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At the Kelley Family's request, Sgt. York an American Standardbred riderless horse that walked behind President Ronald Reagan's casket, was brought out of retirement to participate in funeral honors for Gen. Paul X. Kelley, the 28th commandant of the Marine Corps, Feb. 13 on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH FRASER

The 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Caisson Platoon; U.S. Marines from the Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps; and U.S. Marines from the Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. (8th and I) conduct military funeral honors with funeral escort for retired 28th Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Paul X. Kelley in Section 34 of Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, Feb. 13. Barbara Kelley receives the flag from current Marine Corps Commandant, Gen. David H. Berger.

Former Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Paul X. Kelley laid to rest

By Marine Gunnery Sgt. Bryan Peterson Headquarters Marine Corps

Marine Gen. Paul Xavier Kelley, 91, the 28th commandant of the Marine Corps, was laid to rest Feb. 13, at Arlington National Cemetery. Kelley passed away Dec. 29, 2019, in McLean, Virginia.

Marine Gen. David H. Berger, the 38th commandant of the Marine Corps, said Kelley's leadership, passion and courage drove people to follow him,

regardless of the situation, as he was known as a Marine's Marine. "His contributions to our Corps and leadership through a tumultuous period ensured that we have been ready when our nation needed us," said Berger. "Although his presence will be deeply missed, his legacy will serve as an inspiration to us all for years to come." Kelley was born Nov. 11, 1928, in Boston. After graduating from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics in June 1950, Kelley commissioned as a Marine second

lieutenant. In March 1951, after completing instruction at The Basic School, Quantico, Virginia, he served consecutively as a platoon leader, assistant battalion operations officer and assistant division training officer with 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He transferred to the cruiser USS Salem (CA 139) in September 1952, where he served as executive officer and then commanding officer of the Marine Detachment for 20 months. He was promoted to captain Dec. 16, 1953.

He transferred to Camp Pendleton, California, in July 1954, where he served as a battalion executive officer with 1st Infantry Training Regiment. He transferred to Japan in February 1955 and served as the division training officer for 3rd Marine Division. From August 1955 to June 1956 he served as the aide-de-camp to the deputy commanding general, and then as assistant force training officer, Fleet Marine Force Pacific, in Hawaii.

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PHOTO BY JEFF HEENEY

Brig. Gen. Quander's wife retired Lt. Col. Melonie Quander and his mother Gail Quander pin the rank on the one-star general.

Brig. Gen. Quander follows family line of general officers

By Compiled by Julia Simpkins JBM-HH Command Information Officer

Currently serving as commandant at the Army Engineer school at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri,

Col. Mark Quander was promoted to brigadier general Friday at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall's Spates Community Center's ballroom. Quander came to Fort Myer

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Commemoration speaker looks at past, explores future possibilities

By Alice Swan Pentagram Reporter

The rich and centuries-old legacy of African Americans serving in the United States Armed Forces came alive Feb. 13 during the Black History Month commemoration held in Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall's Community Center.

In keeping with the event's theme, "Honoring the past, securing the future," guest speaker Sgt. Maj. Edward A. Bell, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff G-4, shared with those in attendance the stories and accomplishments of black service members from the Revolutionary War to the present day Army.

"The theme honoring the past and securing the future is not only about our heritage but more importantly for us to never forget where we came from as a nation and to continue to work together to ensure that the momentum set by so many heroes continues to provide opportunities to all based on character, commitment and competence regardless of race, creed or color," Bell said.

"We all stand here today on the shoulders of brave men and women who sacrificed so much and for some even their life, solely due to the pigmentation of their skin. I want to tell you some of the inspiring stories of their service and their sacrifices in fighting not only wars but fighting racism here at home

and abroad while serving their nation in uniform."

Bell noted that 90 African Americans have received the nation's highest military award — the Medal of Honor. The first black Soldier to receive the award was Sgt. William Carney. Born as a slave, he was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1900 for his gallantry in saving the regimental colors (American flag) during the Battle of Fort Wagner in 1863.

"About 5,000 black Soldiers, mostly from New England, served in the Continental Army," explained Bell. "The 1st Rhode Island Regiment was the first all-black unit and participated in the victory of Yorktown in 1781."

He pointed out that black Soldiers were also asked to serve in the War of 1812 despite a law that had barred people of color from serving in the military.

By the end of the Civil War, about 180,000 black men, or 10% of the Union Army, had served Bell said. He recalled the exploits of the famous 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, a unit widely acclaimed for its valor in the war.

"During westward expansion black troops, nicknamed Buffalo Soldiers, served long, isolated tours of duty in the southwest," Bell said. "They fought in over 100 battles in the Indian Wars. "Second Lt. Henry O.

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I believe I can fly

Service members from across the nation participated in the annual Capital Classic Friday through Monday. One of the players attempts a shot during the game. For story and more photos, please see Pages 6-7.

PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN LILAKOS

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Chaplain's Corner

A homemade life

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

I remember sitting at my grandmother's kitchen table as she prepared the morning biscuits. She called them "cat head biscuits" due to the shape they made once she squeezed them out before putting them in the frying pan.

When they came out of the oven the smell was so delicious, I could have eaten the whole pan. The butter slowly melted over them as I added fresh figs or jelly, she had made. There is nothing like homemade.

I remember my mother who could make sweet tea like it was a golden nectar. Still warm and poured over some ice in a glass, I would empty the glass in one swallow and wanting more. Then she would dish up a slice of fresh peach cobbler made from peaches from the tree beside their

house. There is nothing like homemade.

I would be gone to the field for training while in the Army for several weeks and they would give us C-rations and then MREs to eat every day, washed down with water from my canteen.

old quickly. Soon as I got home, my wife would prepare her beef roast with potatoes and carrots. I ate till I could burst. There is nothing like homemade.

It seems homemade starts at home. It is there where the foundational goodness of life begins for many. Sadly, it

homemade living. One can get these needs elsewhere, but it's not the same. It is in the home where it is expected and rooted.

There is nothing like homemade values and faith. You can get some out the can of social media or the plastic bag of Hollywood movies and shows, but it doesn't taste the same and doesn't satisfy. It's an external experience that doesn't reach the deepest part of our spiritual needs. We can't have a deep faith that sustains us in hard times if it's only lived out through others or not deeply seated in our soul. We want and need homemade.

Today, remember what homemade tasted and felt like. Think about what values, direction and needs you wanted and may have received. Get back to the basics and foundational part of your life that you experienced that has no comparison, not even from a can or bag. Experience it again. Remember the homemade life.



Sure, when you are hungry, they tasted good, but after a long period of time, it was processed food from a can or plastic bag day end and day out. It got

is just the opposite for others, but the need and expectations are the same. It is there where direction and purpose are found shared by parents and

Cultivating Patience in our Relationship With God

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

Cultivating Patience
In our relationship with God
James 5:7-11

Devotional
We live in a society of instant gratification. Never before in history has there been so much of a strain placed on our ability to be patient. We have fast food services, on-demand TV, and all of the information known to man in our pockets. With so much at our constant disposal, it is not hard to imagine how we have such a difficult time cultivating patience in our relationships and with God. In fact, even when we pray for patience, we want it

right away!
However, the Bible is full of admonitions and encouragement toward patience. James links patience to steadfastness. It is a fruit of faith-cultivated patience as we wait on the hand of the Lord.

