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He is risen

Believers attend virtual service



The production crew in the opening moments of the service.

By Emily Mihalik
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As the sun rose, a familiar sound echoed across the rolling hills of Arlington National Cemetery. The U.S. Army Band “Pershing’s Own” bugler performed the church call, a long-held Easter sunrise tradition.

In the past, up to 2,000 people traveled from across the National Capital Region to attend the annual service. If the morning was chilly like Sunday, they huddled together in blankets on the marble benches of the cemetery’s amphitheater, their voices united singing along to the music.

This year’s Easter Sunrise Service, hosted by Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, was vastly different.

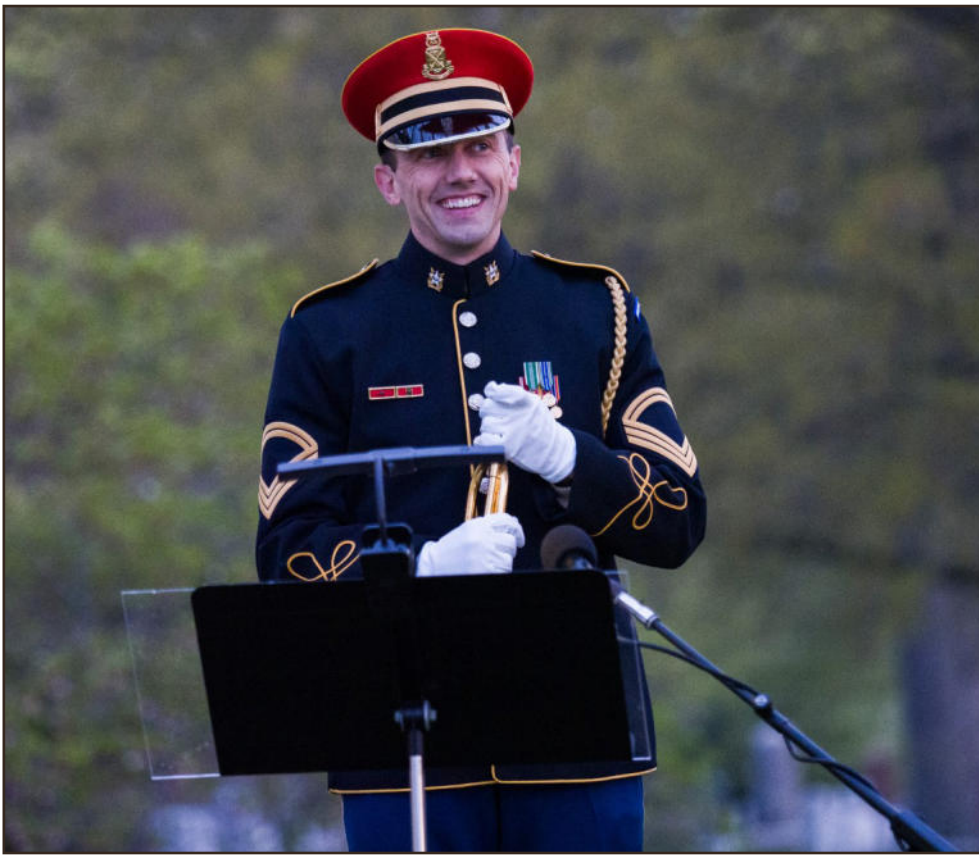
In a time of social distancing, thousands gathered together in front of their screens at home. The service was open to the public only through livestream on the JBM-HH Facebook page. At the time of publication, more than 150,000 viewers have tuned in to watch the service.

Viewers commented from across the across the nation and the world, including those from Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom. While many thanked the band and chaplains for their service, some commented that the opportunity to view livestream was personal.

One viewer wrote, “My husband is (laid to rest) in Section 60. Thank you for the opportunity to spend sunrise with him.”

“We attend in person every year, and are appreciative of your efforts to bring the service to us since we cannot be there,” wrote another.

The decision to stream live was made in keeping with the mission to protect the force, preserve readiness and mitigate the risk of transmission of illness among personnel. Given the closure of the cemetery



Sgt. 1st Class Kelley Corbett, principle trumpet player in the Concert Band, smiles moments before the start of the service.

due to the COVID-19 threat and the fact that the main amphitheater is undergoing renovations, the service was held at the Tanner Amphitheater, the cemetery’s historic structure built in 1873.

