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OSD advises service members against using DTC genetic testing

By The Office of the Secretary of Defense

It has come to the attention of the Department of Defense that some direct-to-consumer genetic testing companies are encouraging DOD personnel to purchase genetic ancestry and health information through the offering of military discounts or other incentives. These DTC genetic tests are largely unregulated and could expose personal and genetic information and potentially create unintended security consequences and increased risk to the joint force and mission.

Exposing sensitive genetic information to outside parties poses personal and operational risks to service members. DTC genetic tests that provide health information have varying levels of validity, and many are not reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration before they are offered, meaning they may be sold without independent analysis to verify the claims of the seller. Possible inaccuracies pose more risks to DOD military personnel than the public due to service member requirements to disclose medical information that affects readiness (see DOD Instruction 6025.19, "Individual Medical Readiness"). Testing outside the military health system is unlikely to include a clear description of this risk.

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Gen. Gus Perna, commander of Army Materiel Command, discusses the status of Army Housing with representatives of the privatized companies that hold contracts to manage Army housing units at 44 U.S. installations. The company representatives joined with Army leaders to develop a vision for housing reinvestment during a Housing Summit at AMC Headquarters, Jan. 14-16.

Army focuses on making installations No. 1 choice for military Families

By Kari Hawkins
AMC

During an Army Housing Summit Jan. 14-16, senior Army leaders and privatized company executives met at Army Materiel Command headquarters in Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, to review the status of the Army housing portfolio and develop a strategy for long-term improvements across the installation enterprise.

The Army's seven private housing companies, which have 50-year lease agreements through the Residential Communities Initiative, manage and maintain 87,000 — or 98% — of Army Housing at 44 U.S. installations. The Army manages another 13,000 homes and 6,700 Soldier barracks at both U.S. and overseas installations.

"We need to be able to see ourselves, to have oversight of the conditions of our current housing inventory and of our projected inventory," said Army Materiel Command's Gen. Gus Perna, who is the top Army officer charged by the Chief of Staff of the Army with responsibility for Army Housing.

"This is the first time (since implementation of privatized housing) that we have come together and had this holistic view across all Army installations. We need to drive this to our desired end-state. This is not only about day-to-day living. It's about what we want our installations to look like in 40 or 50 years."

The Housing Summit

brought Army leadership and RCI company executives together via satellite with installation commanders to review progress and future strategies for housing at about 60 U.S. and overseas installations. The leaders reviewed installation-by-installation, discussing the current condition of housing units, future plans for housing reinvestments, and policies, processes and practices that need to be addressed to ensure the long-term viability of housing. The summit also allowed Army leaders to identify challenges that are trending across multiple locations, such as the cost of maintaining historic housing, fluctuations in Soldiers' housing allowances and forecasting funding for preventive maintenance as

housing units age.

"We need to hold ourselves accountable at all times to the highest standards," Perna said. "When we do that, then we have maneuverability to be innovative, adaptive and agile."

The first RCI lease was signed in 1999 at Fort Carson, Colorado. Since then, the Army has looked to private housing companies to manage and maintain housing properties throughout the U.S., but the lack of accountability has led to lower-than-desired housing standards. With many of those leases ending in 35 years, the Army wants to ensure quality housing standards are being implemented at every installation.

Army Materiel Command, under Perna's direction, took

the lead for Army Housing in March 2019, when the Installation Management Command became one of AMC's major subordinate commands. Since then, numerous reforms and improvements have been made, including: quality inspections of 100% of housing units; the establishment of 24/7 housing hotlines at every installation; quarterly resident town halls hosted by installation leadership; mobile apps for residents to submit and track work orders; a revised fee structure for private companies to better account for resident and Army leadership feedback; regular meetings between Army leadership and company executives; and

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Chaplain's Corner

When life gets in the way

By Retired Chaplain (Brig. Gen.)
Ray Bailey
Former Deputy
Chief of Chaplains

Sometimes life can get so complicated. We make our plans and tasks to be completed and something happens, and we just can't get to all that was planned. For every five things I need to do, I only get to two of them and add 10 more. I plan to do tasks at my desk and the phone rings and people stop by. I plan to work outside, and it rains.

One day at a large shopping store a mother and her 6-year-old daughter began to leave. They found themselves facing a torrential downpour of rain. They stood under the store awning with a group of fellow shoppers waiting for the rain to slow down. As the mother looked on in exasperation, as did all the onlookers, of the time wasted and plans upset, her little girl asked, "Mom, let's run through the rain." The mother responded that it was raining too hard and they would get soaked before they could get to their car. They stood a little longer and then the daughter said once again, "Mom, let's run through the rain." "We



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can't dear," said the mom, "we would get soaked." "That's not what you said this morning," said the daughter. "You said to Daddy that if God can get us through our problem, we can get through anything." The small crowd overhearing the conversation held their breath in seeing how the woman would respond. Finally, she said with a smile, "You are right. Let's run through the rain!" And so, they did, laughing and yelling holding their shop-

ping bags over their heads. The crowd laughed with them and by coincidence a few of them found themselves laughing and shouting as they too ran through the rain. Life can get in the way if we let it. You can't escape detours and changes, but you can accept that it is part of our glorious wonderful life. So, when life gets in the way, run through the rain.



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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 Thursday 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 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.

Play morning

Play morning is held Thursday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Henderson Hall Chapel, 1555 Southgate Rd., Bldg. 29, Arlington, VA 22211. Every Thursday children will have open play, structured activities, sing along songs with



instruments and story time for preschool children infant to 5 years old. Registration is not required. For questions, please call (703) 696-3512 or (703) 614-7204.

Transparenting

Transparenting is a seminar designed to provide parents who are separated or divorced with the tools to ensure that they continue supporting and encouraging their children despite the breakup of the family unit. The seminar is Feb. 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

1-2-3 Magic

The 1-2-3 Magic Parenting Program is the No. 1 selling child discipline program in the United States. The program is Feb. 11 and 18 from 9:30 to

11:30 a.m. The program provides parenting tips and resources to help parents raise well-behaved, happy, competent kids.