Moreover, when Paul is describing the characteristics of love, patience is the first word he uses (1 Cor 13:4). This can make us very uncomfortable, because patience requires us to be vulnerable. It implores us to let down the walls that we have set up to protect ourselves from being hurt. Yet we can see how patience is a foundational expression of love. Love requires the ability to endure.

Cultivate patience in your life, because it will bear the fruit of peace.
Galatians 5:22

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

<p>Catholic Saturday Mass: 5 p.m., Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.</p>	<p>Protestant 7:45 and 10:30 a.m. (Sunday) Gospel service noon (Sunday) Samoan service 2:30 p.m. (Sunday)</p>
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ACS Corner

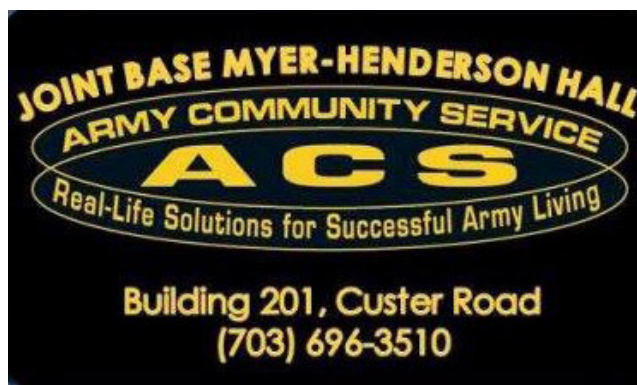
All courses below are in the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Army Community Service classroom, 202 Custer Rd. (Bldg.201), Fort Myer, VA 22211.

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.

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.



Seven principles for making marriage work
On Thursday and Feb. 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 Tuesday 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.

EFMP courses

The Exceptional Family Program will have the following course: March 26 parenting class in the Pentagon Conference Center B9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Muriel Williams by email at Muriel.g.williams.ctr@mail.mil.

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A firing party from the Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. (8th and I) fire a three-rifle volley during the service for retired 28th Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Paul X. Kelley in Section 34 of Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, Feb. 13.

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In July 1956, Kelley became the special assistant to the director of personnel at Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. He completed Airborne Pathfinder School at Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1957. In February 1958, he was assigned to 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, Camp Lejeune, where he served as executive officer and then commanding officer.

From September 1960 to May 1961, he was the Marine Corps exchange officer with the British Royal Marines. During this tour, he attended the Commando Course in England, served as assistant operations officer with 45 Commando in Aden and as commander, "C" Troop, 42 Commando in Singapore and Borneo, an island in Southeast Asia's Malay Archipelago. On March 1, 1961, he was promoted to major. He was assigned to Marine Corps Schools, in Quantico in July 1961, and served there as a tactics phase chief at The Basic School; and then reconnaissance and surveillance officer at the Marine Corps Landing Force Development Center.

In June 1964, he assumed duties as commanding officer, Marine Barracks, Newport, Rhode Island. From there, he transferred to Vietnam and reported as the 3rd Marine Amphibious Force combat intelligence officer. Following that assignment, he served as commanding officer, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment in Vietnam. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel Jan. 20, 1966. During this tour as battalion commander, he earned the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with combat distinguishing device and two awards of the Bronze Star with combat distinguishing device.

Kelley attended the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, where he served from August 1966 to July 1968 as the senior Marine Corps representative of the commandant of the Marine Corps. He then attended the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, where he graduated as a distinguished graduate in May 1969.

He returned to Headquarters Marine Corps in June 1969 as the military assistant to the assistant commandant of the Marine Corps. He was promoted to colonel April 1, 1970, and was assigned to Vietnam, where he commanded 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. Kelley redeployed the regiment, the last Marine ground combat unit to leave Vietnam, to Camp Pendleton, in May 1971. During his second tour in Vietnam, he was awarded a second Legion of Merit with combat distinguishing device.

Reassigned to the Washington, D.C., area in July 1971, Kelley served as chief, Southeast Asia Branch, Plans and Policy Directorate, Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, where he remained until November 1973, when he was assigned as the executive assistant to the director, joint staff.

Following Kelley's promotion to brigadier general on Aug. 6, 1974, he was assigned as commanding general, 4th Marine Division. In June 1975, Kelley served as director for Development Center, Marine Corps



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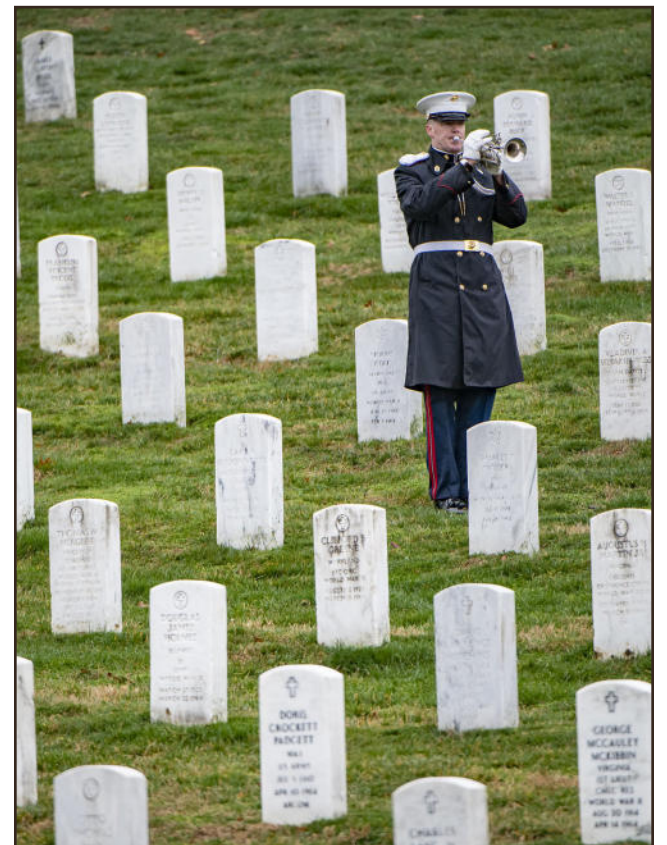
Development and Education Command, at Quantico. He then assumed duties as director, Education Center and was promoted to major general June 29, 1976. In May 1978, he was ordered to become deputy chief of staff for Requirements and Programs at Headquarters Marine Corps. On Feb. 4, 1980, Kelley was promoted to lieutenant general and appointed by the president of the United States as the first commander of the Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force, which was renamed in January 1983 as United States Central Command, a four-service force with headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida.

On July 1, 1981, Kelley became the youngest Marine to be promoted to general and assumed duties as assistant commandant of the Marine Corps and chief of staff.

He became commandant of the Marine Corps on July 1, 1983. Within months, Kelley found himself leading the Marine Corps through the devastating aftermath of the barracks bombing in Beirut, Lebanon.

Retiring in 1987 after 37 years of distinguished service, Kelley joined the public policy firm Cassidy & Associates as vice chairman. He also became chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission. He served under three presidents in this position and was responsible for the design and construction of the Korean War Veterans Memorial, as well as the legislation, construction and dedication of the World War II Memorial.

