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U.S. continues to deploy, reposition troops in Middle East, Esper says

By Terri Moon Cronk
DOD News

The United States continues to deploy and reposition troops throughout the region of Iraq and Iran to bolster U.S. security and force protection and to be prepared for any contingency, Defense Secretary Dr. Mark T. Esper said.

“Over the last several days, I’ve had many conversations with our partners and allies about the situation in Iraq and the region,” the secretary told reporters at an impromptu Pentagon news conference Monday.

“It’s been uniform support for our position and our actions, and I continue to convey to them the importance we continue to place on the defeat-ISIS position,” Esper said of the U.S. drone attack that killed Gen. Qassem Soleimani, the head of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps’ elite Quds Force, one of the most powerful figures in the region.

Deterring Iran from its bad behavior and standing up to that behavior has been going on for 40-plus years, the secretary added.

“And ... we remain prepared for any contingency with regard to Iran,” he said.

The U.S. message is that the ball is in Iran’s court, and the United States encourages Iran to de-escalate the situation, Esper said, adding that the United States is open to discussing issues and having a more normal relationship with Iran.



U.S. MARINE CORPS PHOTO BY SGT. KYLE C. TALBOT

A U.S. Marine with 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, assigned to the Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Central Command 19.2, stands post during the reinforcement of the Baghdad Embassy Compound in Iraq, Saturday. The SPMAGTF-CR-CC is a quick reaction force, prepared to deploy a variety of capabilities across the region.

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See something, say something is everyone’s responsibility

By Catrina Francis
Pentagram Editor

See something, say something has become a recognizable phrase that’s often uttered by those who work for the Department of Defense. But, it’s more than a phrase, it should become a way of life for those who live and work on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall or the National Capital Region.

“If it doesn’t feel right, it’s better to be safe than sorry,” said Malanya Westmoreland, JBM-HH emergency management specialist. “If you see someone acting suspiciously, taking pictures outside places they shouldn’t be taking pictures . taking pictures to access entries to the installation (or) how the installation is vetting personnel coming (say something). If I see something out of the ordinary, let the security person at the gate know. Tell them, ‘hey, I saw this I’m not sure what’s going on, you might want to investigate, check it out.’ Give them the five Ws.”

Although things have changed in certain parts of the world, it has been business as usual on JBM-HH. One change has been access and who has to show identification to gain access to the base. When entering the base, everyone 16

years and older must show a DOD ID card. If the driver or passenger do not have one he or she will be referred to the JBM-HH Visitors Center and will have to go through the search lane, said Westmoreland.

When a person goes to the Visitors Center, they show their ID and are usually given a pass and they must disclose their purpose for coming on the installation, said Westmoreland.

“For example, contractors who don’t have a DOD ID will go to the Visitors Center to be vetted,” she said.

Although extra security has been added, Westmoreland pointed out that it’s vital that everyone on base remain vigilant.

She said that everyone should be mindful of making sure their ID card isn’t visible because that can make them become a target.

“Be mindful with your ID when you leave the installation going to lunch,” she said about Soldiers and DOD employees. “(Secure) your ID, you never know who’s watching you.”

When Soldiers or DA civilians are on or off the base, Westmoreland said they should also practice operational security and not talk about what’s going on at work or about where they work.

OPSEC OPERATIONS SECURITY

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If you talk about where they are going they may never make it there!

“If we see someone who is not exercising those attributes of OPSEC we have to remind them about OPSEC,” Westmoreland said.

She added that everyone should be aware of false information on social media. Westmoreland said it’s important for individuals to conduct research and compare news from different outlets for validity because a lot of people have been phishing for information.

“Monitor your organizational

social media platforms for any derogatory or threatening language related to the current situation that was/is directed at NCR units, bases, facilities or personnel -military or civilian,” said Vihn Cayton, the JBM-HH antiterrorism officer.

Although it might seem to be cliché, everyone has a role to play in OPSEC — so please, if “you see something, say something.”

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Chaplain's Corner

Faithful Stewards of God

By Chaplain (Maj.) Bryant Casteel
JBM-HH Family Life Program Chaplain

In life, God gives us manifold gifts. These can come in many forms. Some people are given exceptional talents and abilities that allow them to be very successful in numerous areas of life. Others are provided wealth and other material possessions with, which they are able to accomplish much. Yet still, some are given the gift of relationships. In all of these are the potential for growth. That is, God expects us to invest the natural gifts and talents that he has given us to produce a return that is greater than what he initially has given us.

Because of this, it is important that we recognize that every good gift comes from the Lord, and we must choose how to use these gifts wisely in his service (James 1:17). It is a good idea to often reflect on the gifts and talents that he has given us so that we can choose actions and vocations that will be beneficial to others and to God's kingdom. Just as the faithful servants in the parable of the talents made excellent use of the master's deposit, so too should we seek to be faithful stewards of what God has entrusted to us.

Action:
1. Assess:
• It is always important that we reflect often on the many gifts and blessings that God has given us. As you evaluate your gifts, it is important to ask yourself how you can best utilize them

to build one another up to the glory of God. It is good to recognize that God only asks that we are faithful in whatever path that we choose, so long as this path does not cause others to stumble.

2. Plan:
• Often, determining how to invest our blessings will take careful planning to develop into a good steward or choosing the best vocation. For instance, one who is by nature quiet and reserved will likely not make the greatest salesperson or orator. Likewise, one who is outgoing might make a poor accountant. Choosing the wrong vocation may also damage our relationships with our families, friends and co-workers. Just as the faithful servants planned their course of action, we too should follow their example.

3. Trust the Lord:
• To be sure, there is an element of trust and faith that go into becoming good stewards of the richness that God has given us. The wicked servant did not believe that God was looking over him, and was stingy with what he has been given. Therefore, we should trust that God will give us back in abundance whatever we give in his name — even if we cannot see it from our perspective.



Chapel services

Religious services will be held at Memorial Chapel at the below times.

Catholic
Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.,
Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.
Protestant
7:45 and 10:30 a.m. (Sunday)
Gospel service
noon (Sunday)
Samoa service
2:30 p.m. (Sunday)

14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents:

behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy

talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

— Matthew 25:14-30 (KJV)

ACS Corner

All courses below are in the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Army Community Service classroom, 202 Custer Rd. (Bldg.201), Fort Myer, VA 22211.

For more information on any course or to register, please call (703) 696-3512.

Registration is required. Army Community Service is open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Conflict resolution

On Jan. 23 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., individuals will learn how to identify conflict and ways to manage it in the future during the conflict resolution course.

Helping children manage anger

On Jan. 30 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., participants will receive tips on how to recognize triggers that impact a child's ability to manage anger.

Anger management toolkit

This in-depth five session curriculum Tuesdays through Feb. 4 was designed to help individuals learn coping skills when they feel overwhelmed



and frustrated. The 9:30 to 11 a.m. course explores the physiology of anger and how to express concerns in respectful ways. Topics include triggers, coping, assertive communication and self-care.