5 love languages

During the 5 love languages individuals will learn about the 5 love languages and discuss ways to keep their partner's "love tank" full. Five love languages will be held Feb. 13 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Each participant will receive a copy of "The Five Love Languages" by Gary Chapman.

Seven principles for making marriage work

On Feb. 20 and 27 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the seven principles for making marriage work based on Dr. John Gottman's book "The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work," teaches the warning signs of a troubled marriage and the steps to take to repair a relationship.

Anger management toolkit

Anger management toolkit is a five-session training Feb. 25 through March 24 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. This in-depth five session curriculum was designed to help regular people learn coping skills when they are beginning to fill overwhelmed and frustration more frequently. Together individuals will explore the physiology of anger and how to express concerns in an appropriate and respectful way. During training individuals will discuss triggers, coping, assertive communication and self-care.

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A Soldier from 289th Military Police Company, 4th Battalion, 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), searches role player during tryouts for the elite Military District of Washington's Special Reaction Team, at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, Jan. 9. The highly-skilled Soldiers of MDW's Special Response Team stand ready to respond to contingency and combat operations by maintaining readiness and sharpening their skills for the defense of National Capital Region.

Soldiers try out to become part of 'elite' SRT



Soldiers from 289th Military Police Company, 4th Battalion, 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), are evaluated on room clearing during tryouts for the elite Military District of Washington's Special Reaction Team, at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, Jan. 9.



Soldiers from 289th Military Police Company, 4th Battalion, 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), run during tryouts for the elite Military District of Washington's Special Reaction Team.



Soldiers from 289th Military Police Company, 4th Battalion, 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), demonstrates door breaching.



Soldiers from 289th Military Police Company, 4th Battalion, 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), are evaluated on room clearing.

The TikTok App Has Never Been Authorized for Use on Army Mobile Devices

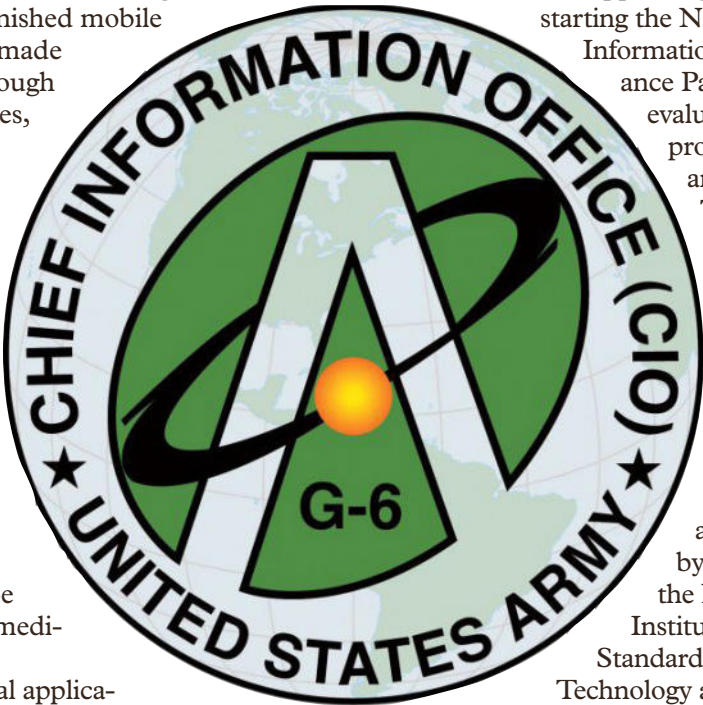
By Office of the Chief Information Officer/G-6

TikTok is a popular short video application, owned by Chinese company ByteDance, that poses a potential national security risk through its ability to collect personal information from a user’s mobile device.

In January 2017, the Army Chief Information Officer/G-6 published a policy memorandum entitled Mobile Application Authorization Process for Vetting and Analyzing Mobile Applications. This memo notified users of government furnished equipment, including common mobile devices like iPhones and Androids, that only apps available through the Department of Defense Mobility Unclassified Capability Mobile Application Store or the TRADOC Applications Gateway are approved for downloading onto GFE. While some commercial apps have

been approved for use on government furnished mobile devices and made available through the above sites, the TikTok app has never been authorized for use on GFE. Further, no efforts are underway to approve TikTok for use. All instances of TikTok on GFE must be removed immediately.

Commercial application vendors can seek approval for their app’s usage by starting the National Information Assurance Partnership evaluation process at any time. Testing is conducted by approved commercial testing labs that are accredited by both the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the NIAP. The NIAP evaluation process takes approximately three to six months. Only apps whose risk of use on the Department of Defense Information Network are deemed acceptable will be issued a validation report.



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When a validation report is issued, the application may be added to the compliant or approved products list and be made available for download via the DMUC MAS and TAG. All mobile apps available on these sites have been vetted and approved by the proper authorities, the Mobility Program Management Office of the Defense Information Systems Agency and the program manager of Army Mobility at Training and Doctrine Command.

Commercial applications available through the Apple Store or Google Play that are not available through the DMUC MAS or TAG are prohibited from being downloaded and utilized on GFE devices.

TUSAB’s red hats history dates pre-Civil War



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH FRASER

Individuals may notice the distinctive uniform currently worn by The U.S. Army Band “Pershing’s Own” features a red hat instead of the Army’s standard blue hat. Prior to the Civil War, musical units often wore the inverse colors of the units they were attached to, and the red color in the band’s hats represent the red coats frequently worn by musicians.

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Army Chief of Staff Gen. James McConville discusses a need for “transformational change” during an Association of the U.S. Army event Tuesday inside the National Museum of the U.S. Army on Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Transformational change — not incremental improvements — is necessary to achieve overmatch, deter great-power competition and win the future fight.

CSA: ‘Transformational change’ necessary to fight, win future conflicts

By Devon L. Suits
Army News Service

The Army must engage in “transformational change” — not incremental improvements — to achieve overmatch, deter great-power competition and win the future fight, the Army’s top officer said Tuesday.