Kelley is survived by his wife of 68 years, Barbara Kelley and his daughter, Chris Kelley Cimko.



A U.S. Marine from the Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. (8th and I) plays the bugle during the funeral for retired 28th Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Paul X. Kelley in Section 34 of Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, Feb. 13.



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Flipper, the first African-American graduate of West Point and the first commissioned officer, commanded Buffalo Soldiers at Fort Sill.”

Bell went on to share the story of the Harlem Hellfighters, a part of the 350,000 African Americans who served in World War I in segregated units, primarily as support troops.

“Harlem Hellfighters shattered the myth that African Americans couldn’t serve in combat,” he said. “This all-black unit supported the French army for six months on the front lines and received the French Croix de Guerre (Cross of War) for their bravery in combat. During Desert Storm the Hellfighters became the 369th Transportation Battalion and helped liberate Kuwait. They became the 369th Sustainment Brigade. I had the pleasure to serve with them from 2016-17 in support of Operation Spartan Shield.

“During World War II more than 1 million African Americans served in uniform. The most famous segregated unit was the Tuskegee Army Central Postal Directory or Red Tails. These Airmen are still inspiring us. Col. Charles McGee, now 100 years old, was promoted to brigadier general by President (Donald) Trump last month for his amazing contributions as a Red Tail. We owe Brig. Gen. McGee a big thanks for paving the way for us all here today.”

He noted that President Harry S. Truman’s 1948 Executive Order 981 desegregating the U.S. Armed Forces change came slowly due to continued racism, “It opened doors and we grew some giants.”

Among the African American ground breakers, he featured were:

- Lt. Gen. Arthur Gregg, the first African-American three-star general in the U.S. Army, and the first African-American Army G-4.

- Gen. Colin Powell, the first black Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the youngest officer to service in that position. In 2001, he became the first African-American secretary of state.

- Brig. Gen. Hazel Johnson-Brown, the first black female general in the United States Army and the first black chief of the United States Army Nurse Corps.

- Gen. Roscoe Robinson was the Army’s first African-American four-star general and the first African-American commander of the



Sgt. 1st Class Andre McCrea (left) sings the anthem “Free at Last” with The Army Chorus at the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall’s Black History Month program Feb. 13.

82d Airborne Division.

“Making history right here at Fort Myer, Spc. Fred Moore became the first African-American member of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers honor guard in 1961, and 36 years later, Sgt. Danyell Wilson became the first African-American woman to join the tomb’s honor guard in 1997,” Bell said.

“We are still making history with Soldiers like 2d Lt. Simone Askew who was West Point’s first female African-American first captain and is now a Rhodes Scholar. It is leaders like Lt. Askew who will continue to honor the past and secure the future. It is leaders like you in this room today who must roll your sleeves up and acknowledge that there is still work to do as we secure the future for this generation and the next in the hope they will benefit from your efforts as we’ve benefited from the sacrifices made by the heroes I’ve spoken about today.”

In addition to Bell’s presentation, the event included a performance by The U.S. Army Chorus. Featured



Sgt. Maj. Edward Bell, guest speaker during JBM-HH Black History Month’s commemoration Feb. 13. Bell took the audience on a walk through the long history of African-American military service to the nation.

soloists Sgt. 1st Class Andre McCrea sang “Free at Last” and Sgt. Maj. Christal Rheams of The U.S. Army Band Downrange performed the John Legend and Common

(the rapper) tune “Glory” with the chorus.

The JBM-HH Equal Opportunity Office will hold a Women’s History Month commemoration March 12.

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(Fourth from left) Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Commander Col. Kimberly A. Peebles and (third from right) JBM-HH Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen Harris cut the ribbon for the opening of the joint base Tax Center Tuesday.

Joint base Tax Center opens for season

By Jeff Heeney
Pentagram Reporter

The Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Tax Center opened Tuesday during a ribbon cutting ceremony. After the ceremony, JBM-HH commander, Col. Kimberly A. Peebles provided remarks. She stressed the importance of having tax preparers in the community because they provide a peace of mind and needed assistance to the joint base community, which allows service members to meet their mission requirements.

The JBM-HH Tax Center is available for simple tax returns in Bldg. 205, 101 Bloxon St., Fort Myer, Virginia. The Tax Center, operated by the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, serves active duty service members, authorized dependents and retirees.

The scope of services have reduced from previous years. Eligible clients are those with a combined income of less than \$100,000, individuals with self-employment income (exceptions are on-post child care and on-demand driving services) and 10 or fewer

stock transactions. In previous years, clients with a combined gross income of up to \$250,000, with the same restrictions, could file a return at the Tax Center.

In 2019, the Tax Center assisted 1,187 clients who represented all branches — active duty, retirees and dependents, which generated more than \$3.060 million in tax refunds for the community that saved tax payers \$388, 135 in filing fees, that would have gone to tax preparation services.

Please be aware that the Tax Center is done by appointment only. For ease of service, customers should bring ID cards, orders if mobilized, all income statements and Social Security cards for all Family members. Individuals need to bring any supporting documents for deductions and credits and employment identification numbers for day care providers to the appointment.

For more information, please contact the Tax Center website at https://www.mdwhome.mdw.army.mil/sja_nav/tax-center/tax-center.



West Point Class of 2022 cadet Gabby Ingram, Quander's niece, and his mother-in-law Carolyn Ingram stand during the ceremony.



PHOTOS BY JEFF HEENEY

Brig. Gen. Mark Quander takes the oath of office Friday during his promotion ceremony.

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to celebrate with family near his hometown in Washington, D.C.

He was pinned by his wife, retired Lt. Col Melonie Quander, and his mother Gail Quander, using the same general officer's star worn by his famous cousin retired Gen. Vincent Brooks, who was in attendance. Brooks inherited that star from his father, retired Brig. Gen. Leo Brooks Sr.

"Today is pretty special as I wear and accept this family heirloom of a brigadier general," he said. "It's been worn in my family for several

generations and I will give you one promise: I will carry the legacy and I will absolutely wear it well."

During his speech, Quander described the pillars of his success.

"I also stand before you as a product of my many influence — mostly my faith, my family and my friends ... my faith, which is strong and important for me, has given me strength and perseverance to endure the tough times, but also kept me grounded in the good ones. My family, both immediate and extended, have allowed me to serve my country in ways that have made this day possible," he said.

The Quander family is believed to be the

oldest documented African-American family in American history. They are from the Fanti tribe of the Akan peoples. Their origins began in Ghana, and now the majority resides in either Maryland or Virginia/Washington D.C., and more recently parts of Pennsylvania. They were among the slaves who worked on the grounds of George Washington's Mount Vernon. In his will, George Washington stated that he wanted his 124 slaves to be released upon the death of his wife, Martha Washington. Washington died Dec. 14, 1799, with Martha signing a deed of manumission in December 1800, and the slaves were set free Jan. 1, 1801. This is the third generation of general officers in the Quander family.