Fewer than 10 individuals were present onsite. Chaplain (Col.) Michael T. Shellman, the senior Army chaplain at ANC began the service with a call to worship. The U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains (Maj. Gen.) Thomas L. Solhjem delivered the Easter message. Including the bugler, three members of the Army Band performed.

Although there was no physical crowd before him, the first words Solhjem spoke were an acknowledgement of the people at home watching.

“(I’m here) to bring you a mes-

sage of good news, of encouragement in these troubling times,” he said. “This is the 79th year that we have met here in this place. If there was ever a season in our lifetime of social and physical distancing that we needed to stay connected spiritually together and socially, it is certainly today. We are experiencing extraordinary and uncertain times in this global pandemic.

“What started with one is now spread across the world. A virus of fear that has brought death. And yet, while it has done so it has united and connected us as a nation and as a global community. Although we live together in this time of uncertainty, we stand together in the faith, hope and promise of the sure resurrection for those who believe.”



PHOTOS BY MIKE HOWARD

Karen Durham-Aguilera, executive director of the Office of Army Cemeteries and Arlington National Cemetery, and her husband, Enzo Aguilera, silently observe the 89th Annual Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington National Cemetery Sunday.

Solhjem recognized and thanked the nation’s leaders, government agencies, military, medical and first responders and countless number of essential personnel working behind the scenes to care for the needs of citizens at home and abroad.

He said attending the attending the livestream was a choice, a choice to hold on to hope, to stay connected to each other and to pause and reflect on all that individuals have to be thankful for. Among things to be grateful for he said, among things the importance of faith, families, friends and the people God has put into a person’s life.

“What are you thankful for today?” he asked.

Echoing the earlier words of Shellman, Solhjem said the best is yet to come. He encouraged the audience to reflect on the new possibilities of expectation and promise for the world.

“Consider the backdrop of God’s strategic plan to save mankind,” he said. “The pandemic of sin born in the garden is alive in our DNA. We have all tested positive for the sin virus. The events of Holy Week were not happenstance, they were planned from the very foundations of the world, and orchestrated on our behalf, it is God’s unfolding of his sovereign plan and that we who believe are the recipients of his divine grace and cure.”

Explaining, he quoted the Scripture John 3:16; “For God so loved this world that he gave his only begotten son. He who believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.”

The service is available to view online at <https://www.facebook.com/jbmhh/videos/1321665351366547/>. Individuals do not need a Facebook account to watch the service.

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Chaplain’s Corner

Get ready, get set — take a leap of faith

By Chaplain (Col.) David M. Lockhart
Command Chaplain 7th SC (T)

I remember the year 1993, when my nephew Adrian was 4 years old, and we were at the church that I pastored. My church elder put Adrian on the hood of his truck and told him to jump, but Adrian would not jump. He tried to lure Adrian with candy but he still would not jump. He then asked Adrian if he was scared, Adrian said yes, I am scared. I said to my elder, Adrian will jump for me. I stepped in, and called out: Adrian “Get ready, get set” and jump! Adrian took a gigantic leap of faith. My elder looked in disbelief. He asked Adrian why did you jump for your uncle and not for me. Adrian looked on, smiled and said, I trust my uncle because he would never let me fall. Adrian trusted me because he had jumped for me several times in the past, and I never let him fall.

Now let’s take a stroll down memory lane and look back over your lives and think about all those times when life was very difficult, and you could not see your way clear. Did God let you fall?

During this time of crisis, I understand the fear of uncertainty. When will this coronavirus end? Will my family and I get through it? You can rest assure that if you take a leap of faith in the arms of God you will not fall. If you take a leap of faith, you will stay encouraged even when facing discouraging situations.

The Bible says in Psalm 46:1, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” God is with you in the midst of your storm, but you have to put your trust in him. Remember, through it all, God will be your shelter and protection.



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“Get ready, get set,” and take a leap of faith! He is waiting for you to jump. Will you take a leap of faith and trust that God will not let you fall?

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Application:
This week, take a leap of faith and trust God to handle all your problems. Learn how to lean and depend on God to overcome your fears.

Zoom with joint base RSO

By JBM-HH RSO

The Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Gospel Service is offering the following religious support opportunities:

Wednesday night Bible study at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing. The gospel service at noon will continue to meet Sundays through Zoom. If individuals need a place to worship or connect, contact RSO at JBM.HHGospel@gmail and someone will reach out so individuals can Zoom in with RSO.

