labor, there are always risks involved. According to studies by the Cleveland Clinic, about one in every 500 pregnancies may result in an umbilical cord prolapse, increasing the importance of staff readiness.

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"Rupturing of the amniotic sack is just

part of the process to help a mom who's not going into labor any other way, and there are risks associated with that," said Maj. Michael Swift, the obstetrician-gynecologist performing the procedure.

Obstetrical emergencies, such as cord prolapse, are routinely simulated at WBAMC's L&D section through the use of medical manikins to evaluate staff communication during emergencies, and improve interdisciplinary and clinical performance.

"We do practice simulations but this was beyond simulations, it was just a really, really, solid team," said Swift. "It was fast, it was extremely fast. Everyone was well or-

> ganized it was like an absolute perfect orchestra."

According to the staff, as Swift called for assistance after the prolapse, a team of nurses quickly prepared the operating room for the emergency cesarean section, while another nurse jumped on the gurney with the patient to assist with alleviating pressure on the umbilical cord due to the baby dropping.

"The teamwork was dynamic and worked out so well," said Ortiz, a seven-

year L&D nursing veteran. "Everybody ran and did something, it synchronized really well and right at change of shift."

According to Ortiz, shift changes are usually a more chaotic time during care as outgoing staff are occupied with the transfer of patient information to incoming staff and other activities.

"I'm still catching my breath because everything just fell into place from (umbilical



Marcy Sanchez / WBAMC Public Affair

Diana Ortiz, left, registered nurse, Labor and Delivery Section, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, checks vitals on Vanessa Torres, a laboring mom, as part of daily operations at WBAMC's L&D section, Dec. 13, 2018. Recently, Ortiz and other staff members quickly responded to an umbilical cord prolapse, an obstetrical emergency, at WBAMC, resulting in the successful delivery of a baby, despite the life-threatening complication.

cord prolapse) to (emergency cesarean section)," said Ortiz.

For Swift, who is only two years out of his medical residency, the only other real-world experience with an umbilical cord prolapse was during his residency. He credits the team of nurses for their quick reaction, turning a potentially fatal situation to an otherwise successful delivery.

"These nurses are extremely experienced and have been doing this for years, but it does demonstrate the importance of simulations, because these are practiced routinely," said Swift

As a result of their actions, staff members

were presented commander's coins following the incident. Staff members include: Santa Ware, Maria Martell, Lisa Obermeyer, Yesenia Ruelas and Jennifer Ruelas.

Within six minutes, the team's actions went from the umbilical cord prolapse to delivery of the baby with no further complications. Two weeks following discharge, during a follow-up appointment, the family was content and thankful for the rapid response and teamwork at WBAMC.

"There's always great crew work - if something happens everybody knows what to do," said Ortiz.

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The Joint Light Tactical Vehicle, or JLTV, family of vehicles is a U.S. Army-led, joint acquisition modernization program with the Marine Corps. Leaders intend for the program to close an existing, critical capability gap in Army and USMC light tactical wheeled vehicle fleets. It will replace a substantial portion of each fleet with a family of vehicles that provide improvements in the balance of payload capacity, mobility performance and protection over legacy systems, as well as maintainability, reliability and network connectivity.

# First Joint Light Tactical Vehicles rolling to the field

WASHINGTON - Soldiers are about to get their hands on the Army's new Joint Light Tactical Vehicles, or JLTVs, and the first unit started receiving the trucks as the New Year began.

The deliveries kept the program right on schedule, following an Army Systems Acquisition Review Council decision last week to move forward with fielding JLTVs to the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. The unit, located at Fort Stewart, Georgia, started receiving its own JLTVs this month and should be fully equipped with about 500 new JLTVs by the end of March.

"The JLTV program exemplifies the benefit of strong ties between the warfighter and acquisition communities," said Dr. Bruce Jette, the assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology. "With continuous feedback from the user, our program office is able to reach the right balance of technological advancements that will provide vastly improved capability, survivability, networking power and maneuverability.'

The new trucks represent a significant modernization success for the Army and Marine Corps, with the program on track to replace many venerable High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles, or HMMWVs. rines and civilians worked tirelessly to deliver an affordable, generational leap ahead in light tactical vehicles."

The JLTV family of vehicles is designed to restore payload and performance that were traded from light tactical vehicles to add protection in recent conflict. JLTVs will give Soldiers, Marines and their commanders more options in a protected mobility solution that is also the first vehicle purposebuilt for modern battlefield networks.

"We are very excited to get these trucks into the hands of our Soldiers," said Col. Mike Adams, commander, 1st ABCT, 3rd ID. "It's an honor to be chosen as the first unit to receive such an improved capability, and I look forward to getting it into our for-

The JLTV program remains on schedule and on budget as it wraps up its low rate initial production phase, yet the program office's work is far from over. As warfighter needs change, the team will continue to explore ways to refine the design and the capability it offers.

The military has more deliveries slated across each service in 2019. Ultimately, the Army anticipates purchasing 49,099 vehicles across its active, Reserve and National Guard components, and the Marine Corps more than 9.000.

The JLTV will be fielded in two variants













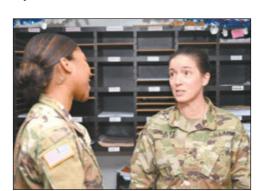
Brig. Gen. Dustin A. Shultz, commanding general of the 1st Mission Support Command, Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, toured Fort Bliss with Army Reserve Soldiers and civilians of the 210th Regional Support Group/Mobilization and Deployment – Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security Dec. 14, 2018.

# »BG Shultz meets 210th RSG Soldiers

Photos by Sgt. Christopher Hernandez / Fort Bliss Mobilization and Deployment, DPTMS

Brig. Gen. Dustin A. Shultz, commanding general of the 1st Mission Support Command, Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, toured Fort Bliss with Army Reserve Soldiers and civilians of the 210th Regional Support Group/Mobilization and Deployment – Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security Dec. 14, 2018. Soldiers from the 210th RSG and other MaD Brigade/DPTMS personnel informed and demonstrated to Shultz their processes, operations and overall accomplishments in their eight months during their mobilization here. Afterward, 210th RSG Soldiers held a town hall, in which 10 Soldiers were awarded one-star challenge coins from Shultz, along with permanent change of station awards for Master Sgt. Melisa Diaz-Zayas and a promotion ceremony for Capt. Crystal Maldonado. The 210th RSG currently serves as the predominant Army Reserve entity of MaD Brigade, itself an integral component of the Fort Bliss Mobilization Force Generation Installation and one of only two in the United States.