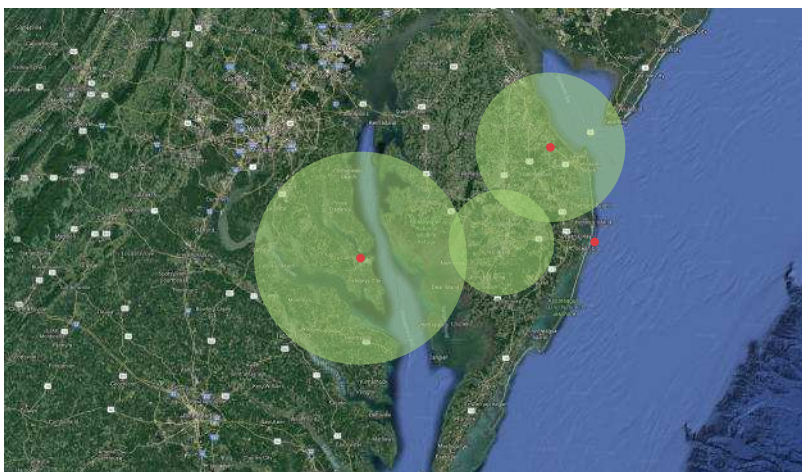
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Military teams compete to see who takes home tourney trophy

By JBM-HH Staff Report

The 25th annual Capital Classic basketball tournament took place Presidents Day weekend. The Capital Classic is a nationally recognized military basketball tournament and a proving ground for service members for all-armed service teams. This year 16 men's and five women's teams battled for the title of Capital Classic champions. Installations hosting games included Forts Myer, McNair, D.C., Henderson Hall, Belvoir, Virginia and National Security Agency, Bethesda, Maryland.

Military teams that traveled from around the country for the tournament included Forts Bliss, Texas, Carson, Colorado, Stewart, Georgia, Jackson, South Carolina, and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Lee, Virginia and Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia and Dover Air Force Base, Delaware.

Local teams included Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Joint Base Anacostia Bolling, D.C., Joint Base Andrews, Fort Belvoir, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, and NSA Bethesda. The winning men's team hailed from Forts Bragg, and the winning women's team from Belvoir.



A tourney player attempts to play "defense" against his son during the Capital Classic basketball tournament.

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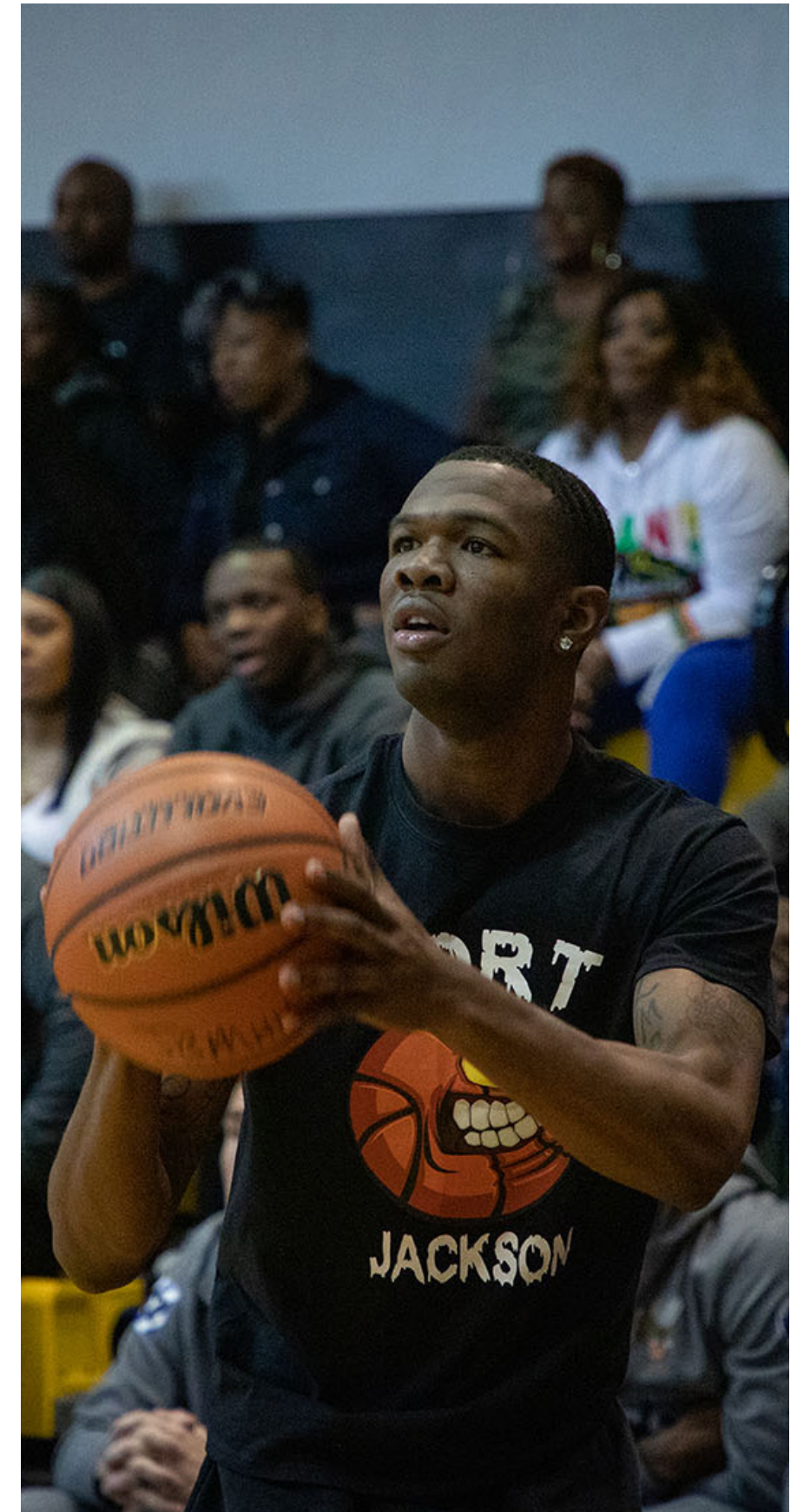
A Fort Bragg player grabs a ball from the ball rack before shooting.



A player attempts a jumpshot during the annual Capital Classic.



A player from the Fort Lee Travellers attempts a short jump shot in the lane.



A Fort Jackson player attempts a jumpshot during the annual Capital Classic.



A tournament employee works the clock during the annual Capital Classic.



Marine Lt. Col. Mark Paolicelli and Command Sgt. Maj. Jamila Smith pose with the women's 3-point shootout champion at the Capital Classic.

Army doubles amount for spouse licensure reimbursement

By Joe Lacdan
Army News Service

Last summer, Army spouse Kamyar Haghayeghi left his job as an internal medicine physician in Maryland to follow his wife to San Antonio.

Haghayeghi needed to relicense to practice medicine at the University of Texas-San Antonio. The licensing costs for an exam and administrative fees totaled more than \$1,200.

To add to the couple's stress, Haghayeghi's wife, Capt. Jennifer Loftsgaarden, learned she was pregnant with their first child shortly before the relocation from Bethesda to Brooke Army Medical Center. After beginning the permanent-change-of-station process in July, she heard about the Army's Spouse Licensure Reimbursement Program and quickly filed the necessary paperwork to receive \$500 in reimbursements.