The JBM-HH Gospel Service message is “We are Shut Down; but Not Disconnected.” We are still able to exercise 1Thessalonians5:16-18, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

The Family Life Chaplain, Chaplain (Maj.) Bryant Casteel, is offering online counseling by video or phone to anyone who is in need.

If an individual would like to set up an appointment, please email Casteel at bryant.j.casteel.mil@mail.mil.

VA eLearning Offerings

VA offers eLearning opportunities for service members through Joint Knowledge Online (JKO). Access the VA Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Curriculum, VA Benefits and Services, as well as available Military Life Cycle (MLC) modules. Download the Participant Guide to accompany the online VA Benefit and Services course at benefits.va.gov/TAP.



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COURSE NAME	VA TAP CURRICULUM COURSE OVERVIEW	JKO COURSE NUMBER
VA BENEFITS AND SERVICES	Explains how to navigate your transition journey with VA benefits and services, including: supporting yourself and your family, getting career ready, finding a place to live, maintaining your health, and connecting with your community.	TGPS-US006
MLC MODULE NAME	MLC MODULE OVERVIEW	JKO COURSE NUMBER
VA EDUCATION BENEFITS	Provides information about Defense Department (DOD) and VA education benefits to include Post-9/11 benefits that may help service members pay for or offset the cost of tuition, housing, books, and supplies.	MLC-US013
VA BENEFITS 101	Highlights VA benefits and services to include education, home loan guaranty, health care, and insurance and memorial benefits.	MLC-US014
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Join Chaplain Bryant Casteel for Bible Study Live

Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M. Eastern

Stream to watch live or dial-in

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May 5, 12, 19, 26
June 2 and 9

Who: Open to all married couples

Format: 50-minute live training online

Registration starts now! To register for class or request further information, please email Chaplain Casteel at bryant.j.casteel.mil@mail.mil

ACS Corner

Connect with ACS

To keep the community safe and healthy Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Army Community Service is closed for general services, but will continue providing services digitally.

Online resources such as Army One Source (myarmyonesource.com) and the Community Resource Guide linked to the JBMHH homepage are available as well.

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A Soldier with the 289th Military Police Company, 4th Battalion, 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), scans a common access cards through a car window, on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall April 9.



A Soldier with the 289th Military Police Company, 4th Battalion, 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), gives a driver a thumbs up after scanning their common access cards on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall April 9.

Military police maintain readiness during COVID-19

By Sgt. Nicholas T. Holmes
3rd Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Public Affairs Office

Soldiers with the 289th Military Police Company, 4th Battalion, 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) are maintaining readiness while providing security and force protection during the COVID-19 pandemic April 9.

“Our mission relates directly to homeland defense,” said 1st Lt. Joseph Lynn, platoon leader with 289th Military Police Company. “The vital work that we are continuing to perform is law enforcement and protection of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Arlington National Cemetery and Fort McNair to ensure our Soldiers, civilians and key leaders are safe.”

Additionally, the company is following a variety of COVID-19 safety directives put out by the Department of Defense.

“Currently, while working at the gates, Soldiers are required to wear gloves and face masks,” said Lynn. “The new policy requires drivers to keep their windows rolled up

and hold their (common access cards) against the glass, so it can be scanned before coming on to the post.”

Soldiers have also been instructed to avoid transporting large groups. This is in effort to reduce the chance of exposure, Lynn continued.

The company’s mission essential tasks are continuing to be upheld at all times, said Lynn.

“It is very important that we continue to meet our mission during a pandemic like this,” he continued. “During times like these, there is the potential to create loopholes that could make us seem vulnerable. To avoid this, everyone must work together to maintain our strong posture, while also battling the crisis.”

The Soldiers have sustained this strong posture and adjusted to the new safety standards seamlessly, according to Lynn.

“We haven’t skipped a beat,” said Lynn. “We have great leaders at every level in our company. We are continuing to exceed the standard, while also continuing to do our checks on Soldiers’ welfare and morale.”



A Soldier with the 289th Military Police Company, 4th Battalion, 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), logs a civilian visitor's information on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall April 9.