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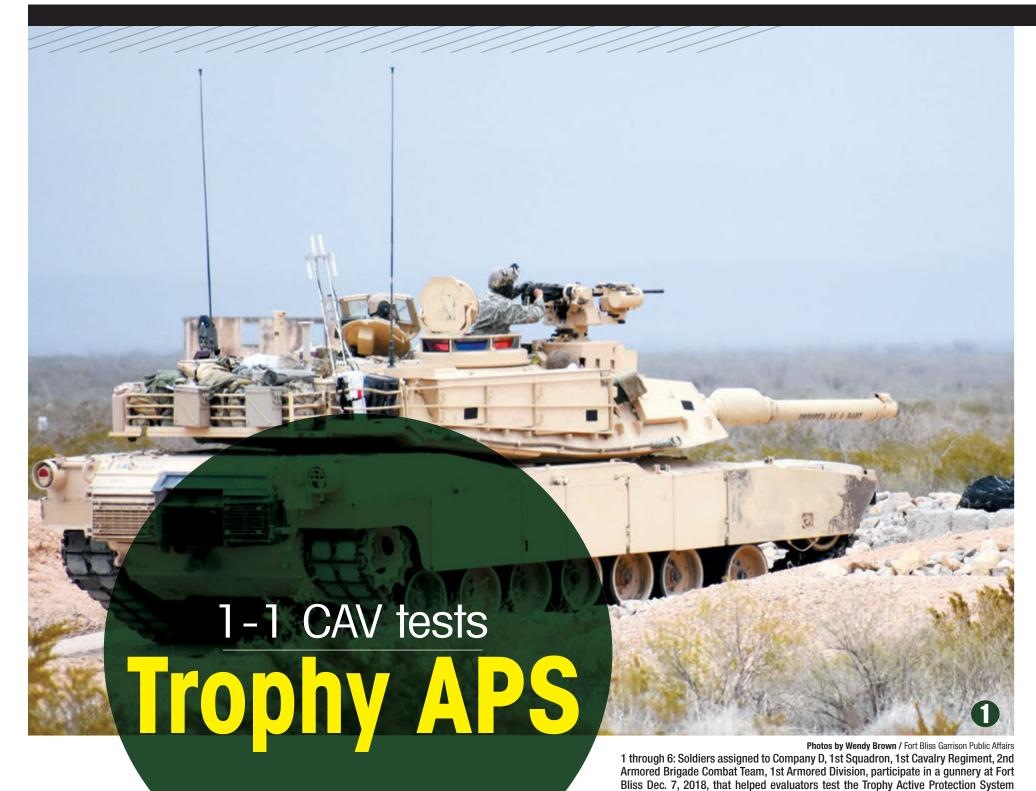










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## BY WENDY BROWN | FORT BLISS GARRISON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

OROGRANDE, N.M. - Soldiers assigned to ret brakes, and all the mechanics involved in tra-Company D, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, tested a tank protection system at Fort Bliss Dec. 1-13, 2018, that engages threats in the air.

The Trophy Active Protection System for tanks eliminates enemy threats, such as rocket propelled grenades and anti-tank guided missiles, said Lt. Col. James Edwards, test officer with the Army Evaluation Center, Army Test and Evaluation Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

Pretty much what it does is it engages the threat before it hits the tank," said Edwards, present for the Fort Bliss testing. "We're trying to determine shot near, but whether or not this capability will be applicable to the Abrams (tank) platform.'

To do this, testers had Soldiers assigned to Co. D, 1st Sqdn., 1st Cav. Regt., execute tank gunnery Tables III through VI. They used live rounds at Table VI, on both regular M1A2 SEPv2 Abrams tanks and then with tanks outfitted with the Trophy system, Edwards said.

In addition, the Soldiers conducted a force-onforce exercise with both types of tanks.

Civilian mechanics installed the Trophy system on the hulls of tanks, Edwards said, and since it is heavy – about 5,000 pounds – the idea is to compare the tanks' performances with and without the weight.

"It's a considerable amount of weight, which is why we're concerned," Edwards said. "We're concerned about components like turret drives and tur-

versing the turret."

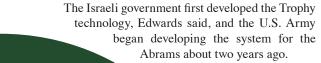
When tank crews train, computer systems record everything they do so crewmembers can review their performances and that information also helps evaluators of the

Trophy system. The testing culsimulated threat a tank, to see if the system would engage the threat, Edwards said. Civilians, not Soldiers, were in the tank during

the testing.

Multiple U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command entities collaborated jointly in the combined test team event. Testing personnel

from the Operational Test Command, Fort Hood, Texas; the Aberdeen Test Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; the Yuma Test Center, Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona; and the Redstone Test Center, Huntsville, Alabama, participated in the



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Production of the system would be a collaboration between General Dynamics Land Systems,

Rafael Advanced Defense Systems Ltd. General Dynamics Land Systems is the Abrams tank Original Equipment Manufac-

turer; Rafael is the Original Equipment Manufacturer of the Trophy Active Protec-

Leonardo DRS. Soldiers assigned to Co.

tion System and is in partnership with

D said they are proud to test the

Capt. Chris Scott, commander, Co. D, 1st Sqdn., 1st Cav. Regt., said the company's 72 Soldiers participating in the testing were excited to be the first in the Army to test the technology.

"We're taking advantage of a pretty unique opportunity to get to do something that no one else is getting to do ..." Scott said. "It feels great to help develop a new technology."

The company's Soldiers worked hard to get all the tanks ready for the testing, Scott said, and he is proud of them.

"Being a part of this and seeing guys I work with everyday getting to affect the rest of the Army is a fun experience for sure," Scott said.

In addition, the testing provided a great opportunity for training, Scott said.

In addition, 1st Sgt. Joseph Elkins, first sergeant, Co. D, 1st Sqdn., 1st Cav. Regt., brought an advantage with him when he switched jobs from the brigade's master gunner to the company's first sergeant

Elkins, as brigade master gunner, helped design the testing range and has been working with the testers since they arrived in May 2018.

"When they found out (the testing would include) this company and knew I was already coming here, well, I thought, 'This works out a lot easier.' There was continuity between all the organizers. I just came right in and continued with the mission," El-



for tanks. These M1A2 SEPv2 Abrams tanks were not equipped with the system, but served as a baseline against which testers could compare tanks equipped with the

7: From left, Staff Sgt. Christopher Estrada, tank commander, Sgt. Austin Taylor, gunner, Spc. Kyle Johnston, loader and Pvt. Richard Trehuba, driver, all assigned to Co. D, 1st Sqdn., 1st Cav. Regt., 2nd ABCT, 1st AD, participate in an after-action review while participating in a gunnery, that helped evaluators test the Trophy active protection system.



## 11th ADA Bde. 'Imperial' Soldiers spread holiday cheer in December

By Sgt. Mariah Jones | 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade Soldiers from the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade "Imperial" participated in the Irvin Angels, a fundraiser that Irving High School faculty and administration began a few years ago. They have all of their students write letters to Santa.

Some of these letters ask for simple necessities like socks or warm clothing or even gifts for their siblings. Some ask for items that others may take for granted, like a letter jacket or a yearbook.

After the students write to Santa, they gather



Santa hangs out with Soldiers assigned to the 11th ADA Bde. during an Irvin Angels event at Irvin High School in El Paso Dec. 14, 2018.

the letters and screen them. Each student's letter is assessed for genuine need and then the faculty, staff and community members choose a letter and fulfill a student's wish. Out of 1,359 students, they carefully selected 170 letters from the students with the highest need.

On Dec 14, 2018, the school staff, along with Soldiers from the 11th ADA Bde. and Santa Claus, were able to surprise the students with their gift.

Capt. Keith Wagner, commander, Battery A, 4th Air Defense Artillery Regiment (Terminal High Altitude Area Defense), 11th ADA Bde., 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command, said he enjoyed participating in the

"When I first learned of the Irvin Angels, I couldn't help but get excited for these kids at Irvin High School and imagine how much more special their holidays could be," Wagner said. "They seemed a little timid at first but once they had the opportunity to open their presents, seeing the looks and smiles on their faces was priceless."

## A-2 ADA (THAAD) partners with EP children's center

By 1st Lt. Jeofferey Traore | Btry. A, 2nd ADA Regt., (THAAD), 1th Air Defense Artillery Brigade As the winter holidays approached, many people started to look toward vacations, traveling and adventures outside the workplace, but for 1st Lt. Alan Zollar, it was important for him to reach out the El Paso community and see in what way he could give back.