"I know a lot of dual professional couples in civilian-military marriages that do have to incur some pretty surprising costs for their relicensure during a move," said Loftsgaarden, a physical medicine rehabilitation physician at Brooke Army Medical Center. "And I think that it's a really awesome benefit to help those families and it really shows that the Army really does care about their people."

Under the National Defense Authorization Act 2020, civilian spouses can now receive up to \$1,000 in reimbursements for relicensing costs during permanent change-of-station relocations. Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy signed the new Army directive Jan. 16, which increases the reimbursable amount from the \$500 Loftsgaarden and Haghayeghi received.

The 2018 NDAA required each military branch to reimburse spouses up to \$500 for licensure and certification costs. Congress increased that number to \$1,000 in the 2020 authorization.

Before the program's inception, Army spouses previously had to shoulder licensure costs themselves. "Army life can be kind of tough,"



Col. Eric Edwards (left) commander of Evans Army Community Hospital and Command Sgt. Maj. Art Jason Santos, senior enlisted advisor for EACH, pose with their spouses Dec. 6, 2019, at Fort Carson, Colorado. Army civilian spouses who incur professional re-licensing or re-certification costs during permanent change-of-station relocations may receive up to \$1,000 in reimbursements.

said Christine Traugott, assistant deputy for child and youth school services and education for the assistant secretary of the Army for manpower and reserve affairs. "You get moved every couple of years and if you have a working spouse and that spouse requires a license to do his or her job, then every time you move, you frequently have to relicense, "You have to get licensed in the state in which you're practicing ... Those costs can add up over time, and they're a barrier to spouses being able to find quick employment."

Civilian military spouses like Haghayeghi require a professional recertification or relicensure when moving to another state, as each state has different requirements and certifications. The added costs can be an additional burden to military families on frequent PCS moves. Those ex-

penses could add up over the course of a career.

The Army has also widened the eligibility options. Spouses who held a professional license at a previous duty station but chose not to renew their license at succeeding duty station are also eligible now for reimbursement.

"We are giving commanders and members greater flexibility to support these required additional expenses they incur," said Larry Lock, military compensation chief for the Army.

Angie Rodriguez-Torres, branch chief for pay and allowances, said that couples who have filed for the program average about \$142 in reimbursable expenses with fewer than a dozen who have incurred expenses greater than \$500.

Lock said the program is currently in a two-year pilot and will later determine the appropriate reimbursable

amount.

Soldiers that PCS outside of the continental United States with spouses relocating to a designated state are also eligible for the program. In addition, the Army Emergency Relief program may also be able to assist with funding for some licensing expenses, officials said.

The changes coincide with the Army's focus on prioritizing its people, especially its spouses and military Families. Army Chief of Staff, Gen. James McConville, implemented that focus which has been echoed by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Grinston.

"It's critically important for (spouses) to be able to get to work as quickly as possible after a PCS move," Grinston said. "The increase in available funds for reimbursement in this year's NDAA will go a long way to help."

Army modernizes its biometric processing capabilities

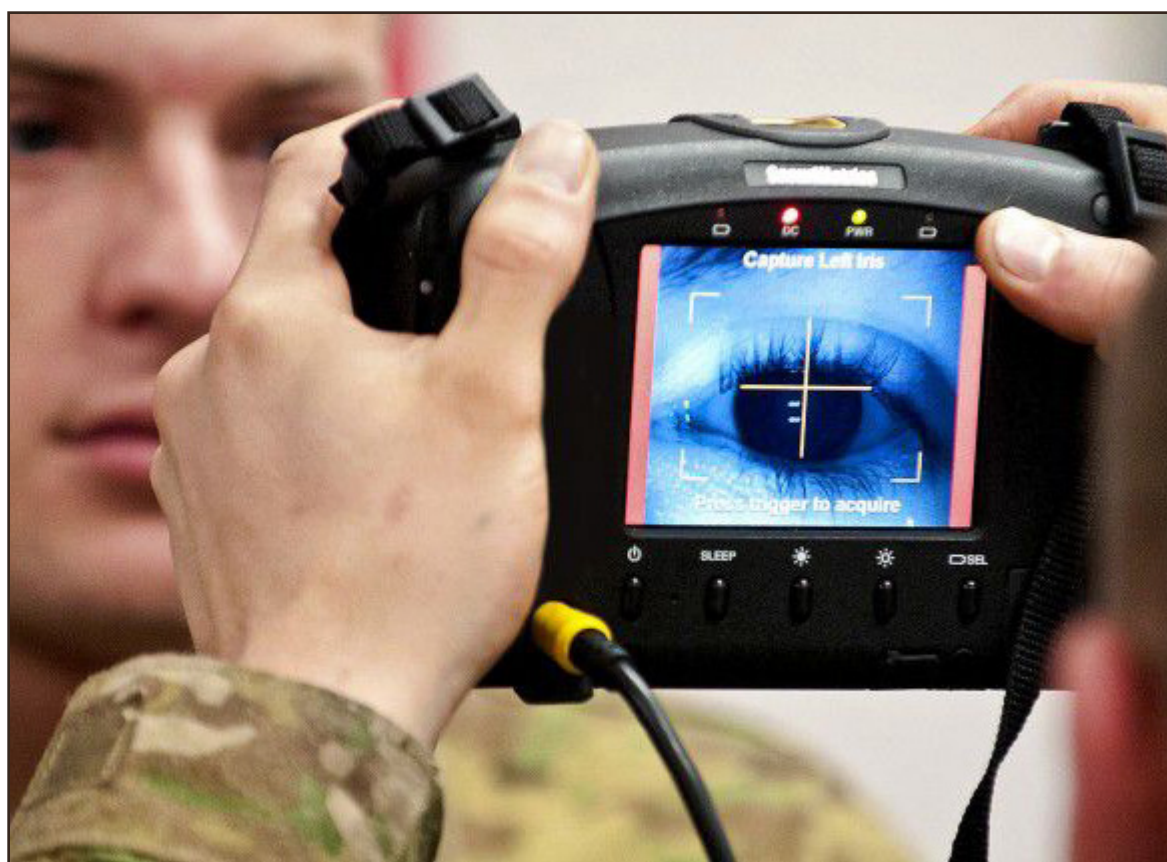
By Douglas Scott

U.S. Army Soldiers patrolling critical checkpoints overseas will have an improved biometrics tool to help identify persons of interest in real time.

Army Futures Command's Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Cyber and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Center (C5ISR) has developed and delivered software that will enable Program Executive Office Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors to modernize the Army's 20-year-old biometric processing capabilities.

The Biometrics Automated Toolset — Army (BAT-A) is a handheld device used by deployed Soldiers to collect, process and reference biometric identity information — such as iris, fingerprint and facial images — during force protection screenings.

With the system deployed to U.S. joint forces around the world and more than 1 million entries saved in the DOD's Automated Biometrics Identification System, it is important to migrate BAT-A to a database that will meet the government's new electronic biometric



The new software will improve the speed, functionality and efficiency of the Biometrics Automated Toolset.

transmission specifications, explained Brian D. Likens, project lead for the Biometrics Collection Capability at PEO IEW&S' project manager Department of Defense Biometrics.

"We asked the C5ISR Center to make the database more efficient and useful for

tomorrow's Soldier," Likens said. "To do this, they restructured the data to comply with future standards and modern architecture practices."