Parenting with love, logic

On Thursday and Jan. 16 learn simple yet effective

strategies for parenting children up to young adulthood.

Anger Management 101

On Jan. 31, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., individuals will receive guidance on emotions management and the impact of unmanaged anger, as well as the basics of identifying stressors in their life and how to create their own anger management plan. Registration is required.

Happening at Henderson Hall

New Parents Support play morning

Join the JBM-HH New Parent Support Programs for play morning every Thursday during the school year from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Henderson Hall Chapel (adjacent to Navy Mutual Aid Association).

Play morning is open to parents with children ages newborn to 5 years old and includes a period of free play, followed by songs and stories. For more information, call (703) 614-7204 or (703) 696-3512.

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U.S. Soldiers provide armed overwatch at the U.S. Embassy Compound in Baghdad, Iraq, Jan. 1.

PHOTO BY BRITISH LT. COL. ADRIAN WEALE

Esper: Iran has ‘big off ramp’ to avoid further conflict

By C. Todd Lopez
DOD News

The United States does not want a war with Iran, and it’s not leaving Iraq, Defense Secretary Dr. Mark T. Esper said.

“As we defend our people and interests, let me reiterate, the U.S. is not seeking a war with Iran,” Esper said during a Pentagon news conference Tuesday. “But we are prepared to finish one. We are seeking a diplomatic solution. But first this will require Iran to de-escalate. It will require the regime to come to the table with the goal of preventing further bloodshed. And it will require them to cease their malign activities throughout the region.”

There’s a clear-cut way to avoid further conflict between the two nations, the secretary told reporters.

“There is a big off ramp sitting in front of Tehran right now,” Esper said. “That is to de-escalate, to message us that they want to sit down and talk — without precondition, by the way — to the U.S. about a better way forward, about a way forward which would constitute a new mode of behavior by Iran where they behave more like a normal country.”

Tensions have flared since the United States launched an airstrike in Iraq that killed

Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani, the head of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps’ Quds Force.

Esper said the protection of American personnel and partners remains a top priority of the DOD, as does maintaining readiness to conduct operations to respond to Iranian aggression.

“Since the strike, I have spoken with the commanders on the ground to ensure they have the resources they need to protect their people and prepare for any contingencies,” Esper said. “As a result, we have increased our force protection postures across the region and will continue to reposition and bolster our forces as necessary to protect our people, our interests and our facilities.”

Within Iraq, Esper said, the risk of retaliation by Iran has not deterred continuing U.S. efforts to secure the enduring defeat of ISIS.

“We have received widespread support for our actions from our allies and partners in the region, and we will continue to work with them to protect our gains against ISIS,” he said. “I have been in constant communication with our counterparts, and I’ve called upon them to stand with us in the defense of coalition forces in Iraq. Working through NATO, the defeat-ISIS coalition,



Defense Secretary Dr. Mark T. Esper speaks to reporters at the Pentagon Tuesday.

PHOTO BY ARMY STAFF SGT. BRANDY N. MEJIA

and with our partners on the ground, we continue to bolster Iraqi institutions to ensure the lasting defeat of ISIS.”

The secretary also told reporters the United States is not leaving Iraq, “Our policy is unchanged,” he said. “We are not leaving Iraq. We are

in Iraq, and we are there to support Iraqi forces and the Iraqi government [to] become a strong, independent and prosperous country.”

JBM-HH Tax Center to open Feb. 3

By JBM-HH Tax Center

The anticipated opening date for the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Tax Center is Feb. 3, subject to change.

The JBM-HH Tax Center will be available for simple tax returns on the second floor of Bldg. 205, 101 Bloxon St., Fort Myer, Virginia. Operated by the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, the JBM-HH Tax Center will serve active duty service members, their authorized dependents and retirees.

Please be aware that the 2020 JBM-HH Tax Center will operate differently from years past. The Tax Center will begin preparing taxes Feb. 3 for active duty service members and their authorized dependents only. It will

open to retirees Feb. 18 and continue to serve all aforementioned customers through April 15. The center will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Customers will be seen by appointment only. Unlike years past, the Tax Center will no longer be seeing customers on a walk-in basis. By moving to an appointment only system, the Tax Center hopes to cut down on long wait times and customers making the drive to Fort Myer only to be told they cannot be seen that day. Appointments will be available every day the JBM-HH Tax Center is open. Customers will be able to call and schedule an appointment beginning Feb. 3 at (703) 696-1040. Customers can check the JBM-HH Consolidated Tax Center Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MYERTAXCENTER>

for unexpected changes to opening or closing times.

Please also note that limitations on the types of tax returns that the Tax Center may prepare have changed significantly since years past. Examples of returns that are outside the scope of the JBM-HH Tax Center this tax season include, but are not limited to: more than \$100,000 in combined gross income, more than ten stock transactions, any foreign income or income from private business activities, more than one rental property (active duty only), and returns to be filed in Puerto Rico. Even if individuals have their taxes prepared at the JBM-HH Tax Center in past years, if individuals have any disqualifying tax situations this

year, the Tax Center will be unable to assist them.

Customers must bring their military ID cards, orders to active duty if they are mobilized members of the Guard or Reserve, all income statements, Social security cards for all Family members, employee identification number for day care providers, all documents supporting deductions and credits, copies of their 2018 federal and state returns and, if applicable, a tax power of attorney or IRS Form 2848.

For more information, a complete list of tax situations that are outside the scope of the Tax Center’s services this year and a list of documents to bring to the appointment, please visit the website at https://www.mdwhome.mdw.army.mil/sja_nav/tax-center/tax-center.

Community

Grant Hall open house Feb. 1

By Leah Rubalcaba
JBM-HH Community
Relations Officer

Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall announces its next quarterly public open house of Grant Hall's historic third-floor courtroom, located on the Fort McNair portion of the joint base in southwest Washington D.C., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 1.

The courtroom is the site of the military tribunal, held from May through June 1865, of those thought responsible for the plot to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln.

Members of the public are invited to the public open house, which is free to attend. Guests without a Department of Defense, federal or Automated Installation Entry ID are asked to register in advance. Please go to the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall website at [https://home.army.mil/jbmhh/index.php/teamJBMHH/about/Base/pub-](https://home.army.mil/jbmhh/index.php/teamJBMHH/about/Base/public-affairs/community-relations/grant-hall)

[lic-affairs/community-relations/grant-hall](https://home.army.mil/jbmhh/index.php/teamJBMHH/about/Base/public-affairs/community-relations/grant-hall). Once on the site, click on the link for the open house date an individual chooses to attend. Open the envelope, read the information and click on the "RSVP" button at the bottom of the page to complete the reservation.

If a person's computer server does not allow him or her to access the registration site, please email the reservation to usarmy.jbmhh.asa.list.pao-all@mail.mil. Full names of all attendees are required, as well as a valid telephone or email contact.

The most up-to-date information on base access or closures due to inclement weather or when mission dictates will be updated on JBM-HH's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/jbmhh>. Please note that the February open house will be cancelled if there is snow or sleet.