“People first, winning matters, is more than just a slogan,” said Army Chief of Staff Gen. James McConville. “People first is a philosophy ... winning matters is an attitude.”

“(Secretary of the Army Ryan McCarthy) and I aren’t trying to fight the last fight better. We’re focused on winning the next fight. To do that, we recognize the need for transformational change.”

McConville spoke during an Association of the U.S. Army breakfast at the National Museum of the U.S. Army, slated to open June 4.

To illustrate the difference between incremental and transformational change, McConville held up

an old corded telephone and discussed various marginal upgrades made to the technology.

The chief later held up a smartphone device and highlighted the importance of innovators in the Army.

“(Mobile technology) transformed our understanding of what a phone could be,” McConville said. “It navigates, it takes photos, it does hundreds of other functions we never imagined 40 years ago.

“New and different perspectives are necessary for innovation. We have to encourage innovation; look for it in unexpected places, and we must embrace it when we find it.”

A NEED FOR CHANGE

The Army’s last significant transformational change happened in the late 1970s and ‘80s, following its role in the Vietnam conflict, McConville said. Lessons learned during Vietnam aided in the development of the Air-Land Battle doctrine, which revolutionized the way the Army engaged in conflict.

Around the same time, the force also modernized its fighting systems with the inclusion of the “Big Five” — the M1 Abrams tank, Bradley Fighting Vehicle, Apache and Black Hawk helicopters and the Patriot missile system, McConville said. The nation’s engagement in great-power competition with the Soviet Union led to many technological advances and reshaped the character of war.

“Think about it, we began building the Army of 2020 more than 40 years ago, and since then we incrementally improved our weapons systems that we fielded in the 1970s and 1980s,” McConville said.

Now, the Army is reaching the limitations of its current technology, all while simultaneously having to compete in a modern battlefield across multiple domains — land, air, sea, space and cyberspace, he said.

“I would submit that we are at a similar inflection point to the one our leaders faced coming out of

see CONFLICTS, page 6

MilTax: Military OneSource offers free tax prep

By Terri Moon Cronk
DOD News

Tax season can be a dreaded time of year for many people, but the Defense Department’s Military OneSource offers the MilTax program to ease filing stress for service members and their Families.

There is no need to worry about costs in tax preparation because the services are free.

MilTax kicked off on Military OneSource Wednesday, offering electronic filing via do-it-yourself software and personalized support from a tax consultant.

“(Services are) offered well past the tax deadline,” she said, noting that some service members may file extensions, have additional properties, are looking to sell their homes and other situations

that are unique to military members. “Tax consultants can let our Families know ‘how to maximize their refund.’”

A particular advantage of using MilTax is the military tax expertise that the Military OneSource tax consultants bring with them to each session.

They are certified public accountants or enrolled IRS agents, she said. They are knowledgeable about costs incurred during permanent changes of station, living in more than one state during the year, how to navigate benefits survivors may be entitled to, and other military-specific issues.

The tax consultants are up to date on tax-law changes that would affect service members.

“Something we’re constantly working on and striving to do within (military community and family policy) is to raise awareness about the services that are

offered through Military OneSource, so we’re constantly letting people know what’s available, and that support is essentially an entitlement to them to help them live their best military life,”

Smith said.

To use MilTax, go to MilTax or call (800) 342-9647 or live chat to schedule an appointment with a Military OneSource tax consultant.



The Defense Department’s Military OneSource kicked off its MilTax resources Wednesday. Service members and their Families can use MilTax to submit their own taxes electronically, or talk with a tax consultant to have tax forms filled out. It’s free.

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Vietnam,” he said. “We have to ask ourselves, ‘Are we building the Army that can compete and win for the next 40 years?’”

MODERNIZING THE FORCE
Moving forward, Army leaders have recognized a need for transformational change, McConville said.

“That is exactly what we are doing with the development of the multidomain operations concept,” he said. “That’s why we’re building new organizations like the security force assistance brigades, multi-domain task forces, and the Information Warfare Command.

“That’s why we’re laser-focused on developing and fielding the six modernization priorities with 31 signature systems. And that’s why we must implement a 21st-century talent management system.”

The force has started to find success with the implementation of its modernization strategy. Under the Long-Range Precision Fires portfolio, the Army recently test fired its new precision strike missile and extended-range cannon, both of which exhibited increased ranges.

Improvements to the LRPF systems could be fielded in the next three years, McConville said.

The Army is also looking to field mobile short-range air defense systems by next year. The Integrated

Battle Command System, which links multiple sensors and shooters on the battlefield, is also being developed to provide “a more holistic defense against enemy air missiles and unmanned aerial systems,” he said.

The Army’s Future Vertical Lift Cross-Functional Team is currently “flying before buying,” as they develop the Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft and Future Attack Reconnaissance Aircraft, McConville said.


“Note, these are aircraft and not helicopters because of the transformational requirements we asked from industry are not resonant in traditional helicopters,” he added.

The Army has also made changes to some of the requirements under the Next-Generation Combat Vehicle


portfolio, McConville said. Last week, the Army decided to halt and revise a solicitation for the development of an Optionally-Manned Fighting Vehicle.

“We are fully committed to replacing the Bradley Fighting Vehicle in the future,” McConville said. “However, like the future vertical aircraft, we want to (prototype and drive) these before we buy them.

“We found early in the process, after minimal investments, that our aggressive timeline did not permit industry to meet the requirements. We have taken a tactical pause, and we are going to reset the requirements ... the acquisition strategy and timeline. Then we’re going to come out and aggressively pursue this critical weapon system that we need for the future.”



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Delivery of new Army Combat Fitness Test equipment begins

By Scott Wakefield
TACOM PAO

The job of delivering more than 36,000 lanes of new Army Combat Fitness Test equipment to 1 million active duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers at more than 1,000 Army units around the world in just six months began in late December 2019. Delivery is expected to be completed in May. Tank-automotive and Armaments Command has overall responsibility for the fielding of the ACFT equipment.