The new database software architecture will improve the overall speed and functionality of the tool so Soldiers can

access better filtered information, noted Will Daddario, a software engineer with the C5ISR Center.

"In the past, superfluous information had the ability to make its way up and into the BAT-A database," Daddario said. "That will not happen anymore. You are now going

to have a database with improved integrity that will be easier to use."

The architecture will also make future software development work easier.

"Previously, all database relationships were performed by the application," Daddario said. "Our new database has all of these relationships built in, so when you make a change in one area, it propagates through the whole database."

The C5ISR Center delivered a data conversion tool with the architecture and plans to deliver data migration and filter tools in Fiscal Year 2021 before helping the PM migrate the data. The Center is also slated to support PM DoD Biometrics throughout the development of the Next Generation Biometric Collection Capability.

"The need for accurate and timely data is vital to the protection of our warfighters in support of Multi-Domain Operations," said Col. Senodja "Frank" Sundiata-Walker, project manager for PM DOD Biometrics. "This updated database will make it more efficient for warfighters to collect, identify and neutralize the enemy,"



New IMCOM commander addresses Installation Innovation Forum

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In his first official event representing U.S. Army Installation Management Command to an external audience, Lt. Gen. Douglas Gabram, IMCOM commanding general, described actions the Army is taking to strengthen Soldier, Family and civilian readiness.

Gabram, who assumed command of IMCOM Jan. 22, addressed a group of Army, business and civic leaders Feb. 10 at the Association of Defense Communities' "Installation Innovation Forum 2020" in San Antonio.

He spoke about actions the Army is taking to drastically improve services in four areas identified by Army Chief of Staff Gen. James C. McConville as Quality of Life priorities which fall under IMCOM's portfolio: housing, child care, spouse employment and permanent change of station moves.

Gabram praised the mutual alignment of Army Materiel Command, IMCOM and the Association of Defense Communities. ADC works to advance issues that build strong communities and support the military, and they also share a focus on improving quality of life for Soldiers and their Families.

"This conference brings the right people together to address these issues, and this week is a great opportunity to make the connections and build the relationships that will make that happen," said Gabram.

He then described the strategic support area, the way in which Army installations are viewed in the emerging doctrine of multidomain operations.

The Army recognizes U.S. adversaries will try to harass, interdict or even directly attack installations during

mobilization and deployment operations, said Gabram. One way to strengthen communities for this future is to work now to develop partnerships and build relationships between military personnel and their Families on the installation and the business and civic leaders in the cities and towns that surround them.

Installation Management Command is focusing on several important tactical issues, Gabram said. Noting that tactical missteps can have strategic consequences, he said together we will lead a collective effort to fix them in order to move on and to be in position to attack bigger problems for the Army.

The key to success in fixing the tactical issues are garrison commanders, who Gabram called "the center of gravity of the strategic support area."

"These tactical issues are amazingly complex and emotional," said Gabram, "and everybody in our military communities should look for ways to help their garrison commander be more effective."

He also noted the progress the Army has made in the past year to improve housing as it strives to regain the trust of Soldiers and their Families. Some points of progress in the last year were the investing of \$960 million in facility upgrades, hiring additional quality assurance inspectors, new construction, standing up 24/7 hotlines at all installations, distributing several resident surveys and acting on their feedback, and personally engaging residents through multiple means including monthly town halls.

Last month, Army Materiel Command hosted a housing summit where every garrison commander and their housing company partner provided a detailed status on their housing situation, provid-

ing a clear and common picture of the tactical issues, especially displaced Families. The AMC commander conducts detailed weekly reviews of each displaced Family's situation to resolve individual problems and return Families promptly and safely to their homes.

"Let there be no doubt," Gabram said, "senior leaders are engaged."

Another main topic of conversation during the conference was intergovernmental support agreements, or IGSA. These are partnerships between installations and their surrounding municipalities that benefit both parties. These can be situations where either the Army or the municipality has a capability that, when shared, saves both from having to maintain separate systems, equipment, maintenance or staff. On average, garrison installation support service contracts that are converted to IGSA average a 30% savings to IMCOM, Gabram said.

Several Army garrison commanders shared best practices from IGSA on their installations.

"In my view," Gabram said, "if you are looking for an example of what right looks like when it comes to IGSA, look no further than Presidio of Monterey, (California)."

The Presidio was represented by its IGSA manager, Jeffrey Post, and George Helms, general services superintendent for the city of Monterey. The partners have agreements for everything from facilities maintenance to street sweepers, and road paving to an arborist who looks after the towering Monterey pines in and around the post.

Gabram made a special point to note, "The fact the two are here together is testament to their partnership."

Other speakers were Lt. Gen. Jason Evans, Army deputy chief of staff G-9



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Lt. Gen. Douglas Gabram, IMCOM Commanding General

(Installations), and Alex Beehler, assistant secretary of the Army Installations, Energy and Environment. They joined their U.S. Air Force counterparts on a panel discussing best practices from each service to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of installation management.

Beehler used several examples of civil-military cooperation from the host city, San Antonio, to drive home the point that this type of support has been part of the strength of the nation for decades.

Evans described how he and other Army staff are in support of Army Materiel Command and IMCOM when it comes to executing the Army Housing Campaign. This campaign provides a roadmap for the way ahead built on leader involvement, sustained focus, and increased communication. It is designed to restore trust with Soldiers and Families through providing housing that is commensurate with the quality of their service.

Save the Date: Army's 245th Birthday Ball

By LeAndrea O White
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Please save the date to celebrate the Army's 245th Birthday with an evening of dining, dancing and entertainment. The Army Birthday Ball gathers current and former Army members from around the world to honor our proud military history and traditions.

The Army Birthday Ball will be June 12 at the Hilton Hotel Washington, D.C., 1919 Connecticut Ave., Washington DC 20009.

Ticket information will be provided as the date approaches. Continue to

check this page for updates.

Sponsorship opportunities are available to demonstrate your company's commitment to the Army. For sponsorship information please visit, www.armymwr.com/armybirthdayball

The U.S. Army is the oldest of the military branches and is one year older than the United States. The U.S. Army was founded on June 14, 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized enlistment of expert riflemen to serve the United Colonies for one year. This is also the 60th anniversary of the first Army Birthday Ball, which occurred in 1960 in Washington, D.C.



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The Army Birthday Ball will be June 12 at the Hilton Hotel Washington, D.C., 1919 Connecticut Ave., Washington DC 20009.





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Feb. 20

In 1864, in the largest battle fought in Florida during the Civil War, a Confederate force under Gen. Joseph Finegan decisively defeated an army commanded by Gen. Truman Seymour. The victory kept the Confederates in control of Florida's interior for the rest of the war. Olustee was the climax to a Union invasion of Florida a few weeks before. Gen. Quincy Gilmore, commander of the Union's Department of the South, dispatched Seymour to Jacksonville Feb. 7. Seymour's troops secured the town and began to send cavalry raiders inland to Lake City and Gainesville. Just behind the troops came John Hay, private secretary to President Abraham Lincoln. Hay issued loyalty oaths to residents in an effort to form a new, republican state government in time to send delegates to the 1864 party convention. Under the president's plan of reconstruction, a new state government was formed when 10% of the state's prewar voting population took a loyalty oath. Seymour moved toward Lake City, west of Jacksonville, destroyed a railroad bridge and secured northern Florida. Finegan possessed only 500 men at Lake City, but reinforcements arrived. By the time the two sides skirmished near the railroad station of Olustee, each side had about 5,000 troops. Throughout the day Feb. 20, a pitched battle raged. The Confederates were close to breaking the Yankee lines when they ran low on ammunition. When more cartridges arrived, the attack continued. By late afternoon, Seymour realized the fight was lost and he retreated. The Yankees suffered 1,800 killed, wounded or captured, while the Confederates lost about 900 men. It was one of the highest casualty rates of the war for the Union. The battle disrupted the flow of supplies from Florida to other Confederate armies, but it failed to bring about a new state government. Most of Florida remained in Confederate hands until the end of the war.