For additional information, call (703) 696-3283 during normal business hours.



PHOTO BY RACHEL LARUE

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Commissary, Exchange privileges expand

Department of Defense Expanding Access to Military Commissaries, Exchanges and Recreation Facilities

More veterans and caregivers to have eligibility.

By Department of Defense

The Department of Defense is expanding commissary, military exchange and morale, welfare, and recreation retail privileges on U.S. military installations as specified in the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018, included in the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019.

On Jan. 1, access expanded to include all veterans with service-connected disabilities, veterans who are Purple Heart recipients, veterans who are former prisoners of war and individuals approved and designated as the primary family caregivers of eligible veterans under the Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers.

New patrons eligible solely under this authority should be aware that the law requires the Defense Department charge them a small user fee to offset the increased expense incurred by the Department of the Treasury for processing commercial credit or debit cards used for purchases at commissary stores.

The DOD is finalizing the details for these new privileges with the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Homeland Security and the Treasury. Information will be announced soon regarding installation access and the authentication process for these privileges.

To learn more about the commissary, military exchange and MWR expansion, visit <https://download.militaryonesource.mil/12038/MOS/Factsheets/expanding-access-fact-sheet.pdf>.

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“But if Iran chooses to go the other path, we are prepared to deal with that and will respond forcefully,” he said.

No decision whatsoever has been made for the United States to leave Iraq, the secretary said, reemphasizing the U.S. commitment to Iraq to defeat ISIS and noting the escalation of attacks by Iranian and proxy groups attacking U.S. forces. In recent months, the secretary said, nearly a dozen such attacks took place, escalating in size, scale and types of weapons, including one attack that killed an American.

Esper said the Iranians fired 31 rockets that weren’t meant to harass, but were designed to kill people and destroy things.

“Then we had the siege of the embassy,” he added.

He called the strike that killed the Quds Force leader a matter of self-defense carried out to protect Americans.

“When we looked at this operation, we knew there would be consequences; we knew there’d be risks,” said Army Gen. Mark A. Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who joined Esper in briefing reporters. “We didn’t take any of it lightly. We knew we’d have to address (the posture of U.S. Central Command troops) for force protection in the immediate aftermath of this particular strike operation.”

“How do you expect us not to respond when they’ve been killing our people for 20 years?” Esper asked. “Soleimani alone has the blood of hundreds of Americans; he’s wounded thousands of American coalition partners. He is a terrorist, a leader of a terrorist organization who’s been killing and attacking Americans for 20-some years, and the blood is on his hands.”

Soleimani was planning attacks on American forces, Esper said.

“This whole narrative that’s being turned around is silly,” he added.

“We knew his history, and importantly, we knew his future,” Milley said, noting that while the evidence cannot be discussed, the evidence was compelling that Soleimani was planning, organizing and synchronizing significant combat operations against U.S. military forces in



U.S. Marines assigned to Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Central Command 19.2, prepare to deploy from Kuwait in support of a crisis response mission, Dec. 31, 2019. The SPMAGTF-CR-CC is designed to move with speed and precision to support operations throughout the Middle East.

the region and it was an imminent decision-making event.

“We would have been culpably negligent to the American people had we not made the decision we made. But even with Soleimani dead, he said, it doesn’t mean the strike eliminated all threats.

“There’s still significant risk operating throughout the Middle East, and specifically in Iraq,” Milley said.

As to the United States attacking Iran’s cultural sites, U.S. forces will follow the laws of armed conflict, Esper said.

Milley also addressed an unsigned letter from Marine Corps Brig. Gen. William H. Seely, the commanding general of Task Force, Iraq, that was addressed to Iraq’s Defense Ministry. The letter was a draft that was sent out unintentionally and it was composed because the U.S. military is moving forces around, he said.

“We have increased helicopter movement in Iraq between Baghdad and Taji and other camps and stations, and we are bringing in forces from Kuwait,” he explained. “So there are increased levels of U.S. troops movements in rotary-wing helicopters.”

The draft was sent to the Iraqis to get their feedback, Milley said. “The long and the short of it is (that) it was an honest mistake by people trying to do the right things in highly dynamic situations. It should not have been sent.”

Editor’s note: Jim Garamone of DOD News contributed to this report.

Message from The Old Guard

In this new year, we are renewing our focus on our assigned mission to serve here as the guardians of our nation’s capital. This mission has always been a part of The Old Guard and there have been times in our history when this duty became a priority; now is one of those times.

To be successful in this mission requires both effort and time. Our community must remain ready, flexible and patient. Keep in mind that traveling in and around our installations may take a little extra time. Your support is integral to mission success. The best security is a unified and caring community. Your role, in addition to remaining ready, patient and flexible is if you see something, say something.

As we continue into this year, the hallmarks that have always made us a strong community are just as relevant. Our commitment to excellence and to honoring all our obligations remains unchanged. Together we can achieve a safe environment for us all as we guard our nation’s capital.

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We want YOU to be aware of your social media presence

It is your choice to have a social media presence. It’s your duty to make sure you are responsible and maintain good OPSEC practices.

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Check your privacy settings often.

Be aware of your family’s social media presence. Talk to them about OPSEC and what details they can share socially.

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@USArmyOPSEC.

DON’T

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Share Personally Identifiable Information.

Post information you wouldn’t share in other social settings. If you wouldn’t say it, don’t post it.

Share U.S. Army information that has not been officially released.

Post details about movements and taskings.

Spread rumors or speculations.

2019: A YEAR



PHOTO BY CATRINA FRANCIS
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Commander Col. Kimberly A. Peeples accepts the National Capital Region Local Motors Olli Fleet Challenge on behalf of the Marine Corps Installation Command and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Washington, D.C., April 4 from David Woessner, the vice president of corporate development and regulatory affairs with Local Motors.

Joint base winner of National Capital Region Local Motors Olli Fleet Challenge

By Catrina Francis
Pentagram Editor

This story originally ran in the Pentagram April 11, 2019.

On April 4, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall was announced as the winner of the National Capital Region Local Motors Olli Fleet Challenge. To accept the award on behalf of the Marine Corps Installation Command and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Washington, D.C., was JBM-HH Commander Col. Kimberly A. Peeples.

“On behalf of the Marine Corps Installation Command, the U.S. Army and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, I am honored to accept this opportunity for Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall,” said Peeples when she accepted the award. “We are the only joint U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps base. We look forward

to be a part of the pilot program to test the viability of autonomous vehicles on installations.

“We are proud to be among the first using this emerging technology. Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall has a rich history of innovation and technological firsts in the areas of communication and military aviation and so many others. We are honored to continue the tradition with this program.”

Peeples added that she hopes the data from this pilot will provide the critical knowledge on autonomy that will help with readiness today and into the future.