"Not every person or child is or was afforded the same opportunities as me, so being able to give anyone any measure of peace over the holidays is a significant and special event. I am always happy to help where I can," said Zollar, assigned to Battery A, 2nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, (Terminal High Altitude Area Defense), 11th Air Defense Artillery "Imperial" Brigade, 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command.

Zollar's mentality has permeated into the culture of Btry. A, 2nd ADA Regt., (THAAD) "Gunslingers," and the unit has managed to display their incredible dedication to the local communities and each other yet

In early November 2018, the opportunity arose for Btry. A, 2nd ADA Regt., (THAAD) to continue building on a relationship with the El Paso Center for Children. The unit's previous event with the center resulted in more than 65 children and adults participating in a tour of the battery's THAAD equipment, a BBQ and a private screening of "Ant-Man and the Wasp" at The Grand 10, the movie theater at Freedom Crossing at Fort Bliss. Zollar reached out to the center and decided to try to help with their Christmas present drive.

Zollar returned to Btry. A, 2nd ADA Regt., (THAAD) with 55 Christmas letters filled with gift requests to Santa. Immediately, Soldiers across



Sgt. Marc Boggs, left, spreads holiday cheer to Sgt. Cassondra Miles at Fort Bliss Nov. 26, 2018, as he begins collecting gifts from Battery A, 2nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, (Terminal High Altitude Area Defense), 11th ADA "Imperial" Brigade, 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command.

the organization stepped up to the occasion, taking anywhere from one to even four children's requests and fulfilling their wishes. Members of the battery delivered nearly 100 wrapped presents to the center Dec. 7,

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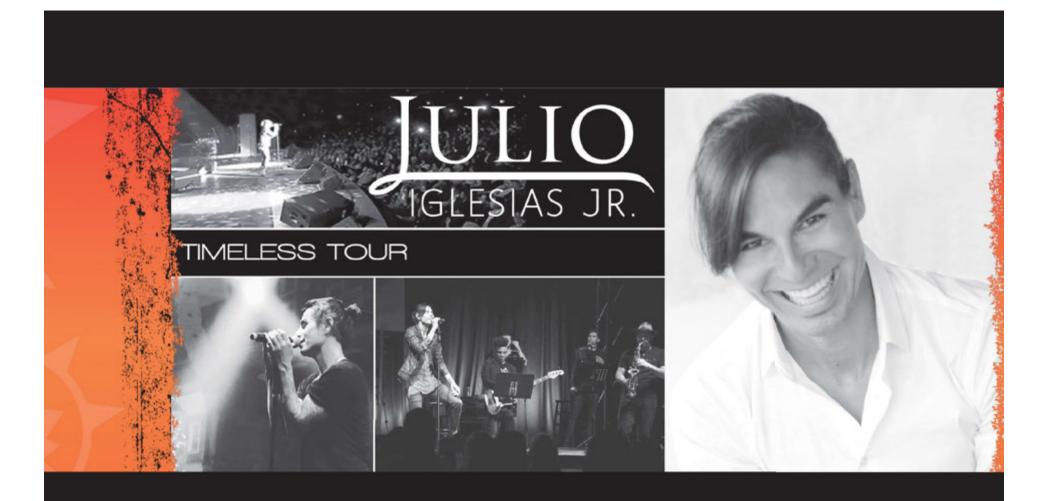
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Total DWIs					
Unit	% of Bliss Population	% of Total DWI	DWIs		
JMC	0%	0.00%			
32ND AAMDC	1%	0.00%			
11TH ADA BDE	10%	6.06%	2		
JTF North	0%	0.00%			
1/1 AD	15%	24.24%	8		
2/1 AD	14%	33.33%	11		
3/1 AD	15%	6.06%	2		
1AD CAB	9%	15.15%	5		
1AD DIVARTY	1%	3.03%	1		
1AD SUST BDE	5%	6.06%	2		
5th AR BDE/402ND	1%	0.00%	35.00		
31ST CSH	1%	0.00%			
93D MP	3%	3.03%	1		
204th MI	1%	0.00%			
86th ESB	2%	0.00%			
80th CA	1%	0.00%			
HHBN 1AD	3%	0.00%			
Garrison	0%	0.00%			
WBAMC	4%	3.03%	1		
USASMA	2%	0.00%			
TOTALS			33		

## **Drug Statistics for FY19**

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JTF North	0%	0.00%				0	
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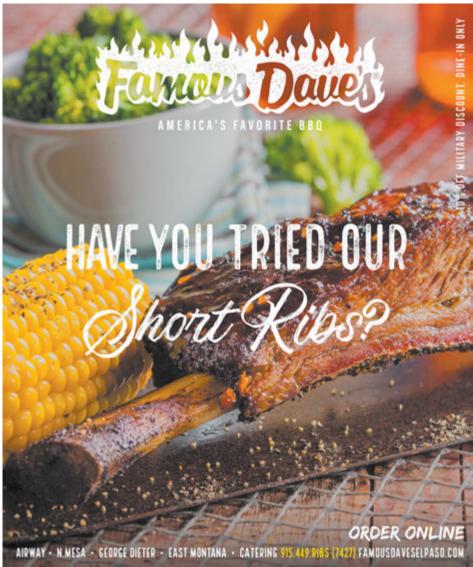
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El Paso Media Fest: The El Paso Media Fest is dedicated to enriching the El Paso community through the international exposure of culture and film. The festival, Friday-Sunday at the AMC Theater. 9840 Gateway N. Blvd, El Paso, is fun-filled and educational; participating filmmakers and community members are given the opportunity to network with local talent and filmmaking pros, learn from industry members and to develop themselves further in the world of film. The spice of El Paso culture will be something you'll never forget. Cost: \$12-65. 841-1975 or www.ElPasoMediaFest.com

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Texas Voodoo Stomp EP release party: The El Paso metal band hosts a release party for its EP "Dust to Dust" at 9 p.m. Friday at Mulligans 3, 1810 George Dieter, El Paso. The band will perform along with local bands Brother Strange, Rust and one more to be announced. 231-6719

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# 1st AD part of test

**By RDECOM Soldier Center Public Affairs** 

NATICK, Mass. - The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command Soldier Center at Natick is testing new Army Combat Boot prototypes at three basic training and activeduty installations over the next four months. The effort will gather Soldier feedback toward development of improved footwear.

The Army's current inventory of boots includes seven different styles designed for different environments and climates. The boots issued initially to recruits are the Hot Weather and Temperate Weather Army Combat Boots. Requirements for these are managed by the Army Uniform Board as part of the recruit "Clothing Bag." The Program Executive Office Soldier's Project Manager Soldier Protection and Individual Equipment maintains and updates the specifications for

The current generation of Army Combat Boots hasn't undergone substantial technical or material changes since 2010. New material and technologies now exist that may improve physical performance and increase Soldier comfort.

"Great strides have been made recently in the Army's environment footwear, for jungle, mountain, or cold weather specific

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seven styles designed for different environments

and climates.

locations, but there is substantial room for improvement in the general purpose boots which are issued to new recruits," said Anita Perkins, RDECOM Soldier Center footwear research engineer and technical lead for the Army Combat Boot Improvement effort.

Surveys conducted by the Soldier Center report Soldier satisfaction

with ACBs is lower than that with commercialoff-the-shelf, or COTS, boots, leading many Soldiers to purchase David Kamm / RDECOM and wear COTS boots.