Feb. 21

In 1945, the Bismarck Sea was the last U.S. Navy aircraft carrier to be sunk in combat during World War II. The escort carrier Bismarck Sea was supporting the

invasion of Iwo Jima, when about 50 kamikazes attacked the U.S. Navy Task Groups 58.2 and 58.3. Fleet carrier Saratoga was struck by three suicide planes and so badly damaged that the war ended before it returned to service. At 6:45 p.m., two Mitsubishi A6M5 Zeros approached Bismarck Sea, which opened fire with its anti-aircraft guns. One Zero was set on fire, but its suicidal pilot pressed the deck below. Two minutes later, an internal explosion devastated the ship, and at 7:05 p.m., Capt. J.L. Pratt ordered abandon ship. Ravaged by further explosions over the next three hours, Bismarck Sea sank at 10 p.m., the last U.S. Navy carrier to go down as a result of enemy action during World War II. Of its crew of 943, 218 officers and men lost their lives.

Feb. 22

In 1847, during the Mexican-American War, Mexican Gen. Santa Anna surrounded the outnumbered forces of U.S. Gen. Zachary Taylor at the Angostura Pass in Mexico and demanded an immediate surrender. Taylor refused, and allegedly replied, "Tell him to go to hell," and early the next morning Santa Anna dispatched some 15,000 troops and moved against the 5,000 Americans. The superior U.S. artillery was able to halt one of the two advancing Mexican divisions, while Jefferson Davis' Mississippi riflemen led the defense of the extreme left flank against the other Mexican advance. By five o'clock, the Mexicans began to withdraw. The Mexican-American War began with a dispute over the U.S. government's 1845 annexation of Texas. In January 1846, President James K. Polk, a strong advocate of westward expansion, ordered Taylor to occupy disputed territory between the Nueces and Rio Grande rivers. Mexican troops attacked Taylor's forces, and in May 1846, Congress approved a declaration of war against Mexico. At Buena Vista in February 1847, and at Monterrey in September, Taylor proved a brilliant military commander, earned the nickname "Old Rough and Ready" while he emerged from the war as a national hero. He won the Whig presidential nomination in 1848, and defeated the democratic candidate, Lewis Cass, in November. The other hero of the Battle

of Buena Vista, Jefferson Davis, became secretary of war under President Franklin Pierce in 1853, and president of the Confederate states of America in 1861.

Feb. 23

In 1900, in the Philippines, Marine Capt. Draper arranged with the gunboat USS Nashville, when it next came by on patrol, to shell the village of Benictican in retaliation for a raid on a marine water party six days before that had killed two Marines. After the bombardment, he entered the town with a force of 100 men and found it abandoned, destroyed it completely.

Feb. 24

In 1944, Maj. Gen. Frank Merrill's guerrilla force, nicknamed "Merrill's Marauders," began a campaign in northern Burma. In August 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill agreed to create an American ground unit whose sole purpose was to engage in a "long-range penetration mission" in Japanese-occupied Burma. This mission consisted of cutting Japanese communications and supply lines and otherwise throwing the enemy's positions into chaos. It was hoped that this commando force could thus prepare the way for Gen. Joseph Stillwell's Chinese American Force to reopen the Burma Road, which was closed in April 1942 by the Japanese invaders, and once again allow supplies and war material into China through this route. Within the military, a type of "help wanted" ad was put up with the president's authority, an appeal for applicants and participated in a "dangerous and hazardous mission." About 3,000 Soldiers volunteered from stateside units to create what was officially called the 5307th Composite Unit, code named "Galahad." It would go into history as Merrill's Marauders, after Merrill, their commander. Merrill trained his men in the art of guerrilla warfare in the jungles of India, for secrecy's sake. The commando force was formed into six combat units — Red, White, Blue, Green, Orange and Khaki — with 400 men in each (the remaining 600 men or so were part of a rear-echelon headquarters that remained in India that coordinated the air drops of equipment to the men in the field). The Marauders'

mission began with a 1,000-mile walk through dense jungle, without artillery support, into Burma. On Feb. 24, 1944, they began their Burmese campaign, which, when done, consisted of five major and 30 minor engagements with a far more numerous Japanese enemies. They had to carry their supplies on their backs and on pack mules, and were resupplied only with airdrops in the middle of the jungle. Merrill's Marauders succeeded in maneuvering behind Japanese forces to cause the disruptions necessary to throw the enemy into confusion. They were so successful, the Marauders managed even to capture the Myitkyina Airfield in northern Burma. When their mission was completed, all surviving Merrill's Marauders had to be evacuated to hospitals to be treated for everything from exhaustion and various tropical diseases to malnutrition or A.O.E. ("Accumulation of Everything"). They were awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation in July 1944, which was re-designated the Presidential Unit Citation in 1966. Every member of the commando force also received the Bronze Star, a very rare distinction for an entire unit. Merrill remained in the far east and was made an aide to Stillwell.

Feb. 25

In 1991, the most decisive actions of the Gulf War, VII Corps, moved directly east with three heavy divisions abreast, attacked the elite Iraqi Republican Guard units. Late in the afternoon on the 26th, the VII Corps hit elements of the Tawakalna Division in the battle of 73 Easting. In quick succession, the 2nd ACR, 1st and 3rd Armored Divisions, and the 1st Infantry Division smashed through the Tawakalna Division. Overwhelming the enemy with accurate tank fire and assisted by deadly Apache helicopter gunships, the VII Corps hit the Medina Division in the early afternoon of the 27th. At Medina Ridge, an attempted Iraqi ambush of the 1st Armored Division ended with the destruction of more than 300 enemy tanks.