According to a JBM-HH press release, JBM-HH was selected as part of a joint application in partnership with the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, U.S. Army Installations, Energy and Environment, Marine Corps Installation Command and Installation-Werx. It is one of two autonomous vehicle efforts funded through a congressional program



PHOTO BY CATRINA FRANCIS
Olli, an autonomous shuttle will be used on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall during a pilot program.

of interest for smart bases. Supporting nonfederal partners include Local Motors, Amazon Web Services and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission. The joint collaboration is a 90-day pilot study from May to August in order to evaluate the commercially-available Olli AV and assess the potential to enhance mission assurance and readiness, reduce base operating costs, improve safety and quality of life for military service members and their Families, and provide transportation services more efficiently and effectively. Successful performance on JBM-HH during this timeframe offers expansion into the surrounding community through cooperative efforts with state and local governments of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission.

The press release also stated that service members, Families and guests at JBM-HH will have the opportunity to interact with Olli as riders of the new base transportation system. Olli will provide shuttle service along the main routes of Fort Myer and Henderson Hall, in a circular pattern from Wright Gate to Henderson Hall Gate during peak hours weekdays and special event weekends.

Demonstrating fully operable AV technology on a military installation and within the surrounding community has far reaching implications for mobility service policies across the federal government. This project enhances federal, state, local and commercial sector cooperation by partnering to demonstrate AV viability within the community while conducting research to quantify the requirements, congestion reduction, and cost savings of the technology.

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National Museum of the United States Army adds Huey helicopter, will open in 2020

By Catrina Francis
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Although the U.S. Army is the nation’s oldest armed force, it’s lacking what the other forces have — a national museum to tell its storied history. But that will change next year when the National Museum of the United States Army opens.

The museum, located outside of Fort Belvoir, Virginia, will tell the Army’s story since its beginnings, which dates to 1775, before the forming of the nation.

Even though the U.S. Army is the only service without a national museum, retired Brig. Gen. Creighton Abrams, the executive director of the museum’s foundation, said there was a piece of legislature in 1814, right at end of the War of 1812 for a national museum to be built for the Army.

“Congress sent the word over to the secretary of war and said, ‘Hey, we got through this last one pretty good (and) we won the American Revolution, (and) we won our freedom, (we should) put this stuff on display,’” explained Abrams.

Tammy Call, the director of the National Museum of the U.S. Army, said the excitement of what they are going to provide U.S. citizens is the history through the eyes of the nation’s Soldiers of all time and the story of the creation of the nation. “(We will be) the story of democracy, the civilian control of the military and why that’s so important to our democracy,” said Call. “We do all of this in those individual stories and that’s what’s really exciting. Any citizen, and I would venture to say any international visitor, walking through this museum will connect to the American Soldier. They will see a piece of themselves in a Soldier and they will identify with that. We want that to happen. We want to form that relationship with our American population.

“Our Soldiers are American citizens. One of my favorite displays we will have



PHOTO BY CATRINA FRANCIS
A Huey helicopter is being raised Jan. 31 at the National Museum of the United States Army. The Apache will be one of the exhibits at the museum, which is slated to open in 2020.

is ‘My Fellow American.’ We have these images of Soldiers coming in and out of uniform and civilian attire talking about what they do after they leave their daily job. They are a Soldier 24/7, we know that, but they also live in our communities. They play, they sleep they eat, they are just like all the rest of us. They support their communities they live in.”

Although it’s taken more than 200 years for this idea to come to fruition, Abrams said the location is interesting because the museum will be 6 miles from George Washington’s Mount Vernon. Washington was the first commander of the Continental Army and was in fact part of the Second Continental Congress in 1775, a year before the declaration of independence.

“We believe that the Army not only came ahead of the country, but we had to have the Army before we dared to make the declaration of independence,” he said. “That’s why we finally had to get this museum built. It’s starts with founding the nation, that’s the American Revolution (and) it goes all the way through the Civil War, WarWar I, World War II, the Cold War and the last gallery is changing world and that’s about roughly 1990 until now.” Abrams said the idea of having the museum was to have the galleries mesh with the overall design of the museum.

“What I love about it is you come in through that lobby and instantly see those Soldiers stories,” said Abrams, “and 30 million Americans served in the Army going all the way back to 1775 when the Army was created. Before that we had militia.”

He added the stories about the Soldiers in the exhibit will be about 80 words telling his or her story about being in the Army.

“For example, there is one about Kimberly Hampton who went to Presbyterian College in South Carolina and was (in) ROTC and (she) wanted to fly helicopters,” explained Abrams. “She got her wish.”

Abrams pointed out that Hamilton flying helicopters was well ahead of women attending Ranger School.

Another exhibit that tells the Army’s story will be the story of the African-American troops who served during the Civil War. One of the well-known battles during the Civil War was the battle at Fort Wagner, South Carolina. During that battle the guidon bearer was struck down and another

Soldier picked up “Old Glory.” “He picked up the national colors and said, ‘Boys, old glory never touched the ground,’” Abrams said.

One of the unique exhibits in the national museum will be an actual Higgins Boat, the boat that was used when troops landed for D-Day in Italy and the Pacific. Abrams said the World War II Museum in New Orleans was originally the D-Day Museum and it has replica, not an original Higgins Boat.

“There are (about) five left in the world,” said Abrams. “The museum in New Orleans has a replica and we have a real one. (The real one was) found somewhere in Europe and it was brought here.”

Another purpose of the museum will be connecting America and the Army, said Call.

“One of our missions and goals is to help be that connection,” she said. “As the Army’s public-facing institution we have the ability to speak to that visitor and make that connection back to them. An interesting fact is the historic galleries that tell the Army’s chronological story is based on the size of the percentage of the American population that served during that time.

“Unfortunately for us, our very last gallery chronologically ‘Changing World’ is our smallest gallery because we have the least amount of the American population that currently serves. Our last chronological gallery tells the story of our longest war, our longest conflict, yet it’s our smallest one. We pack a lot into that gallery, we have a lot to tell and we do tell all of those stories. This story continues every single day, this story doesn’t end with the opening of the museum. We have to keep this story alive and continuing because our Soldiers are out there and we want to continue to tell their stories.”

The National Museum of the U.S. Army will open in 2020, and will be open 364 days a year.

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IN REVIEW

Workforce development symposium provided chance for civilian employees to invest in themselves

By Katrina Moses
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On May 21, more than 100 Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall civilian employees attended the inaugural base workforce development symposium.

“I am definitely excited, and I hope you all are excited as well,” Kathy Feehan, a workforce development specialist, said at the start of the day. “I hope today’s professional development opportunity will meet your expectations and convey the command team’s genuine appreciation of everyone.”

Glenn Wait, chief of staff for JBM-HH, said that the event took a year to plan. The goal was to see, “how can we invest in our Army’s civilians.” He added that he wanted attendees to let him know what sparked their interest. The goal was to have the event grow each year.

JBM-HH’s Commander Col. Kimberly Peeples was also a guest speaker at the event.

“Today was designed for you,” she said. “This is a day to invest in your professional development in a way that best suits you.”

James Bird Guess, CEO of JBG Success Academy, provided a motivational session called “Lead Like Water.”