"The survey of over 14,000 Soldiers world-

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wide discovered that almost 50 percent choose to wear COTS combat boots instead of Army-issued boots," Perkins said. "Many Soldiers reported choosing combat boots from the commercial market because the COTS boots are lighter, more flexible, require less break-in time, and feel more like athletic shoes than traditional combat boots or work boots. Unfortunately, these characteristics often come at the cost of durability and protection."

The Soldier Center's Footwear Performance team believes new technologies can bridge the gap between the lightweight, comfortable, COTS boots and the durable, protective, Army boots. Recent advancements in synthetic materials and rapid prototyping can produce a boot with potentially the same protection, support and durability of current Army boots, but lighter and more comfortable out of the box. To reach this goal, the Soldier Center is evaluating new types of leather and even some man-made materials, which are much more flexible than the heavy-duty, cattle hide leather used in the current boots.

'Also included in the prototypes we are testing are new types of rubber and outsole designs, which are more than 30 percent lighter than the outsoles on the current boots," said Al Adams, team leader for the Soldier Clothing and Configuration Management Team at the Soldier Center.

When working with industry to develop the prototype boots for this effort, Adams and Perkins put an emphasis on cutting weight. The boots being tested are up to 1.5 pounds lighter per pair than the ACBs currently being issued.

# Bound by blood: Twin brothers meet again at Fort Bliss

By Marcy Sanchez | WBAMC Public Affairs

Eight years since last seeing each other, two brothers from California's Central Valley cross paths at a remote West Texas location, nestled between mountain ranges and riddled with desert shrub. The setting is all too familiar for the pair, who now have spent more years apart than together. Yet, they gather whenever given the chance.

James and David Mendoza, fraternal twins born five minutes apart, enlisted after high school to find their calling after gradually realizing their own individual identities, as evidenced by their high school athletics clubs. James participated in water sports while David stuck to running.

A desire for something greater drove the brothers toward service after high school, with David enlisting in the Army Reserve, while James enlisted in the Army's active-duty component. Today, Maj. James Mendoza leads manpower and administrative functions for the 79th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, a California Army National Guard unit out of San Diego, while Col. David Mendoza is the deputy commander for inpatient services at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso.

"Last time we crossed paths like this was in May of 2010," said David. "I was stationed at Fort Hood, (James) was mobilizing for a deployment with the National Guard and we happened to be with each other for a few days before he left."

Although the brothers occasionally see each other at family functions, such as holidays with their parents back in California, service to country has absorbed the brothers' time

"We're basically two separate worlds now, other than being part of the Army," said David

For James, Army service started as an aviation maintenance technician in the 1980s.

"As I was progressing through the enlisted ranks, I finished up my (college) education," said James, the older of the two brothers. "When I got that completed, a door opened



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Col. David Mendoza, left, deputy commander of inpatient services, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, with fraternal twin brother, Maj. James Mendoza, human resources officer, 79th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, a California Army National Guard unit out of San Diego, during a chance meeting at Fort Bliss in December 2018. The Mendoza brothers have served in the U.S. Army, Army Reserve and California Army National Guard since high school.

to get commissioned, so off I went in the National Guard and started as a Finance, Logistics and Human Resources officer."

Although James transitioned from active duty to the National Guard, he's remained on active guard reserve duty, or on "full-time" National Guard duty, since donning the uniform

David's initial Military Occupational Specialty as a combat medic in the Army Reserve inspired him to earn a nursing degree and commission afterward.

"I don't know a whole lot about the medical world and he doesn't know much about logistics," said James.

"There's really not a whole lot that sepa-

rates us – or that we have in common," added David.

While their desire to become their own

people drove the brothers toward service, emulating others who served before them was also a factor in serving their country.

"Our dad was a retired Soldier in the National Guard, and we have uncles who served in Vietnam, so we have a family tradition of serving," said David. "Our family background of service and looking for a way to pay for college, possibly get into a career we could use later on in life were motivators to enlist."

Their careers have led them through more than a half-dozen deployments, and multiple duty stations for David, but the brothers are still finding time to discuss current and future endeavors with one another.

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## Local Airborne vets mark Battle of the Bulge, celebrate comrade

By Miguel De Santiago | Special to the Fort Bliss Bugle

El Paso's Roy Benavidez-Robert Patterson "All Airborne" chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association paid tribute to the 74th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, the historic World War II battle, and one of their own, World War II combat veteran retired Lt. Col. Robert Chisolm at their memorial lounge last month.

"I'm greatly humbled that my chapter would choose to recognize me and honor me and they're also honoring those that made the supreme sacrifice by losing their lives during this particular conflict," Chisolm said.

The Battle of the Bulge was a last-ditch effort by Germany to stop Allied forces from advancing on the Western Front. Despite Hitler's generals being opposed to his plan, Nazi forces were rolled out on Dec. 16, 1944, and the fighting continued into January 1945.

The battle essentially signaled the end of the Third Reich's military edge. By the end, American forces had retaken ground they had lost and suffered about 75,000 casualties while German forces lost more than 80,000.

Chisolm was involved in the heavy fighting of the Battle of the Bulge and was wounded by a tree exploding in the Ardennes forest in Belgium. He suffered wounds to his neck and left side of his body.

"Unfortunately, my feet froze during the Battle of the Bulge and I'm sitting here and they're still cold, but I'm very grateful and I thank the good Lord that I am here," Chisolm said.

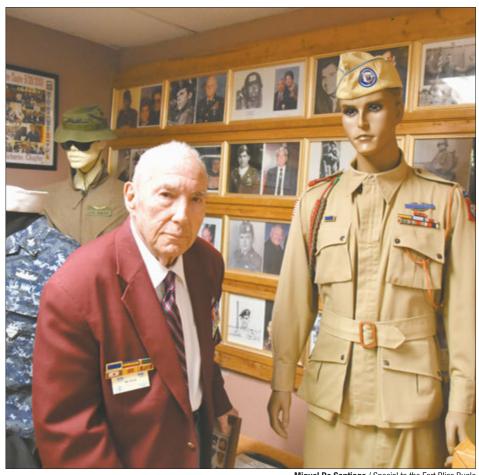
Ironically, as Chisolm bled on the cold ground, it would be the freezing temperatures that cauterized his wounds for the time being until he was found miraculously alive and evacuated to a hospital in France. Eventually, he was brought back to the states to El Paso's William Beaumont Army Medical Center to be treated for wounds, some of which some required plastic surgery.

"The war was over for me," Chisolm said of being sent back to recoup. "That was a fantastic feeling."

Chisolm also experienced battle in Normandy and Holland during WW II and continued his combat service in the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

"That was a major conflict that we were in," Chisolm said about WW II. "We were very fortunate to have had the allies like Britain and France and the others we had and that we won the war, otherwise, all of us today might be speaking German."

World War II combat veteran retired Lt. Col. Robert Chisolm was honored for his service during the Battle of the Bulge on the eve of the battle's anniversary at the Benavidez-Patterson "All Airborne" chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association Dec. 15, 2018.