The ACFT is the Army’s new physical fitness test, which takes a holistic view of physical fitness in an effort to reduce Soldier injuries. The test will be administered by the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command and the U.S. Army Center for Initial Military Training.

In June 2019, the Army selected Atlantic Diving Supply Inc. and Sorinex to manufacture, kit and deliver equipment for the ACFT. The contract to produce 950,000 pieces of equipment, weighing more than 15,000 tons and valued at \$63.8 million, includes a requirement that the equipment be made in the United States in accordance with the Buy American Act and the Berry Amendment, which obligates the Department of Defense to give preference in procurement to domestically produced, manufactured or homegrown products.

TACOM’s first delivery and fielding location was the Army National Guard in Frankfort, Kentucky. TACOM plans to continue to deliver and field the

remainder of the equipment, by region, to all units with more than 20 personnel, starting with the Southeast United States.

Col. Steve Carozza, deputy military executive director of TACOM’s Integrated Logistics Support Center, said, “The program management team from Natick (Massachusetts) developed a regional distribution plan designed to issue equipment to all organizations within a region, regardless of their component.”

The test equipment produced, kitted and delivered by ADS Inc. and Sorinex includes:

- Hex bars
- Bumper plates
- Barbell collars
- Nylon sleds with pull straps
- Medicine balls
- Kettle bells
- Measuring tapes

The final step in the process is the fielding of the equipment, which is managed by TACOM’s ILSC Materiel Fielding and Training Directorate. After the equipment is delivered, MF&T will work with the units to field it.

“It is an immense challenge and an honor to be part of the ACFT team and process,” said Jeffrey Mounts, director of MF&T. “We understand how important this is to the Army (in) transforming the fitness process and are committed to its success.”

Once all units have their equipment, the Army is set to implement the ACFT by Oct. 1. Soldiers will take part in the new ACFT to help improve individual readiness, meet Army operational requirements and support



PHOTO BY SLADE WALTERS

Tank-automotive and Armaments Command is delivering more than 36,000 kits of new Army Combat Fitness Test equipment by the end of May. One lane of equipment includes: one 60-pound hex bar, eight 45-pound bumper plates, two 35-pound bumper plates, two 25-pound bumper plates, two 15-pound bumper plates, four 10-pound bumper plates, one pair of barbell collars, one nylon sled with pull strap, one 10-pound medicine ball, two 40-pound kettlebells and one measuring tape.

national security objectives.

According to the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine and USACIMT, the test “will measure all components of fitness relative to the physical requirements of combat. Those components are muscular strength, muscular endurance, power, speed, aerobic endurance and agility.”

The new fitness test will be the physical component of the Army’s Holistic Health and Fitness System. This new system focuses on the mind and body, appropriate nutrition, quality sleep, preventive care, and physical readiness

to help reduce injuries and promote healthier lifestyles.

This will enable Soldiers to be ready for multidomain operations that challenge today’s Army warfighters.

The current Army Physical Fitness Test will remain the test of record until Oct. 1. However, as units receive the new equipment, they will begin making nonrecorded assessments of the new ACFT. TRADOC will assess the impacts of the ACFT during the different stages of implementation and will make changes to the test as needed.

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development of a Resident Bill of Rights expected to be signed later this month; among other reforms.

In July 2019, more than 25,000 residents provided input through the Resident Satisfaction Survey that gave the Army insight into housing experiences and further pinpointed issues that needed to be addressed. In addition, an Army Inspector General report yielded feedback to improve housing.

The responsibility to ensure Army Housing is safe and secure belongs to AMC, IMCOM and RCI partners, Perna said.

“I believe and have reported to the secretary of defense and the Army chief of staff that we, as a collective group, are moving in the same direction on Army Housing and we are executing their guidance, and we will achieve these goals,” Perna told the summit participants. “We are not there yet. But we are moving every day toward that end state.”

At the summit, Perna told the RCI company representatives the Army needs their intellectual knowledge, management expertise, real estate know-how and reinvestment capabilities to ensure the health of Army Housing over the long term.

“As Soldiers, we are trained to go to war and trained to execute war,” Perna said. “We are not trained to run or execute an Army Housing neighborhood. That’s why we brought this partnership together.

“Whether you are at Wainwright, Polk, Irwin, Belvoir, Hood, Riley or any other installation, the end state is for every installation to be a Soldier and Family’s No. 1 choice for where to live. When a Soldier gets orders, we want there to be jubilation because they are convinced they are moving to the best installation. That is our vision, our end state. We have to drive ourselves to this end state.”

Each installation reported challeng-

es and opportunities. At Fort Riley, Kansas, Garrison Commander Col. Steven Shrader described the installation’s RCI partnership as tremendous and beneficial in regards to reinvestment.

The \$60.7 million the RCI company is investing to build 96 junior noncommissioned homes, renovate 32 historic homes, re-roof 84 homes, build six new parks and implement energy conservation measures “is something we couldn’t do in the past when housing fell under the Directorate of Public Works because of manning and funding capabilities,” Shrader said.

“Our private partners are playing an absolutely incredible role in achieving the end state of transitioning all our housing to new builds or full renovations,” said Shrader.

Along with trends, Army leaders were made aware of the many installation-specific challenges, as well. With 70% of housing at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, built prior to 1978, Garrison Commander Col. Jeremy Bell said more investments need to be made by its RCI company to build new homes for its junior enlisted population. Redstone Arsenal Garrison Commander Col. Kelsey Smith, where AMC is headquartered, said sustaining an appropriate level of housing staff is a challenge due to the low unemployment rate in the local community. And at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, more disability compliant housing is needed because of the large number of wounded warriors who receive care at the installation.

“While we have to address individual challenges, we need consistency in policy across all our installations to make Army Housing successful,” Perna said.

Leaders will use the briefings from the summit to develop a long-term reinvestment strategy, Perna said.

“We are moving away from a year-to-year strategy,” he said. “We will develop a long-term plan that will drive towards our end-state: quality safe and secure housing at every installation.”