Guess, who created a \$250,000 business from the trunk of his car, provided detail for “Lead Like Water.” The goal was to use water as a metaphor of leadership. He explained that he watched one of Bruce Lee’s final interviews. In the interview, Lee was asked about his fighting style. Lee explained that his fighting style changes for each opponent. The goal is to never become predictable when fighting — one must be like water.

Guess said water knows how to adapt. It knows how to be hard to be ice, water knows how to flow and water knows to change from a liquid to a gas.

He added the importance of adaptability. He said adaptability is the ability to change to meet the changing circumstances. However, he said he knows people do not want to leave their comfort zone that houses security and confidence, but change brings and uncertainty.

One way of doing so is for an individual to take ownership of his or her own development.

“People have a misconception about leadership,” Guess said.

He said people believe leadership is just a larger salary, a title and how many people one supervises. He said it is not so — it is actually actions and other qualities that show great leadership.

“The Army already gives us our values — selfless service, duty, loyalty and integrity,” Guess said.

He also explained that leader development is ongoing and so is adaptability. He said he wants people to understand that every three to four months, expect some type of change in their personal or professional life.

His example was there are seasons to get through — the summer of success, fall failure, weary winter and spectacular spring.

Guess may have provided the motivational rhetoric, but there were other sessions on leadership as well. For example, attendees chose two sessions to attend for the symposium.

These ranged from Thrift Savings Plan to federal resume writing, developing a strategic vision for your career and other topics.

Wait, one of the speakers toward the end of the symposium, said civilian employees on the base provide a unique service to society. He said they have knowledge, training, trust and are ethical.

He added that it’s sometimes vital for an individual to get out of their comfort zone.

“If you want to advance, step out of your comfort zone,” Wait said. “Own your self-development.”

Those who were in attendance said they enjoyed the energized speech that Guess brought to the symposium. They also enjoyed learning the idea of ‘be ready, don’t get ready,’ and it is OK to take risks.

In the future, some of the attendees said they would like to see continuous interaction during the sessions, more energy in the sessions and continuing to learn the topic of coaching such as leadership topics.

“I was thrilled to see so many of my teammates at the symposium, because professional development is essential for each and every one of us regardless of position or grade,” Feehan said. “I firmly believe that if we want to remain relevant in these quickly changing times, we must continue to learn and grow.”

Davis D. Tindoll, director of Installation Management Command Sustainment, was also a guest speaker and he talked about installation reform.

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Kathy Feehan, workforce development, speaks at the symposium May 21.



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(Left) Bruce Walker listens while (center) Davis Tindoll, the director of Installation Management Command Sustainment, and (right) Glenn Wait, the JBM-HH chief of staff, explain federal resume writing during a break at the May 21 workforce development symposium.



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JBM-HH’s Cody Child Development Center

Cody Child Development Center receives NAEYC accreditation

By Jim Dresbach
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Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall’s Cody Child Development Center has received an early learning program accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Official word of the accreditation was received by the JBM-HH CDC June 13. The Cody CDC applied for the accreditation study Aug. 31, 2018 and enrolled in the process’ self-study in December 2018. The study involves program and classroom observations and the creation of program portfolios which show evidence of CDC program resources. Another step toward accreditation involves a candidacy site visit.

“(Accreditation) usually is a yearlong process; we did it in under a year,” said JBM-HH Child and Youth Services Coordinator Suzanne Sutton. “Validators that are proficient with NAEYC come and look at your program and tell you if you met or did not meet (accreditation criteria).”

The candidacy site visit took place during two days in May. According to Sutton, the observers studied all the portfolio materials and visited 10 classrooms.

“They spent an hour and a half,

two hours in each classroom,” Sutton explained.

After the site visit was completed, Sutton and the Cody staff received the good news.

“You have to pass 70 percent of each criteria in each classroom,” Sutton said. “We scored very high. Most of our percentages were in the 90 percent (range). We were way above the 70 percent they required. We are now accredited for five years. The staff worked hard.”

The Cody CDC on JBM-HH is the largest child development center in the Defense Department and has an enrollment of 392 children and a staff of 145 people. Enrollees are mostly military children whose parents work at the Pentagon or around the Military District of Washington.

The Cody Child Development Center will reapply for re-accreditation in 2023 as the current NAEYC stamp of approval ends July 1, 2024.

“This is an outside agency that says this is a quality program for children,” Sutton said of the accreditation. “This shows it is above the norm; that it is above state levels and that it is above Army regulations. It is basically saying we are a high-quality program for young children and preschoolers.”

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JBM-HH Drill Team Soldier becomes first responder at Fairfax County accident

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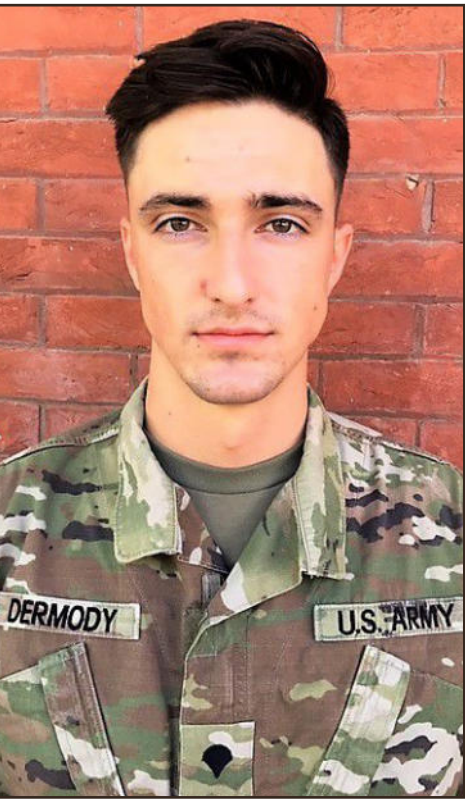
Spc. Sean Dermody, a 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) and current member of the United States Army Drill Team, used quick thinking and some first aid training at the scene of a multivehicle accident on Fairfax County’s Richmond Highway May 14.

“It was around 6:30 in the evening,” Dermody said. “I was driving back from dinner with my fiancée. We were on Richmond Highway (Route 1) out near Occoquan Bay. I looked in front of me, and there’s been an accident, and I’m trying to piece it together.”

What Dermody discovered and pieced together was a pick-up truck/motorcycle accident. A male motorcyclist and a female motorcycle passenger needed immediate medical assistance. The male had suffered a compound-fractured leg, and the female was critically injured.

“The two were about 20 feet apart and I checked to see if they were conscious,” he recalled. “The driver of the truck that hit them had gotten out and he already was taking off his belt and we both worked to get the belt tightened down on his leg as a tourniquet. I immediately moved up to stabilize his head and started talking to him.”

Dermody performed a blood sweep of the cyclist’s body for additional injuries and verbally reassured him while waiting for a Fairfax County Medical emergency team. He repeatedly checking on the female passenger, but others



SPC. Sean Dermody

were providing her first aid.

The Naperville, Illinois, native was impressed by how many service members stopped to help at the accident scene before firefighters and an ambulance arrived.