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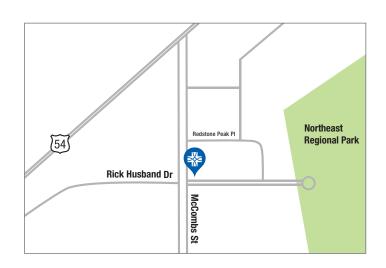


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## After the Christmas tree comes down

By Master Sgt. John Howell | 1st Armored Division

Every year, my sister-in-law hosts the family Christmas get-together at her home. During this time, she not only opens up her home, but she cooks a fabulous meal, buys tons of gifts and loves on everyone who enters with a kindness that you just don't



Master Sqt.

see much of today. During the holiday season, many Americans travel thousands of miles, spend a tremendous amount of money on gifts and show kindness to friends and family members for about 24 to 36 hours. After a few days, we get back into our cars or catch

our flights to head back to our corners of the world, only to return back to our routines and busy lives. My question is this: Why do we grow cold after the tree comes down? What if it were possible to display the love, compassion and kindness we show for a few days in December year-round? The Bible tells us in Colossians 3:14 - "And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

My sister-in-law is a sweet and beautiful woman with a gentle soul. She has shown me that this objective is truly achievable. As her sister follows me around the world in the military, her kindness never waivers - not even in the month of January, long after the tree has been taken down. Her kind spirit is not tied to a holiday or a mark on the calendar, because she reaches out to my wife every morning at 0630 just to talk. There's no real requirement at this point – no holiday, no mandatory family time, just a kind heart who wants to stay connected. My sister-inlaw calls my wife every morning on her way to work – just because – and this simple act of kindness melts my heart every time. It is

easy for us to show kindness during the holidays, even to those family members who test our patience at times. It seems that acts of random kindness are becoming less and less appealing nowadays, that we are too quick to add up the cost of performing them. My sister-in-law does not have to go all out every year, but she does so out of kindness to her family and strangers. She asks for nothing in return, she knows the costs, and yet every year she loves on us with a genuine desire just to do so. We must get back to caring for people and showing kindness throughout the year - even after the tree comes down.

I have been a man of faith for only a few years, and there is one thing I have found to be a truth in my life. I believe the holier I become, the more I mourn over the unholiness which remains. Once I became a man of faith, it was like I had poor vision and put on a pair of glasses for the first time. I now see why our Army chaplains are so desperately trying to reach Soldiers and their families. Our country is becoming so quick to judge, be offended, attack in retaliation, and stay in our corners as if this life is some prize fight and we revert back to our corners between rounds. Before I became a man of faith, I knew instantly how to respond to an attack, judgment or being offended. I was hardwired to always be ready to defend myself at all costs. There is one thing, however, that I did not know how to respond to during my first church visit - kindness. I had no clue on how to respond to these people who were genuinely kind to me. My first thought was, "Is this real? What do they want in return?" I soon came to the realization they wanted nothing in return - that they were just shining their lights in my dark world. This is the same for my sister-in-law. She wants nothing in return. There is no catch - no owed favor in the future – just a genuine act of kindness



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from the heart. As our family tradition goes

on year after year, my sister-in-law never

grows tired or dreads the upcoming season.

She makes this kindness and love thing look

so easy. The Bible tells us in 2 Thessalonians

3:13 - "As for you, brothers, do not grow

weary in doing good." I guess you can say

my sister-in-law has mastered this Biblical

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"I should have taken that job," or "I should have bought that car," but that they now re-

gret not mending broken relationships all those years ago. Even those family members who test our patience deserve our love, for the Bible tells us in Ephesians 4:2, "With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love." Take heed to these words and be kind to each other yearround, because we don't always get second chances. I challenge all who read this column to continue to be kind, generous and show love long after the tree comes down.



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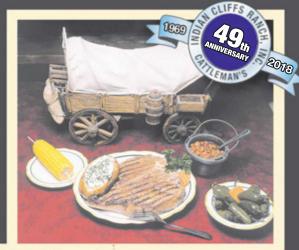
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# Why we love airport meltdowns

By Lisa Smith Molinari

Last week, TV networks aired a viral video of an airline customer melting down. These videos surface every few months - a woman's tirade over a \$20 baggage fee in Memphis, an irate doctor's dramatic arrest in Orlando, a Spirit passenger ranting in the aisle after her plane was diverted, and a mother losing her cool after her family's flight to catch

a Disney cruise was delayed 12 hours. Last week's viral video featured a woman body-slamming the gate kiosk after her Jet Blue flight was cancelled, screaming, "Get me out of this ... place, you rapist!"

Why do we have a sick fascination with watching seemingly normal citizens lose control? I figure, we must secretly enjoy seeing irate customers berating airline employees for the delays, cancellations and exorbitant costs we've all experienced. Hasn't everyone on the planet been frustrated with air travel?

And now, as rumors circulate about longer TSA lines due to the government shutdown, thumbs are hovering over cell phone record buttons as air travel causes more customers to unexpectedly reach the end of their ropes.

My last flight was pretty standard, with the requisite number of aggravations now expected of air travel. Providence to Pittsburgh – a veritable hop, skip and jump in the whole grand scheme of things. But distance traveled is not equally proportional to the level of inconvenience experienced at the airport facility. In other words, no matter where I fly, I know it will be a goat rope.

It started at the TSA lines, where I stared clumsily at the same 20 people every time we zig-zagged past each other toward security screening. Thirty minutes later, I'd formed a silent kinship with them. In the microcosm of airport society, they were my friends. At the end of the line, I bid them adieu and nervously moved to the next, intimidating step: TSA check-in.

The seemingly soulless TSA agent looked from my documentation to my face to my ID, making me feel like a fugitive wanted for heinous crimes. I feared that TSA German shepherds might sense my natural guilt complex and attack, but somehow, I passed and was directed to the security screening conveyor belts.

Nothing says humility like a TSA security screening line. Ev-

> eryone tried to act nonchalant as we fumbled for grey plastic bins. We wanted to appear to be a savvy travelers, but all were uneasy with the indignity of the process. I scrambled to remember the complicated rules: Do I remove my jacket in addition to my shoes and belt? If my laptop has to be in a bin by itself, does my phone get its own bin too? Will that packet of ketchup in my purse be flagged as liquid? Will the screener think my hairdryer

> I stood, legs spread and arms over my head, in the futuristic metal detector as an exhaled puff blew my hair into the air. The lady behind me was selected for a random pat-down. I tried not to gawk. We retrieved our bins, and as my comrades and I put our shoes and belts back on, I felt like we'd had an awkward one-night stand.

> I stopped to get a cup of coffee on my way to my gate, but the Dunkin' Donuts line was longer than the one at TSA. Turns out, I had plenty of time. My flight was delayed two hours due to a flight attendant calling in sick at the last minute.

> The large latte soon hit my bladder and I went in search of restrooms. Heeding the prohibition against leaving bags unattended, I muscled my wheeled carry on into the stall, only to realize that I'd dipped the sleeve of my jacket into the toilet in the process.

> Thanks to a calming 1980's mix emanating from invisible speakers in the terminal, broadcasting obscure oldies like "I Wanna Be A Cowboy," and "Sidewalk Talk," I made it to Pittsburgh that day without losing my cool. However, long hours of confusion, inconvenience, boredom and frustration will inevitably bring even the sanest of us to the

> So expect air travel to be a hassle, and always keep your camera charged.



## NEWS YOU CAN USE

# HVIs and your household goods move

By Pamela Campbell | Fort Bliss Claims Office

When a Soldier and the Soldier's family members move from one military location to another duty assignment, movement of household goods are part of the move. What Soldiers and family members may not know is there are two types of inventories that can accompany the move.

The first inventory sheet is the standard inventory of the normal, everyday household goods such as pots, pans, kitchenware, bedroom furniture and living room furniture.

The second inventory sheet is known as the "High-Dollar Value Inventory," or HVI. The HVI sheet is for items that a Soldier and his family consider to be very important and have a value of more than \$100. A list of these items would include, among other things, TVs, computers, cameras or photography equipment, DVD sets that cost over \$100 and musical instruments.