The seal features a central shield with a cross, flanked by the Department of the Army and Department of the Navy seals. Below the shield is a figure holding a flag. The text around the seal reads "JOINT BASE MYER-HENDERSON HALL" and "SUPPORT AND DEFENSE".

Teleworking?

Think OPSEC

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A simple icon of a smartphone.

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Telehealth, virtual counseling available to Soldiers

By Joseph Lacdan
Army News Service

After the Defense Department told nonessential personnel to remain in their residences to prevent the spread of coronavirus last month, many Soldiers found themselves in unfamiliar territory: working from home for the first time.

Teleworking brought challenges many Soldiers had not faced before, including separation from their units and commanders. Col. Dennis Sarmiento, psychiatrist and chief of the Behavioral Health Division at U.S. Army Medical Command, said Soldiers working virtually from their homes must establish consistent lines of communication, achievable goals, and some structure to adjust to current conditions.

The DOD’s telehealth and virtual clinical care services provided options for Soldiers seeking care prior to the spread of COVID-19. Now virtual counseling and online treatment have become the primary options for those seeking and sustaining continuity of behavioral health care.

Virtual treatment requests have spiked significantly since the DOD order went public last month, said Dr. Charles Hoge, psychiatrist and senior scientist at the Office of the Surgeon General.

“At no time in our history have we had to ramp up telehealth this quickly for this many patients,” Hoge said. Comparative studies have shown that telehealth services have proven to be as effective as face-to-face sessions.

Some face-to-face services remain available, including emergency care for behavioral health emergencies such as Soldiers contemplating suicide. Certain types of care that cannot be achieved from a distance also will be available, Sarmiento said. The availability of these services depends on individual military health facilities and the needs of the individual.



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In addition to navigating assigned duties and responsibilities physically distanced from their units, Soldiers also must filter through inconsistent information dispersed from media outlets and local government, Sarmiento said.

“We acknowledge that there is increased frustration with the isolation,” he said. “For some populations, there may be an increase in anxiety, there may be an increase of depression, but we want to ensure that the information gets out that access to care is still available, it just may not be face-to-face.”

Adding additional strain, some Soldiers who have children must now manage the dual role of full-time Soldier while acting as homeschool teachers for their children, most of whom have also been ordered to remain home with school closures. The dual role can be a curveball for some Soldiers, but Sarmiento said that consistent communication with the chain of command and maintaining a realistic schedule

can help manage that challenge.

Soldiers who homeschool their children should try to establish a schedule with assigned times for their children’s education and for work. Frequent communication with units and discussing a Soldier’s limitations can help alleviate the burden of the dual responsibility.

“The individual has to know themselves and they have to be able to connect with others on their team,” Sarmiento said. “And recruit their help if they’re having difficulties in terms of managing the schedule, managing the mission.”

Soldiers who have worked remotely on deployments and in limited access locations develop unique communication skills, Sarmiento said. Under the current home restrictions, however, Soldiers may need to develop a new skillset, including being more adept with social media and online networking.

Sarmiento, who served as an armor officer earlier in his Army career, said that

the transition may not be as daunting as it seems, as many Soldiers can adapt to working without teammates nearby.

“It’s really all about discipline, setting a battle rhythm, and checking on your wingman” Sarmiento said. “Many types of combat units train to fight on and over wide areas of terrain, and many troops are accustomed to operating in a distributed fashion, connected by intercom, radio or other digital means.”

A regular schedule for activity, nutrition, rest and work tasks can help Soldiers maintain their focus. Commanders can set scheduled contact times through text, phone calls or video conferencing to maintain regular contact with Soldiers, he said.

Sarmiento noted that video conferencing may be preferable when communicating with new troops, as visual nonverbal cues can help inform leaders on Soldiers’ well-being. These cues include observing the appearance of a Soldier’s quarters, whether they maintain proper hygiene or if they appear tired and lacking rest.

The most effective communication tools depends on the unit’s needs and the relationships between commanders, supervisors and their troops, Sarmiento said.

Hoge said that the methods for battling depression and anxiety remain the same as they would prior to the pandemic, but they take increased importance in the current conditions. Getting regular exercise, sufficient rest, eating healthy, maintaining adequate hydration, and avoiding excessive alcohol use can help prevent depression. And Sarmiento reminds Soldiers they can still turn to leadership for help.

“I think we can learn from others and each other,” Sarmiento said. “I think this is where leadership at every echelon has a key role in sharing best practices and ensuring no Soldier, although some may be isolated, is never alone.”