“It is a great testament that within five minutes of me responding before emergency personnel got there, 10 or more people in uniform were running up to help,” Dermody said.

Because of his assistance at the accident scene, Dermody was lauded by his squad leader for his quick thinking and is a candidate to receive the Soldier’s Medal. A decision on the medal is pending.

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Jan. 9
In 1861, a Union merchant ship, the “Star of the West,” was fired upon as it tried to bring supplies to Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor. This incident was the first time shots were exchanged between the North and South, but it didn’t trigger the Civil War. When it seceded from the Union Dec. 20, 1860, South Carolina demanded the immediate withdrawal of the Federal garrison at Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor. President James Buchanan refused to do so but was also careful not to make any provocative move. Inside the fort, Maj. Robert Anderson and his 80 Soldiers needed supplies. The Buchanan administration decided to dispatch a civilian ship, the “Star of the West,” instead of a military transport, in order to keep tensions from flaring. The ship left New York Jan. 5. After it was enroute, Secretary of War Joseph Holt received a dispatch from Anderson, which said that the garrison was safe and supplies were not needed immediately. Anderson added that the secessionists were building gun emplacements, which overlooked the main shipping channel into Charleston Harbor. Holt realized that the ship was in great danger and that a war might erupt. He tried in vain to recall the “Star of the West,” and Anderson was not aware that the ship continued on its way. In



The monitoring station at Camp Evans in Wall Township, New Jersey, received signals from the TIROS satellite.

ARMY FILE PHOTO

the morning of Jan. 9, ship captain John McGowan steered the ship into the channel near the fort. Two cannon shots roared from

a South Carolina battery on Morris Island. They came from gunner George E. Haynsworth, a cadet at The Citadel in Charleston.

They were poor shots, but they represented the opening salvo of the war. More shots were fired, and the ship suffered a minor hit.

Anderson watched from Sumter but did not respond in support of the ship. If

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Jan. 10
In 1946, the United States Army Signal Corps successfully conducted Project Diana, which bounced radio waves off the moon and received the reflected signals. This was the first experiment in radar astronomy and the first attempt to actively probe another celestial body. It was the inspiration for later EME (Earth-moon-Earth) communication techniques. At a laboratory at Camp Evans (part of Fort Monmouth), in Wall Township, New Jersey, a large transmitter, receiver and antenna array were constructed for this purpose. The transmitter, a highly modified SCR-271 radar set from World War II, provided 3,000 watts at 111.5 MHz in one-fourth second pulses, applied to the antenna, a "bedspring" reflective array antenna composed of an 8x8 array of half wave dipoles in front of a reflector which provided 24 dB of gain. Reflected signals were received about 2.5 seconds later, the time required for the radio waves to make the 477,000-mile round-trip journey from the Earth to the moon and back. The receiver had to compensate for the Doppler shift in frequency of the reflected signal due to the moon's orbital motion relative to the Earth's surface, which was different each day, so this motion had to be carefully calculated for each trial. The antenna could be rotated in azimuth only, so the attempt could be made only as the moon passed through the 15-degree wide beam at moonrise and moonset, as the antenna's elevation angle was horizontal. About 40 minutes of observation was available on each pass as the moon transited the various lobes of the antenna pattern. The first successful echo detection came at 11:58 a.m. local time by John H. DeWitt and his chief scientist E. King Stodola. Project Diana marked the birth of radar astronomy later used to map Venus and other nearby planets, and was a necessary precursor to the U.S. space program. It was the first demonstration that terrestrial radio signals could penetrate the ionosphere, which opened the

Jan. 12
In 1777, American Brig. Gen. Hugh Mercer died as a result of his wounds received at the Battle of Princeton and became a fallen hero and rallying symbol of the American Revolution. Mercer (Jan. 17, 1726 – Jan. 12, 1777)

Jan. 13
In 1962, in the first Farm Gate combat missions, T-28 fighter-bombers were flown in support of a South Vietnamese outpost under

Jan. 14
In 1968, U.S. joint-service Operation Niagara was launched to support the U.S. Marine base at Khe Sanh. The Khe Sanh base was the westernmost anchor of a series of combat bases and strongholds that stretched from the Cua Viet River on the coast of the South China Sea westward along Route 9 to the Laotian border. Intelligence sources revealed that the North Vietnamese army was beginning to build up its forces in the area surrounding Khe Sanh. Operation Niagara was a joint U.S. Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps air campaign launched in support of the Marines manning the base. Using sensors installed along the nearby DMZ and reconnaissance flights to

Jan. 15
In 1929, the U.S. Senate ratified the Kellogg-Briand anti-war pact. It was signed Aug. 27, 1928, which condemned "recourse to war for the solution of international controversies." It is more properly known as the Pact of Paris. In June 1927, Aristide Briand, foreign minister of France, proposed to the U.S. government a treaty, which outlawed war between the two countries. Frank B. Kellogg, the U.S. secretary of state, returned a proposal for a general pact against war, and after prolonged negotiations the Pact of Paris was signed by 15 nations — Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Great Britain, India, the Irish Free State, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Poland, South Africa and the United States. The contracting parties agreed that settlement of all conflicts, no matter of what origin or nature, that might arise among them should be sought only by pacific means and that war was to be renounced as an instrument of national policy. Although 62 nations ultimately ratified the pact, its effectiveness was vitiated by its failure to provide measures of enforcement. The Kellogg-Briand Pact was given an unenthusiastic reception by many countries. The U.S. Senate, ratified the treaty with only one dissenting vote, still insisted that there must be no curtailment of America's right of self-defense and that the United States was not compelled to take action against countries that broke the treaty. The pact never made a meaningful contribution to international order, although it was invoked in 1929 with some success, when China and the USSR reached a tense moment over possession of the Chinese Eastern RR in Manchuria. Ultimately, however, the pact proved to be meaningless, especially with the practice of waging undeclared wars in the 1930s (e.g., the Japanese invasion of Manchuria in 1931, the Italian invasion of Ethiopia in 1935 and the German occupation of Austria in 1938).

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Researchers from the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command's Army Research Laboratory partnered with Virginia Tech to develop a suite of network adaptation strategies designed to maintain services in a resource-constrained environment--networks under cyberattacks.

Adaptation is key to determining network resilience in cyberattacks, study finds

By U.S. Army CCDC Army Research Laboratory Public Affairs

A new study shows that traditional markers of a computer network's resilience are not solely effective in determining its ability to accomplish missions.

Researchers from the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command's Army Research Laboratory partnered with Virginia Tech to develop a suite of network adaptation strategies designed to maintain services in a resource-constrained environment — networks under cyberattacks.

"Simply having network connectivity does not imply that a network can provide the services it needs," said Dr. Terry Moore, Army researcher. "A key result of this work is showing that typical measures of performance for network resilience do not apply to mission-oriented or task-service networks. We mathematically prove that without consideration of the resources or task priority, network connectivity is not a sufficient measure for determining mission success."

A new approach could lead to stronger Army computer networks that are tougher when facing a cyberattack, researchers said.