If there are antique items that will be moved and the Soldier claims these items as antiques, there are some steps to follow.

To prove these items are indeed antiques, it is advisable that the military member have these items appraised and annotated by an authentic antique dealer prior to the move. Make sure to have these items listed on the HVI. Without proof of authentication, the military member may not receive proper reimbursement if these items end up damaged or missing

Once the household goods are received at their destination, it is important for the military member or their family members to actually unpack all items on the HVI, inspect all items, and make sure they are in good shape and not damaged prior to signing for receipt of these items. If there is notable damage or any high-value goods are missing, make sure to annotate these items on the DOD Notification of Loss or Damage at Delivery form (Form 1850).

Problems often arise when movers deliver the household goods. The Transportation Service Provider's agent gives the military member or the family member a stack of documents at the end of the delivery, one of which is the HVI. The agents ask the military member or family member to sign all of the documents. The HVI that the Soldier or family member is asked to sign says on its face that the person who has received the household goods and the TSP's agent have identified all the items on the HVI, they have opened the boxes that contained the HVI items, and have confirmed that the HVI items have been delivered.

Once the military member or their family member has signed the HVI, they cannot later claim that the HVI items are missing. The Soldier or the family member needs to insist that the TSP agent goes through the HVI shipment item one by one prior to signing any documents. If the agent refuses to do so, the Soldier or family member should refuse to sign the HVI. The military sponsor or family member does not have to sign every document given to them by a TSP's agent at the time of delivery, especially a document that states an untruth. Should the military sponsor or family member sign the HVI and subsequently find out that one or more of the HVI items is missing, they will not be paid for the item by the TSP. The Military Claims Office also will not pay for the missing HVI items when the claimant has signed and initialed the HVI, unless they have a good explanation for why they signed the HVI without actually seeing the items at the time of delivery.

On a final note, the claimant can always file a claim for damage to an item on the HVI, whether they signed the HVI or not. Bottom line, if the military family suffers loss or damage to their personal property during a household goods shipment, they have the right to file a claim for compensation

As of July 5, 2016, all personnel claims are handled out of Fort Knox, Kentucky. These claims include household goods shipments, privately owned vehicle shipments and claims incident to service. For further questions or assistance, call the Fort Knox Claims Office at (502) 626-3000.







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## **Sports Briefs**

El Paso Puzzler bike race: Mountain bike races of 15, 35 and 50 miles offered. Hosted by the Border Mountain Bike Association. The 12th annual endurance mountain bike race is 8 a.m. Sunday at the Bowen Ranch's Round House, 2.6 miles north of US 54 on Martin Luther King Jr. (FM 3255). Cost: \$70 for 15 miles; \$75 for 35-miles; \$80 for 50-miles. newmexicosportsonline.com, 433-1752 or elpasopuzzler.com

Fort Bliss Half Marathon: Participate in the Half Marathon and 5K run at Fort Bliss at 7:30 a.m. Jan. 26. Registration is open now until day of the event. Registration is required and can be done by Sunday at the Soto, Stout, Milam physical fitness centers or by Wednesday online at raceroster.com. Children, ages 10-15, who want to participate must have parent or guardian sign a waiver form. Children 9 and younger can participate with a participating parent/guardian. Late registration and packet pick-up will be at Soto PFC Jan. 25. Open to all. Cost: \$15 for active duty/retirees; \$40 for all others; 5K is \$15 for everyone. 744-5785

GRIT Games: You can't go anywhere fast if you don't know where you are going. Take advantage of GRIT games, an eight-week training program, to increase your fitness level or to get back in the game. The program starts Saturday and will run through March 15. Registration deadline is Tuesday. Cost: \$199.744-5790

Family Day at the Wall: How's the view from the top? Find out during Family Day at the Wall. The Soldier Activity Center is normally open to guests ages 18 and older, but on Family Day, the wall is open to all climbers age 6 and older. Climbing is available on a first-come, first-served basis from noon-6 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. The Soldier Activity Center is located at 20732 Constitution Ave. on Central Fort Bliss. 744-1532

Tennis Scramble: The Tennis Scramble is on the last Wednesday of every month. There is a \$5 fee for non-identification card holders and is free for DOD identification cardholders. The scrambles are held at the Tennis Club, 262 Club Road.

Group tennis class for beginners: Group tennis class for beginners is from 8:30-10 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday at Building 262 on Club Road on Fort Bliss. It is a social and fun class. If you've never played tennis before it is a great way to learn about the sport. Tennis rackets will be provided. 569-5448

POUND: Are you guys ready to sweat, sculpt and rock with POUND? Using Ripstix, lightly weighted drumsticks engineered specifically for exercising, POUND transforms drumming into an incredibly effective way of working out in this exhilarating full-body workout that combines cardio, conditioning and strength training with yoga and Pilates-inspired movements. Cost: \$3 per class or \$35 for unlimited monthly pass. 744-5800

Indoor Cycling: Get back on the bike and push your endurance at Indoor Cycling. Classes are held at the Joshua W. Soto and Mitchell W. Stout Physical Fitness Centers. Cost: \$3 or \$35 unlimited monthly pass. Group Fitness classes between 6:30-7:30 a.m. are free for active-duty Soldiers in PT uniform. 744-5800

Iron Divas: This well-rounded class is designed to improve muscular strength and endurance. Classes are held at the Joshua W. Soto and Mitchell W. Stout Physical Fitness Centers. Cost: \$3 or \$35 unlimited monthly pass. 744-5800

Body Pump: The original Les Mills barbell class will sculpt. tone and strengthen your entire body fast. Focusing on low weight loads and high repetition movements, you'll burn fat, gain strength and quickly produce lean body muscle. Class are held at the Soto and Stout PFCs. Cost: \$3 or \$35 unlimited monthly pass. 744-5790

Deep Water: Get ready for Group Fitness' newest class, Deep Water. Using a flotation belt, deep water exercisers will jog, sprint in intervals, wall walk or do a variety of multidimensional movements, including cross country skiing, long-levered kicks, twists and jumping jacks. Classes are held at the Aquatic Training Center. Cost: \$3 per class or \$35 for unlimited monthly pass. 744-5800

Aquafloat: Aquafloat is changing is location to Replica Aquatic Center for Monday's class from 5:15-6:15 p.m. Don't worry, there will still be classes at the Aquatics Training Center Thursdays from 9-9:30 a.m. 744-5800

Texas Basic Hunters Education Class: Are you interested about learning how to hunt? If so, head over to Rod and Gun Club on the second Saturday of every month from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This Texas Basic Hunter Education Course is a six-hour classroom taught by a Texas Parks & Wildlife-certified instructor. Cost: \$15. Registration required. Open to the public.

Early Bird Golf: Swing by Underwood Golf Complex for Early Bird Golf. Play nine holes Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. -9 a.m. for \$15, price includes cart rental.

## #HEALTHFOCUS



Spc. Malcolm Montgomery, his wife Latoya and his son Malcolm X. Montgomery, Jr. are all smiles after a family outing.

# 'You can do it and you will make it' Soldier, cancer survivor started treatment in Sun City

By U.S. Army Warrior Care and Transition

ARLINGTON, Va. - U.S. Army Spc. Malcolm Montgomery had a lot to be thankful for this holiday season. It's been seven months and one day since he told cancer to "kick rocks." Montgomery was diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukemia, and he faced this challenge head on.

"When I first received my news that I had cancer, I didn't cry or give up. I smiled and said this is just all a part of my testimony," Montgomery said.