DOD COVID-19 Authorized Face Masks

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OCP/Green Mask



Neck Gator



Tan Mask



Mask consideration should be complementary to the uniform. Colors such as browns, greens, tans, and current camouflage pattern that are similar to the Army Combat Uniform are preferred.

Note: Medical equipment such as N95 respirators or surgical masks will not be issued for this purpose as this equipment is reserved for the appropriate personnel.

UNAUTHORIZED



Bright Colored Mask



Logo Mask



Costume Mask



Masks will not display logos, colors not similar to the Army Combat Uniform, or be associated with costumes.

Note: It is recommended NOT to use old combat uniforms since they have been previously treated with anti-wrinkling agents and permethrin (insecticide).

Face masks now required on all commissary shoppers, employees

By Thomas Brading
Army News Service

Effective April 10, patrons and store employees at all commissaries are required to wear face masks, as further safety measures are increased to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

The instruction was released by the Defense Commissary Agency and applies to all agency stores and other facilities worldwide where no local directive has yet been issued, retired Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi, Defense Department special assistant for commissary operations, said in a statement.

However, if local commanders have already issued a directive to require face coverings in their commissaries, the new order will not supersede their guidance, Bianchi said.

“Many bases have already imposed this requirement, but at locations where there is no guidance, this is the protection of our employees and our customers,” said Bianchi.

This policy reinforces the commissaries’ mission as being vital to military sustainment and readiness, said Army Lt. Col. Angela Parham, DeCA’s health and safety director.

“Ultimately, local commanders determine who accesses — and what activities operate on — their installations based on public health and emergency management concerns,” Parham said. “During this pandemic, we will continue to work with senior leaders on the ground as they make decisions on social distancing and designated shopping hours.”

On April 5, the DOD released its own guidance that “all individuals on DOD property, installations and facilities will wear cloth face coverings when they cannot maintain 6 feet of social distance in public areas or work centers.”

“The DOD’s face-covering mandate aligns with (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) guidance to help present asymptomatic people, who may not know they’re infected, from spreading the virus to healthy folks,” Parham said.

That said, Parham added that personal protective equipment is only one part of the preventive measures needed to help wind down the spread of COVID-19.

“Even when you wear a mask or other face covering, it is still important to practice good hand hygiene, social distancing and refrain from touching your face,” she added.