Studies on network resilience typically focus on fault tolerance — determining what happens when components of a network fail or defending those components from failure, such as using security measures or redundancy with replacement components. This new study examines network adaptability — changing the network structure or topology to enable functionality amid component failure. This research, Network Adaptations Under Cascading Failures for Mission-Oriented Networks, published in the September 2019 volume of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Transactions on Network and Service Management.

This fundamental research provides an initial step toward the vision of a network strategy that dynamically changes the network topology to prioritize critical mission completion, Moore said, and could contribute significantly to advances in Army modernization priorities.

For this study, researchers focused on a tactical, mission-oriented network supporting several tasks, each with a different priority. For network resilience, the traditional focus is on the survivability of the network — the

fraction of how many components of the network do not fail compared to before the failures. This research considered the survivability of the tasks the network components and parts were assigned to and therefore focused on how many tasks could continue to be serviced even after components fail — a more appropriate measure of their resilience, Moore said.

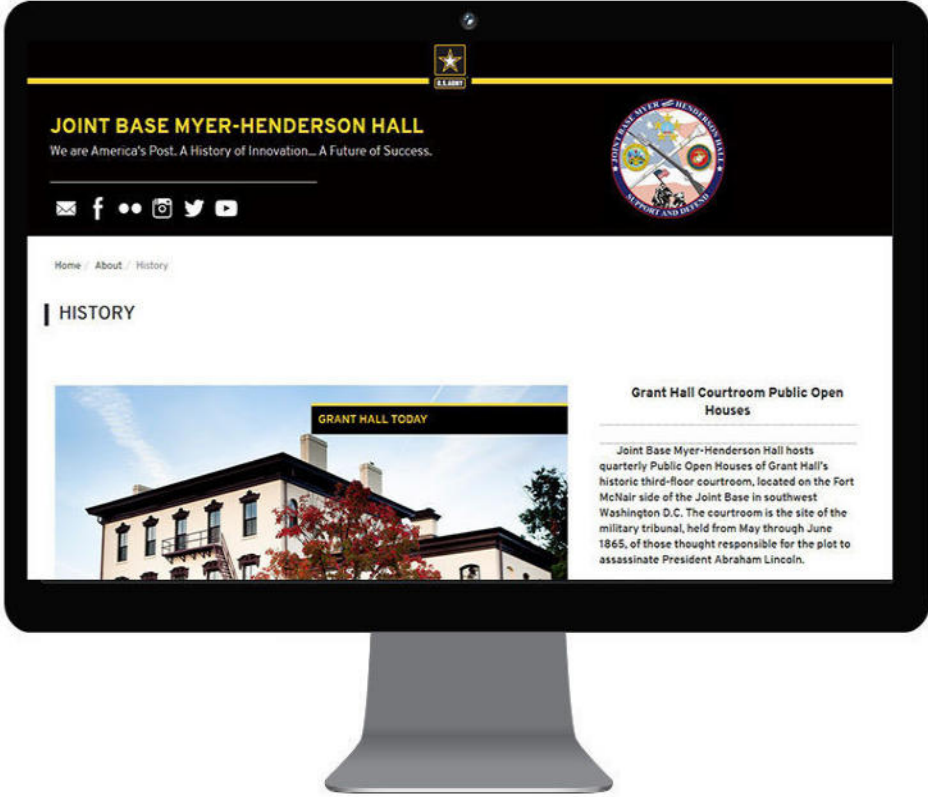
The team conducted a computational simulation and considered a scenario in which there were limited resources for nodes, which could be anything from a cell phone to a robot. These nodes were collaboratively assigned to various tasks of different levels of priority. The tasks were designed to be abstract, but could be surveillance, search and rescue, distributed processing, communication support, etc., Moore said.

Nodes could be assigned to multiple tasks but with no inherent dependency between the tasks, such as a required order of completion. However, cascading effects occur between tasks — when a node is maliciously attacked or mechanically fails, the workload shifts to remaining nodes assigned to the task. If the remaining nodes lack the resources to support the additional workload, they may fail or drop out of the task to preserve the ability to remain active in other tasks.

This domino effect — where nodes sequentially fail — can be combatted with new strategies for tasks to recruit new nodes based on the consideration of their resources and task priority. In this study, the team added the importance or priority of the task to the particular strategy used to recruit or select a new node. A new approach for these scenarios is adapting, or merging, a task assignment problem solutions and a resource allocation problem solutions for a mission-oriented network problem.

Continued initiatives in network security include researching the use of software-defined networking to implement moving target defense in service-aware networks — a strategy to dynamically change the attack surface of the network or system to limit or remove the attacker's asymmetric advantage, thereby rendering the information collected by the attacker no longer true, Moore said.

The co-authors of the paper in IEEE Transactions on Network and Service Management include Army researcher T. J. Moore and Virginia Tech researchers J. Cho and I. Chen.



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News Notes

Civilian workforce town hall
Civilian employees save the date. There will be a civilian workforce town hall Thursday at Spates Community Club from 10 a.m. to noon.

McNair turnstile reset
For security reasons, the timer at the turnstile at Fort McNair has been reset for entry. The gate is fully operational. Once an individual has entered his or her PIN number, move forward immediately. If it times out and the gate won't move forward, back out of the gate and try to enter again. For more information, contact physical security at (703) 606-5213.

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For more information, contact Roy Croom, the joint base CFC representative by calling (703) 696-3791 or by email at roy.l.croom.civ@mail.mil.

Troops to Teachers brief
The Troops to Teachers brief is Jan. 23 from 1 to 2 p.m. in Bldg. 417, room 218. For more information, contact Gail Hardinge, executive director VA Center, Troops to Teachers by email at gbhard@wm.edu.

To reserve a seat, visit at <https://www.survey-monkey.com/r/DLFVS2W>.

2020 Mobile DMV
Throughout 2020, the JBM-HH Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program will sponsor days with the DMV mobile unit on location. The tentative dates for 2020 are Jan. 24, March 18, May 6, July 9, Sept. 16 and Nov. 6. The events run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Spates parking lot off McNair Road. This service at Fort Myer will be exclusively for ID card/CAC holders including Family members, retirees and civilians.

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on wheels offers all DMV services for the state of Virginia. No lines, no appointments needed.

MLK observance Wednesday
Join the JBM-HH Equal Opportunity Office for an observance Wednesday in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's achievements and sacrifices. The event will be held in the Spates Community Club from 11:35 a.m. to 1 p.m. The guest speaker for the event is Lt. Gen. Leslie C. Smith. Smith currently serves as the inspector general, Office of the Secretary of the Army.

Food sampling will be provided by Spates Community Club.

JBM-HH Capital Classic Presidents Day weekend
JBM-HH MWR presents the annual Capital Classic basketball tournament Presidents Day weekend, Feb. 14 to 17. The tournament will feature adult and youth categories. Team registration costs \$550. The registration deadline is Jan. 29. For more information or to register a team, contact Richard Pulignani by email at Richard.F.Puligani.naf@mail.mil.