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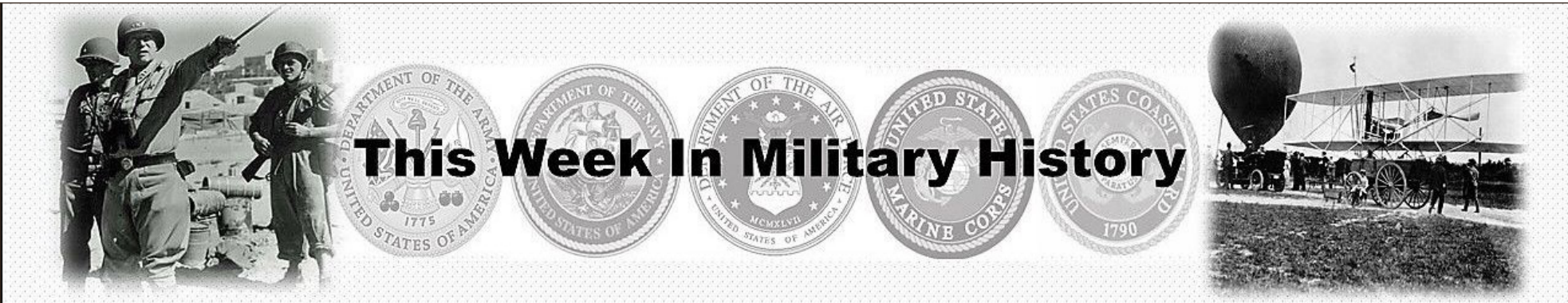
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In 1776, Henry Knox’s “noble train of artillery” arrived in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Knox Expedition, was an expedition led by Continental Army Col. Henry Knox to transport heavy weaponry that was captured at Fort Ticonderoga to the Continental Army camps outside Boston.

Jan. 23
In 1863, Confederate Gen. John Bell Hood was officially removed as commander of the Army of Tennessee. He had requested the removal a few weeks before; the action closed a sad chapter in the history of the Army of Tennessee. A Kentucky native, Hood attended West Point and graduated in 1853. He

served in the frontier Army until the outbreak of the Civil War. Hood resigned his commission and became a colonel commanding the 4th Texas Infantry. Hood’s unit was sent to the Army of Northern Virginia, where it fought during the Peninsular Campaign of 1862. Hood, now a brigadier general, built a reputation as an aggressive

field commander. He distinguished himself during the Seven Days’ battle in June, and was given command of a division. His counterattack at Antietam in September may have saved Robert E. Lee’s army from total destruction. After being severely wounded at Gettysburg in July 1863, Hood was transferred to the Army of Tennessee. He was

soon wounded again, which resulted in him losing a leg at Chickamauga in September. Hood was promoted to corps commander for the Atlanta campaign of 1864, and was elevated to commander of the Army upon the removal of Joseph Johnston in July. Over the next five months, Hood presided over the near destruction of that great Con-

federate Army. He unsuccessfully attacked Gen. William T. Sherman’s army three times near Atlanta, relinquished the city after a monthlong siege, then took his army back to Tennessee in the fall to draw Sherman away from the deep South. Sherman dispatched part of his army to Tennessee,

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The VII Corps Desert Storm Veterans Association is happy to announce that our 29th reunion weekend will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA, 21-23 February 2020.

Since our official founding in 1996, VII Corps Desert Storm Veterans Association has gathered annually to foster camaraderie between Desert Storm vets and their families, to preserve our shared memories, and to honor those who did not return home from the desert with us. The weekend’s events will include:

- A no-host welcome reception.
- A general membership meeting.
- A Memorial Service during which we honor our 111 fallen soldiers by reading their names aloud.
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and Hood lost two disastrous battles at Franklin and Nashville in November and December 1864. There were about 65,000 Soldiers in the Army of Tennessee when Hood assumed command in July. On Jan. 1, a generous assessment counted 18,000 men in the Army. The Confederate Army of Tennessee was no longer a viable fighting force.

Jan. 24
In the jungles of Guam in 1972; local farmers found Shoichi Yokoi, a Japanese sergeant, who was unaware that World War II had ended. Guam, a 200-square-mile island in the western Pacific, became a U.S. possession in 1898 after the Spanish-American War. In 1941, the Japanese attacked and captured it, and in 1944, after three years of Japanese occupation, U.S. forces retook Guam. It was at this time that Yokoi, left behind by the retreating Japanese forces, went into hiding rather than surrender to the Americans. In the jungles of Guam, he carved survival tools and for the next three decades waited for the return of the Japanese and his next orders. After he was discovered in 1972, he was finally discharged and sent home to Japan, where he was hailed as a national hero. He subsequently married and returned to Guam for his honeymoon.

His handcrafted survival tools and threadbare uniform are on display in the Guam Museum in Agaña.

Jan. 25
In 1928, Marines participated in the Battle of El Chipote during the occupation of Nicaragua. A patrol was sent to storm the Sandino stronghold on the mountain El Chipote. This patrol had begun probing the area Jan. 20. Moving cautiously, the patrol reached the crest very early Jan. 26. Although a quantity of supplies were captured, Sandino and his main body escaped.

Jan. 26
In 1945, American Audie Murphy was wounded in France. Born the son of Texas sharecroppers June 20, 1924, Murphy served three years of active duty, beginning as a private, rising to the rank of staff sergeant, and finally won a battlefield commission to second lieutenant. He was wounded three times, fought in nine major campaigns across Europe and was credited with killing 241 Germans. He won 37 medals and decorations, which included the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star (with oak leaf cluster), the Legion of Merit and the Croix de Guerre (with palm). He became a Medal of Honor recipient after this battle, which ended his active duty, occurred during the last stages of the Allied victory over the Germans in France. Murphy acted as cover for infantrymen during a last des-

perate German tank attack. Climbing atop an abandoned U.S. tank destroyer, he took control of its .50-caliber machine gun and killed 50 Germans, which stopped the advance but he suffered a leg wound in the process. When Murphy returned to the U.S., he was invited to Hollywood by Jimmy Cagney, who saw the war hero's picture on the cover of Life magazine. By 1950, Murphy won an acting contract with Universal Pictures. In his most famous role, he played himself in the monumentally successful "To Hell and Back." Perhaps as interesting as his film career was his public admission that he suffered severe depression from post-traumatic stress syndrome, also called battle fatigue, and became addicted to sleeping pills as a result. This was a taboo subject for veterans. Murphy died in a plane crash while on a business trip in 1971. He was 46.