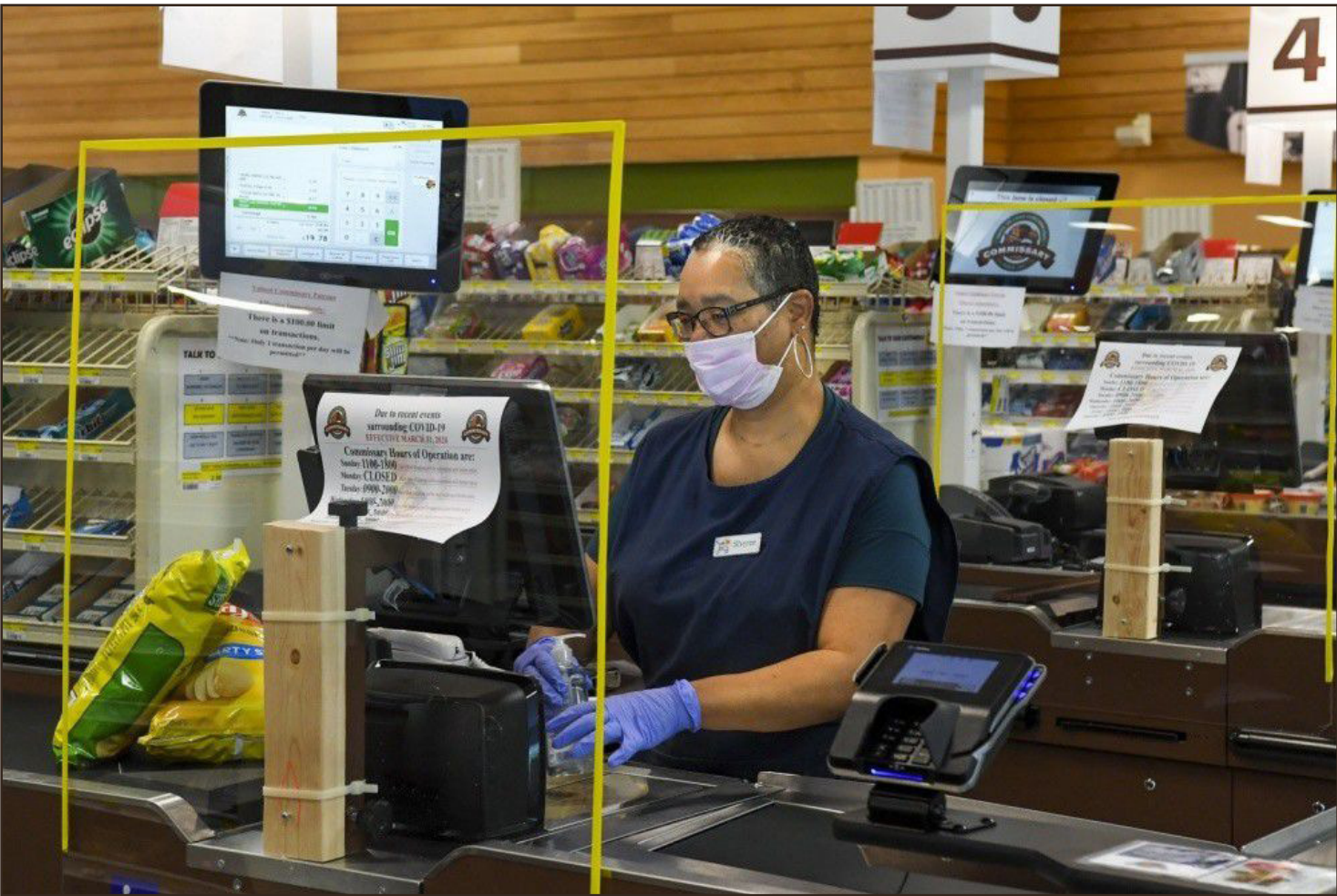


PHOTO BY ALEXANDRA SHEA

Sheree Hicks, a cashier at the Fort Jackson, South Carolina, Commissary, rings up a customers items behind a plexiglass shield installed March 30. The shields help contain the possible spread of the 2019 novel coronavirus. Each register was fitted with a new shield as cashiers and baggers continue to wear gloves and face masks.

In preparation for the guidance, DeCA officials are purchasing disposable masks and gloves for employees through commercial suppliers. Until then, store employees are wearing their own masks from materials like scarfs, bandannas, clean T-shirts or cloths to shield the nose and mouth.

The commissary is not authorized or equipped to provide face masks to customers, she said.

“Having the proper face coverings to enter a military facility is the responsibility of the service member or Family member who wants to gain entrance,” Parham said. “A customer who doesn’t have the proper face coverings, just like a customer who doesn’t have the proper ID, will not be allowed to shop. The enforcement of unauthorized shoppers rests with the installation.”

OTHER SAFETY MEASURES

In addition to face coverings on all employees and customers, Parham said, commissaries have implemented operational policies to help ensure stores remain safe in the wake of COVID-19.

Some examples include installing

clear, acrylic sneeze shields in commissaries at all regular checkout lanes. Also, checkout and product display areas will continue to be disinfected routinely, along with restrooms, shopping carts and product display cases to reduce transmission risks, she said.

At each register, hand sanitizer is accessible for and used by staff at the end of every patron transaction.

Also, multiple actions are being enforced at commissaries, including a “no visitors” policy to limit people inside the store, prohibiting reusable bags and early-bird hours being cut back to give staff an opportunity to sanitize and restock shelves.

“We work closely with our industry partners and place product orders with them for increased deliveries to our commissaries where the need is greatest, especially overseas, to ensure product availability, particularly on items that are in high demand,” Parham said.

“We are countering delays of ship-board supply containers by increasing air shipments of high-demand items to our overseas stores as needed. We will continue to fully maintain this level of support throughout the dura-

tion of the crisis wherever necessary.”

Currently, DeCA has five locations on the East Coast with CLICK2GO online ordering service. Patrons can use CLICK2GO at Fort Belvoir, Joint Base Langley- Eustis, Oceana Naval Air Station and Quantico Marine Corps Base in Virginia. The service is also available at Joint Base and McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey.