On Aug. 17, 2017, Montgomery's day began with a scheduled Army Physical Fitness Test. A short time later, his life took a different turn. He recalls telling his chain of command he wasn't feeling well and waiting for assistance. Soon after, he found himself on the way to a hospital.

"I passed out and woke up in the back of an ambulance. It was horrifying and weird because I was never someone who was sick often, or even injured," Montgomery said. The fact that he had cancer wasn't just taking a toll on his body, but his mind as well.

"You're scared. You're used to fighting for your country, but now you're fighting for your life. The military was there for me all the

Montgomery received treatment in El Paso, but was then able to move closer to family in his native Columbia, South Carolina.

"My strength came from my grandmother. When I returned to Columbia, she drove me to treatments every single day and stayed with me the entire time. My wife was in New York and also came to visit me while I was in El Paso and she came home to Columbia, to be with me."

Montgomery's mother, father, brothers and sister were there every step of the way as well. They brought him food and would do anything to make him smile.

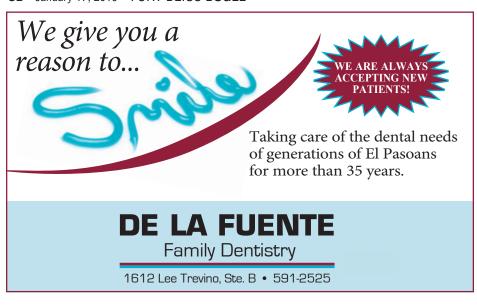
"My family support is remarkable. The love they give me is so uplifting," Montgomery said.

On May 9, 2018, Montgomery received his last chemotherapy treatment. The hospital staff had a surprise for him. They gathered outside his hospital room and sang a rousing rendition of "pack your bags and take a hike because the end of treatment is what we like." Montgomery, was overcome with emotion as he rang the bell that symbolized the end of chemotherapy. The video of him ringing the bell has since gone viral on the internet.

"May ninth was a day like no other. I have not had the jitters like that since the day my son was born," Montgomery said. "The moment I went to ring the bell it was hard, it was like can this really be true? Is it finally over? But when I rang that bell I felt like I got my life back. I no longer had the chains of cancer on me and broke free. I felt in that moment, that every moment after May 9, 2018 was my moment and that I will capture and take advantage of every one of them.'

As Montgomery continues to monitor his health, he says he doesn't see cancer as a curse, but as a blessing he counts every day.

"This is just the beginning of a great testimony. Life throws different obstacles in our way, some big, and some small, but through Jesus Christ I was able to conquer them all. To my fellow Soldiers, you are a Soldier and that is not just with the military, but that's with anything in life. No matter the situation, you can do it and you will



# OFF DUTY DUTY

Off Duty is a compilation of military-affiliated information and events focused on the Soldier, their family members and veterans. Information should be 100 words or fewer and contain no editorializing. An informational brief that is not time-specific will not run for more than four weeks. Submissions are due no later than Friday for publication in the following week's paper. To learn more, call 568-4088.

## **Bliss Briefs**

**Tax Center opening:** The Fort Bliss Tax Center will open Tuesday, but will be answering the phones and booking times starting tomorrow. The center will be open Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturdays and training holidays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 2910 Cassidy Road. 568-1040

Center Chapel 1 closed for repairs, services moved: Due to necessary construction and repairs, the Traditional worship service at Center Chapel 1 (no change in time) is now at the neighboring Sage Hall until May 1. 568-

Fort Bliss traffic advisory: The intersection of Torch Street and Rifleman Tank Trail will be under construction until Feb. 2 to replace concrete. The intersection will remain open. Traffic will be reduced one lane each direction. The lanes will shift after the completion of each side. For official information, contact USACE at 568-9713.

WSMR Bataan March discounts end Feb.
12: Register for the 2019 Bataan Memorial
Death March before the registration rates change
to last-minute rates Feb. 12. Event registration
ends March 3. Cost: \$110, \$500. http://bataanmarch.com

McGregor/FBTX ammo point closings: The McGregor Range/FBTX Ammunition Supply point will be closed March 18-22; June 17-21; and Sept. 16-20. Issue documents can be submitted through TAMIS during the closures. 569-

Attention new command spouses: The Spouse Leadership Development Course is a new 40-hour course run by the Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Center of Excellence and U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. It will offer an introduction to a number of extremely important topics for those spouses who are entering into a command team at the battalion level. Lessons cover a wide range of topics from protocol and etiquette, American Red Cross, Army Emergency Relief and public speaking. The first class will start in April. Contact Michelle Mebane at 744-1201

**Bible study:** Fort Bliss post-wide Bible study takes place every Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at Bldg. 449-451, Pershing Road. Free dinner from 5:30 p.m. Childcare provided. 568-4334

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**'Cook the book' at Mickelsen:** Do you love browsing through cookbooks and trying new recipes? Do you enjoy sampling and sharing new dishes? Then grab your apron and sign up for this book club. We pick the cookbook, you select and make the recipe from that cookbook, then we all get together to share the finished products. Open to DOD ID cardholders. Registration required (at Mickelsen). 568-1902

Acrylic Painting Master Class: Want to learn how to paint in acrylics? This is your chance. During this three-month journey, you'll learn techniques and many tips of acrylic painting from some of El Paso's finest artists. Join the class now through March 23 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Art & Hobby Shop. Cost: \$25 per person, per class, it includes instruction and materials. It's open to DOD ID cardholders. 568-5563

New Year, New You: Want to get your ar-

tistic mojo back? Join the Art & Hobby Shop Wednesday 5-7 p.m. for "New Year, New You." Try your hand in some mixed media fun and feel free to bring your own mixed media art journal to chronicle your artistic self-discoveries. Open to DOD ID cardholders and their family members 15 and older. Cost: \$5, including most materials.

**Right Arm Night at Pershing Pub:** Right Arm Night is a great way to unwind after a long week with free appetizers, drink specials and giveaways. Come join the fun Jan. 25 from 4-9 p.m. at the Pershing Pub. 781-6809

**Ski Apache:** Want to go skiing this winter? Let Outdoor Recreation help make it easy by taking a trip to Ski Apache, N.M., Jan. 26. Cost: \$95 for Soldiers; \$110 for civilians, and it includes lift tickets and transportation. It's open to the public, 14 and older. 744-1532

**Unit Book Kits:** Are you part of a unit who is going into the field or deploying soon? If so, stop by the Mickelsen Community Library and pick up book kits for free. The book kits contain a selection of popular fiction and non-fiction paperback items. 568-1902

**Pershing Pub:** The Pershing Pub is a great place to gather at the end of a long week. Open every Friday at 4 p.m. (except training holidays). Come enjoy weekly drink specials and free snacks. 568-6272

**Auto Crafts Do-It-Yourself Safety Orientation:** Auto Craft Center offers safety orientation classes Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. This is a mandatory safety orientation for use of the facility for automotive do-it-yourself projects. It is open to DoD ID cardholders only. 568-7280

**Kick it at the Monti Warrior Zone:** The Monti Warrior Zone is open Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fridays from 10 a.m.-midnight; Saturdays from noon-midnight and Sundays from noon-10 p.m. There's lots to do with a fully stocked bar and snack bar, six pool tables, two mini-bowling lanes, Alienware, Playstation/Xbox gaming center, outdoor basketball, sand volleyball and more. It's open to the public, ages 18 and older only. 741-3000