Jan. 27
In 1776, Henry Knox's "noble train of artillery" arrived in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Knox Expedition, was an expedition led by Continental Army Col. Henry Knox to transport heavy weaponry that was captured at Fort Ticonderoga to the Continental Army camps outside Boston during the winter of 1775-1776. Knox went to Ticonderoga in November 1775, and over the course of three winter months, moved 60 tons of cannons and other armaments by boat, horse

and ox-drawn sledges and manpower along poor-quality roads, across two semi-frozen rivers and through the forests and swamps of the lightly inhabited Berkshires to the Boston area. Historian Victor Brooks called Knox's exploit "one of the most stupendous feats of logistics" of the entire American War of Independence. The route by which Knox moved the weaponry was now known as the Henry Knox Trail, and the states of New York and Massachusetts erected markers along the route.

Jan. 28
In 1966, Operation "Double Eagle," the largest amphibious landing since Korea. D-Day, Jan. 28, was a dismal day with low overcast and light rain. Despite the heavy seas, the first wave of Lt. Col. James R. Young's BLT 3/1 landed at 7 a.m. as planned. Offshore, a destroyer, the USS Barry (DD 933), and a cruiser, the USS Oklahoma City (CLG 5) provided naval gunfire coverage, while eight Douglas A4 Skyhawks from MAG-12 and eight McDonnell F-4B Phantoms from MAG- 11 were on station overhead. The only opposition encountered by the assault troops occurred later that day. Companies I and M were exposed to occasional small arms fire; one Company I Marine was wounded. Shortly after Young's men secured their objectives, five 105mm howitzer-equipped amphibian tractors IVTH-6 moved ashore to provide ar-

tillery support for the infantry battalion. Company B from the 3d Engineer Battalion was also on the beach and established various points.

Jan. 29
In 1834, the banks of the Potomac River erupted in violence as workers on the then-unfinished Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, rioted after a planned strike was brutally extinguished. Never exactly a fast friend of indecision or conciliatory action, President Andrew Jackson swiftly called on Secretary of War Lewis Cass to send federal troops in to quell the workers. While this was an eventful moment for the nation, it marked the first though hardly the last time federal troops were deployed to settle a labor "dispute" it was just another roadblock in the troubled history of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. Originally conceived as a transit and trade friendly route between the Midwest and Atlantic seaports, the canal was periodically delayed by fiscal woes, stiff competition from the Erie Canal, as well as the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. When construction began in 1828, the canal was designed to reach Pittsburgh, by the time the project was abandoned in 1850, the waterway reached Cumberland. Flooding forced the close of the canal in 1924, it was bought by the U.S. government in 1938, and transformed into a national historic park in 1971.

Empowering competitive advantage: An interview with retired Command Sgt. Maj. John Troxell

By Arpi Dilanian and Matthew Howard
Army G-4's Logistics Initiatives Group

As the senior enlisted advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, retired Command Sgt. Maj. John W. Troxell was the eyes and ears of the joint force.

The senior noncommissioned officer in the United States Armed Forces, Troxell completed five combat tours of duty and most recently served as the command senior enlisted leader of the United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and United States Forces Korea. Known for leading by example and balancing discipline and compassion across his 37-year career, we sat down with him to discuss the impact our NCO Corps has across the globe.

You've said the joint enlisted force is our military's greatest competitive advantage. What creates that advantage?

sure. First: regardless of budget instability and sequestration in recent years, we have a military that's capable of defending our homeland and way of life — not only here in the continental United States but also our interests abroad. Second: we have a military that can meet our alliance commitments and assist our partners in securing their sovereign territory. And third: we have competitive warfighting advantages in the three traditional domains of air, land, and sea, and comparative advantages in the emerging domains of cyber, space and nuclear.

But the greatest advantage we have is in the human domain. No other nation on the planet trains, educates, trusts and empowers enlisted ranks like the United States. Whether it's a near-peer adversary like Russia or China, a rogue nation like North Korea or Iran, or certainly the generational threat of a violent extremist, none have that mid-level leadership known as noncommissioned or petty officers.



Retired Command Sgt. Maj. John W. Troxell, former senior enlisted advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, presents opening remarks for International Week as part of the Hungarian Defense Forces Command Senior Enlisted Course, hosted by HDF Command Sgt. Maj. Istvan Kriston at the HDF Recreation, Training and Conference Center, Balatonakaratya, Hungary, Nov. 11, 2019. International Week welcomed nearly a dozen senior enlisted personnel from partner nations such as Poland, Solvenia, Finland, Canada and the United States.



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Our approach to their development is comprehensive. Combine a very robust education system, training exercises, deployment experiences and self-study that we encourage; together, that all enables the ability to build trust. If you build trust, then you can empower. When you can empower, now we can execute mission command. A commander — through their orders, processes and vision — can allow NCOs to execute disciplined initiative within the intent, apply agile and adaptive thinking and accomplish the mission.

Regardless of where we would have to fight, any near-peer kind of threat will start off as that: near-peer with high-end equipment in the maritime, air, or ground domains. But over time — especially on the complex, expeditionary battlefield of the future — the fight will devolve and become decentralized.

What must you rely on in a decentralized fight?

Leaders at the tactical level who can execute commander intent and the mission statement without being supervised and in certain cases, without an officer anywhere nearby.