Feb. 26

In 1984, the last U.S. Marines sent to Lebanon as part of a multinational peacekeeping force left Beirut, the war-torn Lebanese

capital where some 250 of the original 800 Marines lost their lives during the problem-plagued 18-month mission. In 1975, a bloody civil war erupted in Lebanon, with Palestinian and leftist Muslim guerrillas battling militias of the Christian Phalange Party, the Maronite Christian community and other groups. During the next few years, Syrian, Israeli and United Nations interventions failed to resolve the factional fighting, and Aug. 20, 1982, a multinational force including 800 U.S. Marines were ordered to Beirut to help coordinate the Palestinian withdrawal. The Marines left Lebanese territory Sept. 10 but returned in strengthened numbers Sept. 29, following the massacre of Palestinian refugees by a Christian militia. The next day, the first U.S. Marine died during the mission were killed while they defused a bomb. Other Marines fell prey to snipers. On April 18, 1983, a suicide bomber drove a van and devastated the U.S. embassy in Beirut, which killed 63 people, that included 17 Americans. Then, on Oct. 23, a Lebanese terrorist drove a truck packed with explosives into the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut, that killed 241 U.S. military personnel. That same morning, 58 French soldiers were killed in their barracks 2 miles away in a separate suicide terrorist attack. The identities of the embassy and barracks bombers were not determined, but they were suspected to be Shiite terrorists associated with Iran. After the barracks bombing, many questioned whether President Ronald Reagan had a solid policy aim in Lebanon. Serious questions also arose over the quality of security in the American sector of war-torn Beirut. The U.S. peacekeeping force occupied an exposed area near the airport, but for political reasons the Marine commander had not been allowed to maintain a completely secure perimeter before the barracks attack. In a national address on the night of Oct. 23, Reagan vowed to keep the Marines in Lebanon, but just four months later he announced the end of the American role in the peacekeeping force. On Feb. 26, 1984, the main force of Marines left Lebanon, and left just a small contingent to guard the U.S. embassy in Beirut.

News Notes

Coronavirus updates

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continues to closely monitor an outbreak of 2019-nCoV in Wuhan City, China. For the latest information and responses from the CDC, visit the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Tickets available at Community Activity Center

Looking for tickets to local attractions in the national capital region? The Community Activity Center has tickets to many of these, including discounted movie tickets for AMC and Regal Cinemas.

For more information, customers can call (703) 696-3469/70.

Love and Light

The U.S. Army Band will be performing Saturday at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center in Alexandria, Virginia, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Admission is free and seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. At 7:15 p.m. patrons without tickets will be seated in any available seats. For ticket information, visit www.usarmyband.com.

Considered one of the most concisely composed works for wind ensemble, Paul Hindemith's "Symphony in B-flat" was composed in 1951 at the request of Lt. Col. Hugh Curry, commander of Pershing's Own. The only work Hindemith wrote for specifically for wind ensemble, the three-movement symphony highlights the composer's masterful skill with counterpoint and melodic expression. This classic of the wind ensemble repertoire is presented alongside fresh new works by Mason Bates, Michael Daugherty, and the world premiere of another piece commissioned by Pershing's Own: "Love and Light" by Baltimore-based composer Brian Balmages.

Civilian leave assist

JBM-HH Directorate of Public Works employee Lisa Barnes has been approved to receive leave under the Volunteer Leave Program.

Department of the Army civilian employees who would like to donate annual leave can fill out form OPM630a, "Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (Within Agency)," at www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/opm630a.pdf.

For federal government civilian employees outside the Department of the Army who would like to donate annual leave, please complete form OPM 630b, "Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (Outside Agency)," at www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/opm630b.pdf.

For those who wish to donate, please be sure to populate the form with the recipient's name specifically. Send completed form to Maribel Rodriguez at maribel.rodriguez.civ@mail.mil.

Personal resiliency retreat

The Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation is offering a personal resiliency retreat April 17-19. The training will be held in Rockville, Maryland. Military and immediate Family members are welcome. For more information, contact CREDO NDW at credo.ndw.fcm@navy.mil or call (202) 404-8831. Registration is required.

2020 guidebook online

The Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall 2020 Base Guide is now available online. Visit home.army.mil/jbmhh scroll down and click on the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall 2020 Base

Guide icon.

CIF seeks updated information

The Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Central Issue Facility requests that unit commanders provide CIF activity with an updated DA form 1687 (Notice of Authority Card) with appointment orders for 2020 by close of business Feb. 28.

Units are required to reconcile their alpha rooster with CIF by close of business Feb. 28.

Ceremonial uniforms and alterations pick up are available upon oral or written notification.

FLIPL's will only be hand carried to CIF by the regimental/battalion S-4 representative. Soldiers should contact their servicing S-4 for information.

SOWC tours State Department March 3

The Signal Officer Wives' Club will tour the State Department March 3. Those interested should arrive at 10 a.m. and have some form of government ID. Those who are late will not be allowed entry. The tour will last 45 minutes and will begin at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will follow. The location will be announced later. Those wishing to attend should contact Barbara at (571) 261-2540 and she will assist an individual in making a reservation.

AER kickoff March 5

On March 5, the JBM-HH community is invited to the kickoff of Army Emergency Relief in the base dining facility's VIP room, Bldg. 404 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Green to Gold briefing

There are two upcoming Green to Gold briefings on JBM-HH. Attend the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps Green to Gold briefing May 13 for more information. The briefings will take place at the Fort Myer Army Education Center, Bldg. 417, room 218 from 2 to 3:35 p.m. For more information, contact Army guidance counselor Jennifer Souza at jennifer.s.souza2@mail.mil. Reserve a seat at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/33FQ785>.

VA education briefing

Interested in learning more about the GI-Bill? Attend the VA education briefing March 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Fort Myer Army Education Center, Bldg. 417. The class will be held in room 218 from 1 to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Army guidance counselor Jennifer Souza at jennifer.s.souza2@mail.mil. Reserve a seat online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L78SWHR>.

Marriage enrichment retreats

The Chaplains Religious Enrichment Development Operation is offering marriage enrichment retreats in the National Capital Region. Individuals can give their relationship the gift of interpersonal tools to grow a more satisfying marriage.

Retreat dates for 2020 include March 13 to 15, May 29 to 31 and Aug. 14 to 16.

The training will be held in Rockville, Maryland. Military and immediate Family dependents are welcome. For more information, contact CREDO NDW at credo.ndw.fcm@navy.mil or call (202) 404-8831. Registration is required. Meals, lodging and parking are at no cost to the participants.

Old Post Chapel Gate closes for construction

The Old Post Chapel Gate on the Fort Myer side of the installation is closed until spring. During this time, all funerals are moved to Memorial Chapel and will use Memorial Gate to access Arlington National Cemetery. There is no access, including pedestrian or personnel, to the cemetery via JBM-HH. All visitors

to the cemetery must enter through the ANC Visitor's Center.

Gospel service keeper of community celebration

Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Memorial Chapel invites the community to the gospel service keeper of the community award celebration Feb. 29 at 1 p.m. In honor of Black History Month, the award is given to individuals who have gone above and beyond to make a difference in their communities. The event is hosted by JBM-HH Family Life Chaplain (Maj.) Bryant Casteel.

Honorary guests include retired Brig. Gen. Clara L. Adams-Ender, Darren Haynes and the JBM-HH Gospel Service Praise team.

This event is free and open to the public. A soul food dinner follows the award celebration. For additional information, please contact Edgar Brookins at (202) 330-0939 or by email at ebrookins47@gmail.com.

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.

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 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.

With the latest technology, the wireless office on wheels offers all DMV services for the state of Virginia. No lines, no appointments needed.

Preretirement briefings

The 2020 preretirement briefing dates at JBM-HH have been announced. The dates are 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 March briefings is 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.

Capitol Deli 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 Mon-

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day through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The pool is closed weekends and holidays. Water temperature is set at 80 degrees.

Mentors needed

Marines and civilians are needed to serve as 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.

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 is 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 Doryan Dixon (alternate) at (703) 805-1083.



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