## Go Youth

**SKIESUnlimited:** SkiesUnlimited offers a variety of fun and educational programs geared for children of all ages and talent levels. Music classes like piano, voice, guitar and drums are available. SKIES also has a variety of art, sports, driver's training and babysitting courses. All students must be currently enrolled with CYS Services Parent Central. Call 568-4374 to set up an appointment. www.bliss.armymwr.com or 568-5544

**Story Time:** It's Story Time! Stop by the Mickelsen Library every Tuesday from 10:15-11 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m. as children ages 2 to 5 listen to stories read aloud. There will also be crafts, activities and refreshments available. Start children on the road to literacy. 568-6156

**School Age Book Club:** The School Age Book Club is designated for children ages 7-12. A staff member will read for part of the time and the children will read aloud as well from 4-5 p.m. every Wednesday at Mickelsen Library. Activities and projects are completed at home, returned and shared at subsequent meetings. Occasional refreshments are provided as well. 568-6156

**Child Range Orientation class:** This is a one-hour child firearm safety course required for children ages 6-17 to accompany parents or guardians at Rod and Gun Club live fire ranges. All children MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian. It is open to the public. 568-5426

Babysitting Course: Do you have a teen who wants to earn some extra money? Then, make sure they take advantage of the SKIESUnlimited Babysitting Course. This babysitting curriculum is designed to help middle school and teenage youth learn what it takes to be a responsible, caring, trustworthy and competent babysitter. Students will receive first aid and CPR training on a Saturday. They will learn about child development, nutrition and the business of babysitting. Students will get ideas about how to entertain children and some tools of the trade. The course is open to children ages 12 and older and costs





\$10. Registration is required and can be done at SKIESUnlimited. 568-5544

**Teen Basic Automotive Maintenance Class:** SKIESUnlimited will be hosting this event every second Saturday of the month. Students with their driver's licenses or permits will learn basics such as changing the oil to replacing a tire and more. When the class is completed, students will receive a safety card to work at Auto Crafts. Cost: \$25. Registration required and can be done at SKIESUnlimited. All students, ages 15 and older, must be enrolled with Child Youth Services before registering for any SKIESUnlimited class. 568-5544

**You Made the Grade:** Fort Bliss students who excel in the classroom have a chance to receive \$5 Exchange gift cards every grading period during the 2018-19 school year and can enter a worldwide sweepstakes for a chance to win a \$2,000, \$1,500 or \$500 Exchange gift card. Students can send completed forms to: You Made the Grade, P.O. Box 227398, Dallas, TX 75222-7398.

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MLK Jr. Food Drive: The annual citywide ef-

fort to restock area food pantries is underway through Tuesday. Canned and other nonperishable food items can be dropped off at various locations throughout town, including any public library branch. The food will then be collected, sorted and distributed among agencies serving the less fortunate. 212-3201 or elpasolibrary.org **Days of Remembrance Bridal, Quince and Sweet 16 Expo:** The 29th annual event is 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday at the El Paso Convention Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza. The event will have more than 120 vendors with wedding gowns, quinceañera and sweet 16 dresses, ball-rooms, photographers, tuxedos, florists, jewelers, skincare, eye care, DJs, bakers and more. Samples and giveaways offered. Cost: \$5; free for children under 12. 740-4349 or elegantpen-

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## Community

UTEP Continuing Education enrolling now: UTEP's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute offers exciting, stimulating courses for adults over 50 years old beginning Jan. 28. Cost: \$70 for the spring term. Extra processing fee for new members is \$25. Registration is now through Friday. Course details at www.olliatutep.edu.

**EP Vets Health Fair:** Join specialists from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso, 9565 Diana Drive, for a community resource fair for veterans 9 a.m.-noon Monday at the El Paso Veterans One-Stop Center. The fair will offer health education, veteran resources, health screening, free items and more.

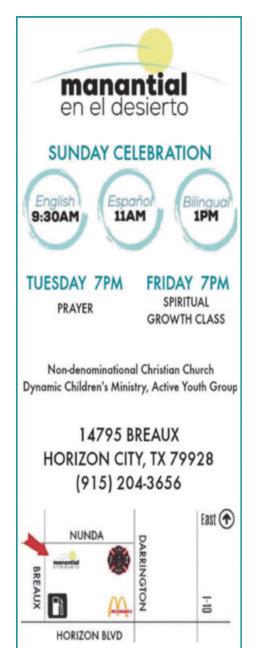
El Paso Choral Society performance: The El Paso Choral Society will present a heartwarming one-act opera with costumes, set, choir, dancers and soloists at the First Baptist Church, 805 Montana, Jan. 26, at 7:30 p.m. Amahl, a shepherd boy, attempts to tell his mother about an unusual star that he has seen outside. Through his generosity and selflessness, all become witness to a miracle. Cost: \$25, \$10. Tickets and information at www.epchoralsociety.org, epchoirs@gmail.com and 259-4999

**Auditions Verdi Requiem:** Do you love to sing? Audition to join the El Paso Choral Society on the Abraham Chavez Theatre stage for the Verdi Requiem March 23, with professional orchestra and soloists. Rehearsals will be on Mondays 7-9:30pm beginning Jan. 28. Call 833-0263 or visit www.epchoralsociety.org.

**Hampton University Alumni Round Up:** The El Paso Alumni Chapter has monthly meetings held at noon in various locations close to Fort Bliss. For more information contact Warren E. Brown at 241-4672.

**Purple Heart recipients sought:** The Military Order of the Purple Heart El Paso Chapter 393 meets the first Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. at the 82nd Airborne Memorabilia Museum, 2608 Fort Blvd. Transitioning from the battlefield to the home front has never been more difficult, and volunteers make a difference in the lives of our men and women in uniform, yesterday, today and tomorrow. Stand with the MOPH Chapter 393 and honor the sacrifice of American veterans by continued commitment. Facebook @ MOPHChapter393

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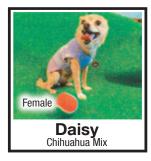


















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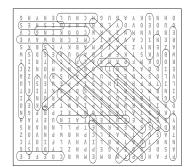
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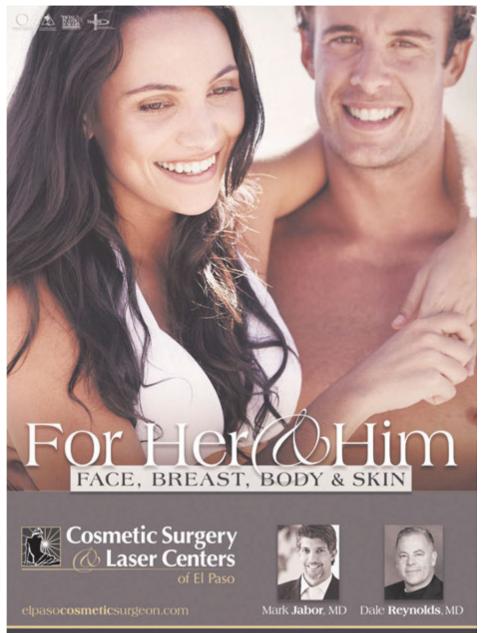
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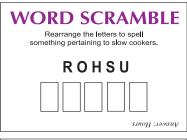
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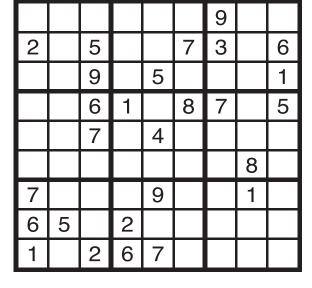


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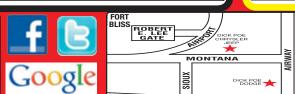
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