On any given day, we have between 250,000 and 300,000 troops executing tasks from cooperation, to competition below armed conflict, to armed conflict in 177 of the 196 nations around the world. In nearly four years in this job, I’ve made it to 59, some in which we only have NCOs operating. There are security challenges, political issues and unrest, but I’ve seen first-hand the phenomenal job they’re doing. This empowerment of NCOs extends the commander’s reach across the battlefield, wherever that may be.

At the end of the day, that’s our greatest competitive advantage. We’re going to continue to invest in our people as we move forward, even if — depending on budget uncertainty — that means we have to take a pause in modernization. We will never take a premium on our people.

How can allied and partner nations learn from the U.S. model of enlisted leader empowerment?

I think it’s a professional military model that has shown to be successful, so we’re going to help them. It starts with our second line of effort in the National Defense Strategy: strengthening alliances and attracting new partners. We are the global partner of choice to assist other militaries. The best thing we can do is export professionalism, and that means helping them build a robust, professional and empowered NCO Corps.

I recently attended United States Africa Command’s Senior Enlisted Leader Conference, now in its third year. The first time around, only four nations and 10 senior enlisted leaders showed up; this time, there were 29 nations and 63 leaders from across the African continent. When you look at some of those countries, you see the challenges with unrest, meeting basic needs, and the spawn

of violent extremism. But they’ve seen the U.S. model and what our enlisted force is doing and say, “We want to be able to do that.”

From 2011 to 2012, I was the sergeant major in charge of day-to-day combat operations at the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command in Afghanistan. As I traveled around that country to see our troops in action, the Afghans would look at what the American NCOs were doing and then emulate it. If you look at the Afghan military now, a huge key to their success has been the empowerment of their NCO corps.

And as nations continue to seek out assistance, it may not come exclusively from the United States. We have great partner nations such as the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand and Australia that all have very professional NCO Corps as well.

How must our NCO Corps evolve to maintain relevancy?

To prepare for high-end conflict, we have to be trained to standard in our primary mission role, and that includes both collective and individual tasks. If I’m a Stryker brigade combat team, those are things like attack, defend, ambush, raid and reconnaissance.

We also have to understand the character of conflict is different now. We can’t forget the asymmetric art we’ve learned throughout the last 18 years. First, the ability to communicate with, and understand, the population. Second, the ability to build partner capacity — understanding that even when we’re assisting a host nation in high-end conflict, we’re still going to be doing by, with and through that partner nation. And lastly, continuing to understand the enemy.

In terms of a near-peer threat, we have to understand capabilities and capacities they may have, and then look for strengths and weaknesses. However, even though it may be high-end conflict, it could still spawn activity normally done by terrorists or insurgent organizations. So in addition to defeating that high-end threat through our primary mission role, we have to have men and women who understand the complexity of the operational environment and can focus beyond, “There’s the enemy, I need to defeat that threat.”

We have to be sensitive to potential asymmetry of the battlefield. That means being able to provide civil military support successfully and fulfilling our responsibilities to assure allies. It also means deterring strategic and conventional attack and competing below the level of conflict to impose cost upon a potential threat with which we have long-term power competition.

Can you discuss the significance of our logisticians against a near-peer threat?

In terms of logistics preparedness, there is no greater problem set than a high-end conflict on the Korean peninsula. I spent 27 months there, most of which was with Republic of Korea forces: getting out and making sure they were prepared, ready, and understood my commander’s

intent. But more importantly, I sought to understand the potential threat: North Korea.

Against North Korea, we have advantages in the warfighting domains; certainly we have the experience. But when you talk about what our naval and Marine forces would have to do, and the number of brigade combat teams it would take, the level of detail required to ensure we could continue to pursue this threat from a logistics standpoint is enormous.

There are 1.1 million North Koreans in their military, with a conscription duty of 11 years. Seven hundred fifty thousand are on the demilitarized zone — if you’re a rifleman in a rotational brigade combat team on the DMZ and you have to go to war, if you have 210 rounds, you better not miss. And a massive noncombatant evacuation operation would be required to get the 250,000 American citizens off the peninsula.

All of this means we would have to do combined joint logistics over the shore. Aerial and sea ports of debarkation would have to be accessible and secure to bring in material, ammunition, personnel and resources. It’s a huge mission, and the level of planning, detail, and military assets it would require to keep the fight going until the North Koreans surrendered or we secured Pyongyang is just humongous. I don’t think we’ve seen anything like this, if we had to do it, since Desert Shield/Desert Storm when we went into Iraq the first time.

As prepared as our combat forces have to be, our combat support and combat service support forces have to be even more so. They have to be exercised and go through rehearsals because you just don’t wake up one day and say, “Hey, I’ve got to support 25 BCTs, and every one of them needs food, water, fuel, ammunition and everything else.” If we don’t have the logistics piece right when it comes to a high-end conflict against a near-peer threat like North Korea, we’re going to have some significant challenges in being able to reach our campaign objectives.

What keeps you up at night?

My previous boss, former Secretary of Defense James Mattis, used to say nothing kept him awake at night; he kept others awake. I suppose I was one of those people.

We have a good understanding of the current threats to our homeland and way of life. But I worry about the unknown future of what threats may be, and unforecasted events that require us to take away someone’s assets and reallocate them elsewhere.

Will that leave our troops vulnerable?

Wherever we are in the world, and in the most austere operating environments, we have to make sure: our troops have the appropriate intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; we can support them with joint fires; they have the golden hour of MedEvac; and personnel recovery assets are in a place that we can get to them if we need to. We can’t leave our troops out there

without those four key things and the ability to get after their mission.

The other thing I worry about is properly executing fighter management. Our current operational tempo is not going to slow down, so it’s critical we continue to look after our men and women. Are we giving them the appropriate downtime so they continue to be physically, mentally, emotionally, technically and tactically ready for the worst day of their lives? We can’t run people so ragged and into the ground that they’re not prepared for that day.

That comes through engaged leadership, even in a deployed environment, to ensure they are getting the appropriate food to eat, the sleep they need and their equipment is getting reset. Most importantly, it’s ensuring they’re communicating with their loved ones.