Patton Hall member appreciation night
Patton Hall will host a member appreciation night Jan. 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. The event will include live music, dancing and complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Club members attend free with their membership card. Nonmembers pay \$10 at the door.

Reservations are not required for this event and attendance is on a first-come, first-served basis. Seating is limited. The Fife and Drum Dining Room and the Old Guard Lounge Happy Hour will be closed during this event.

For more information, contact Patton Hall at (703) 524- 0200.

Valentine's Day Dinner at Patton Hall
Patton Hall will host a Valentine's Day Dinner Feb. 14. The event includes a cash bar at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and music and dancing beginning at 8:30 p.m. Enjoy a gourmet meal, romantic music and dancing. The cost is \$28.95 for members and \$35.95 for nonmembers and guests. For more information, contact Patton Hall at (703) 524-0200.

Capitol Deli new hours
Capitol Deli has new hours for the new year. The new hours are Monday through Friday

from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Amazon lockers at MCX
Amazon lockers have arrived at Henderson Hall. The new Amazon hub lockers are located at Henderson Hall MCX, 1555 Southgate Rd., Arlington, VA 22214. Look for the "Devil Dog" hub when selecting a locker for delivery.

Zembiec Pool open
Ready to get started on those New Year's resolutions? Why not start with getting in more swim time? The Zembiec Pool facility is now open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. 6 p.m. The pool is closed weekends and holidays.

Water temp is set at 80 degrees.


Mentors needed
Marines and civilians are needed to education mentors to elementary school students. Volunteers help provide mentorship and academic support while building a relationship that will shape a child's life and strengthen our community relations. As a mentor, individuals will serve as a trusted advisor who serves to enhance a child's academic success and confidence. Join the 3 million mentors in the country who help make a difference in a child's life.

The mentorship program is a reading program where students read to the mentors and mentors provide positive feedback to assure their efforts. A child who receives more assurance (from a mentor) is more likely to believe and trust in themselves. As a result, their grades can increase as well as their likelihood of success.

Registration is required. For more information and to register, please contact Amy Fishman at (703) 693-8378 or by email at Amy.Fishman@usmc-mccs.org.

Army Blues opportunity for student musicians
It is that time of year for high school and college students to apply and submit materials for The U.S. Army Blues solo competition. Winners will have the opportunity to perform at the world-famous jazz club Blues Alley and on the National Mall in D.C. Submissions are due Feb. 19. For details, visit the following link <https://www.usarmyband.com/education-community/blues-solo-competition.html>.

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Functional academic skills training for Soldiers

The Basic Skills Education Program provides Soldiers with on-duty instruction in reading, math and language skills. The goal of the course to improve job performance, prepare Soldiers for more advanced schooling, increase reenlistment options and enhance trainability. The FY20 schedule is now available. For more information, call the education center at (703) 696-3178.

Fooda at Exchange

Fooda is now open at the Fort Myer food court. The new food service provider is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food selection will vary daily. Check out the menu daily at fooda.com/aafes-jbmyer.

Car wash closed until further notice

The Henderson Hall car wash has announced that it will not be reopening in the foreseeable future. The infrastructure was found to need adjustments that must happen before the car wash can be opened. Updates will be posted as they become available.

Made-to-order-pasta

Individuals can enjoy lunch made by the chef and featuring a person’s favorite toppings. Served every Monday in the Old Guard Lounge from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rock ‘n’ roll night

Rock ‘n’ roll night is every first Saturday of the month. Doors open at 6 p.m., with music and dancing from 7 to 11 p.m. An a la carte menu and cash bar will be available.

Seafood dinner buffet

The seafood dinner buffet is the last Friday of the month in the Fife and Drum Dining Room. Doors open at 6 p.m. Cost is \$30.95 for member and \$35.95 for nonmembers.

Karaoke night

Karaoke night is every first Friday of the month in the Old Guard Lounge, located on the lower level of Patton Hall. Karaoke happens

from 6 to 10 p.m.

All-you-can-eat buffet lunch

An all-you-can-eat buffet is served Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Fife and Drum Room. Cost for members is \$11 and \$15 for nonmembers.

Sunday brunch

Sunday brunch is served every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Fife and Drum Dining Room.

Cost for members is \$23, \$28 for nonmembers, \$10.95 for children (6-12) and children 6 years old and younger dine free.

Join retiree council

Retirees are welcome to become JBM-HH’s Retiree Council members. The executive committee of the retiree council meets quarterly the first Thursday in the months of February, May, August and November. General membership meetings occur quarterly on the second Thursday of the above months. The council is an opportunity for individuals to have their voice heard and to improve the retired military community. For more information, call or email Linda Hocking at (703) 696-5948, Linda.r.hocking.civ@mail.mil or at usarmy.jbmhh.asa.mbx.hrd-rso@mail.mil.

Automated installation entry changes

The newest iteration of the automated installation entry system is currently being installed at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. AIE is the Army’s electronic physical access control system that increases security for Soldiers, Family members, Department of Defense civilian workforce, military retirees, contractor employees and visitors by electronically vetting and validating an individual at JBM-HH gates. The latest AIE brings capabilities to ease visitor access. The website for the new passes is <https://pass.aie.army.mil/jbmhh/>. The new capabilities will allow for visitors to obtain installation access via a web-registration or at a kiosk in the JBM-HH Visitor Center. It can also vet and register visitors at designated lanes at the gate. The installation of the AIE upgrade is ongoing and will go live early May. The fielding does not affect normal traffic flow,

but drivers should be aware that personnel will be at the entrance gates.

Housing assistance, environmental health registry information

If individuals are residents at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, there are two numbers they can call for 24/7 housing assistance. One is a 24/7 work order call center and the other is a housing 24/7 hotline.

If individuals live in Army Family Housing on Forts McNair or Myer and have work orders for their housing, please call the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Army Family Housing contractor 24/7 call center at (703) 696-2923.

If individuals have any unresolved housing issues to bring to the attention of the JBM-HH command leadership and the Army Family Housing Office, please call the housing 24/7 hotline at (703) 965-6050.

Additionally, The U.S. Army Medical Command is establishing a Housing Environmental Health Response Registry to address health or safety concerns of current or former Army housing residents. The 24-hour registry will allow the Army Public Health Center to provide current or former residents information on environmental health hazards, assist them in seeking medical care for any housing related illnesses or concerns and serve as a two-way exchange of information. Call the registry at (800) 984-8523 to enroll.

Toastmasters improves listening, thinking

Toastmasters is available for individuals who want to improve their public speaking, thinking, listening and leading. Helmsmen Toastmasters holds weekly meetings every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at the Pentagon, PLC2, just outside north parking entrance.

For more information, contact Carl Sabath at (703) 695-2804 or by email at carl.e.sabath.civ@mail.mil.

Employee Assistance Program at Fort Belvoir

Employee Assistance Program services for JBM-HH are currently being provided by Fort Belvoir. For EAP services, please contact Dr. Jorge Grandela at (703) 805-5588 or Dory-an Dixon (alternate) at (703) 805-1083 until further notice.

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