A year and a half ago, I was in Syria visiting a unit that was fighting hard against ISIS in the days leading up to their surrender. They were in a very austere environment, eating MREs, and had no latrine or shower facilities ... but they did have internet. Because they were doing the mission they signed up to do — defeating a threat — and could contact and talk to their Families, morale was sky high.

They had been in country about three or four months, and they hoped they would stay for a year.

If we’re giving troops the ability and tools to do the job they signed up for, while still affording them that downtime to communicate with Family, rest and refit, they’ll be ready to reload and go after the next mission.

What is the most important thing every member of the joint force should have in their hip pocket?


Be prepared for the worst day of your life. Understand that if today is the last day of peace and tomorrow is the first day of war and high-end conflict, you and your Family must be prepared.

Every day, every man and woman in the military — from the chairman and myself all the way down to the lowest private, seaman, Airman or lance corporal — has to have the mentality to get after it. When it comes to high-end conflict, we need all hands on deck. We cannot afford to have somebody on the sidelines or operating at 60% when the enemy’s operating at 90. Live the warrior ethos and be prepared to go defend our homeland and way of life.

Every day is a day of preparation, and it starts with what you are doing to make sure you’re physically prepared. Make sure the leaders of your organization, and your battle buddies to your left and right, can count on you because you have a high level of physical fitness.

If you’ve trained for excellence no matter how degraded conditions are, when it comes time to perform your mission, you will overcome and not only survive, but thrive and win.

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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, press # to clear last entry and try to enter again. For more information, contact physical security at (703) 606-5213.

Troops to Teachers brief

The Troops to Teachers brief is Thursday 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.surveymonkey.com/r/DLFVS2W>.

Grant Hall Open House

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/public-affairs/community-relations/grant-hall>. Once on the site, click on the link for the open house date a person 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 an individual'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.

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 Friday, 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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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 Wednesday. 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 Friday 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.

Annual tuba-euphonium workshop

The U.S. Army Band presents the annual tuba-euphonium workshop Feb. 5 to 8. The workshop features concerts, recitals, exhibits, master classes and lectures by leading low brass authorities from around the world. Any tuba or euphonium player is invited to bring his/her horn for reading sessions.

The workshop will take place at Brucker Hall. Details on the workshop can be found at <https://www.usarmyband.com/tuba/index.html>.

To register, visit Eventbrite online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-tuba-euphonium-workshop-february-5-8-tickets-77858939183>. Registrants must complete the automated installation entry form at <https://pass.aie.army.mil/jbmhh/>.

Preretirement briefings

The 2020 preretirement briefing dates at JBM-HH have been announced. The dates are Feb. 18, March 17, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug. 4, Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1.

The briefings are being held in the Fort Myer Community Center (Bldg. 405) from 8 a.m. to noon. Preregistration is not required. While most of the meetings take place on a Tuesday, please note that the February and March briefings are not being held on the first Tuesday of the month due to unavailability of facilities.

For more information, contact retirement services officer Linda Hocking by email at linda.r.hocking.civ@mail.mil.

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. to 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 serve as education mentors to elementary school stu-

dents. 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>.

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.

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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.

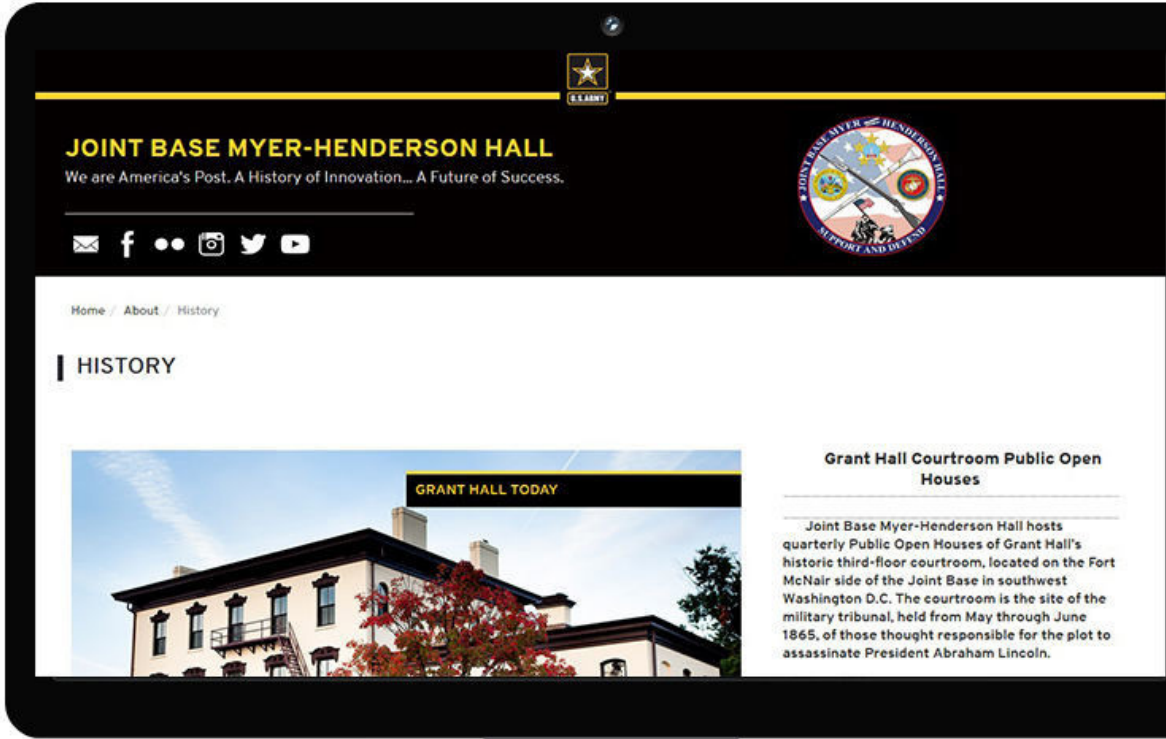
Toastmasters improves listening, thinking

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 Doryan Dixon (alternate) at (703) 805-1083 until further.



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