Over the next couple years, DeCA plans to expand their number of locations from east to west as they unveil new business and store-front systems.

But slowing the spread of COVID-19 starts at home, Parham said. For example, individuals should use basic practices, like covering their faces when they sneeze to avoid spreading germs. The biggest prevention rests on individuals themselves.

“Frequent handwashing and hand sanitizing, refraining from touching the face, practicing social distancing, and staying home when you can is the best way to protect yourself and — by staying healthy — protect your Family,” she said.

Updates related to the commissaries can be found on DeCA’s Coronavirus page.

Army deploys medical task forces to help hard-hit communities

By Joe Lacdan
Army News Service

The Army has mobilized eight Urban Augmentation Medical Task Forces to the New York area to support the coronavirus relief efforts and curb the spread of disease, senior Army leaders said Friday. Four task forces are helping in New York City, three are going to hospitals in New Jersey and another to Connecticut.

Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy discussed the task forces and other measures the Army is conducting to combat the coronavirus pandemic during a media roundtable Friday at the Pentagon.

Army scientists at the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command at Fort Detrick, Maryland, have been working with researchers from across the globe on COVID-19 vaccines. McCarthy said that six possible vaccines have shown the most promise and four are being tested on animals and two on human subjects. Additionally, two Soldiers diagnosed with coronavirus were given an anti-viral drug used to treat the Ebola virus and successfully recovered, McCarthy said.

“They’re up and walking around,” McCarthy said. “Obviously that’s not that substantial of a sample size, but it shows that it can work.”

McCarthy, who held a morning meeting with USAMRDC Commander Brig. Gen. Michael Talley, said the staff at USAMRDC has been working relentlessly to find a viable vaccine.

“If you look across all our lines of operation, our labs are working 24 hours a day in the pursuit of vac-



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. SHAWN MORRIS

U.S. Army Reserve Urban Augmentation Medical Task Force Soldiers board buses at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, to deploy to help hard-hit communities, April 8.

cine,” McCarthy said.

To build the Urban Augmentation Medical Task Forces, the Army called up medical professionals from Army Reserve units across the country. The Reserve volunteers were vetted to ensure they were not already engaged in the battle against coronavirus in their own communities, said Army Chief of Staff Gen. James C. McConville.

“We did not want to take medical personnel out of civilian communities where they were actually fighting the virus,” he said.

Each task force consists of 85 personnel and each has the capability of providing the same service as a 250-

bed hospital, McConville said.

“We went ahead and we knew that there was going to be a lot of demand for medical professionals,” McConville said. “...We put together these 15 Urban Augmentation Medical Task Forces and they are motivated and ready to go.”

The task forces deployed to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, before moving on to the hospitals they will augment. Some of the units will support patients receiving treatment at the Javits Convention Center in New York City. Others will augment community hospitals.

Each task force has 14 physicians — including an infectious disease

specialist and four respiratory specialists. Each has 16 medics, 13 nurses, five physician assistants, two dentists, four pharmacists, two clinical psychologists, a psychiatrist, two occupational therapy specialists, four dieticians and 18 other supporting staff.

The task forces are designed to perform low-acuity care, officials said, but they can also test for COVID-19.

The remaining seven task forces are on standby and can be ready to travel within 24 hours, McConville said, once a location is identified by U.S. Army North and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

About 25,000 National Guard troops have deployed across the U.S. and its territories in support of the COVID-19 response. Guardsmen have built mobile COVID-19 test sites to relieve some of the burden of screening emergency room patients for coronavirus at treatment facilities in Miami and Chicago, McCarthy said. He added that the test sites will be able to process thousands of screenings at a faster rate.

“What it does if you go from the screening to the recovery point and the health care continuum, it helps create an arm’s reach in the screening ... instead of overrunning an emergency room with hundreds of people, which then presents the challenge for healthcare professionals to not getting sick,” McCarthy said. “So by going to the (mobile test site) you can have many of these people get diagnosed, they get prescriptions and they go home as opposed to overwhelming emergency rooms.”

McCarthy said he plans to visit both test sites next week.



Sunrise services at Arlington National Cemetery March 26, 1937. The wintry winds failed to dampen the spirit of thousands who journeyed to Arlington National Cemetery for the Easter Sunrise Services. Eleanor Roosevelt attended the services which were conducted under the auspices of the Knights Templar.



A technician walks across the amphitheater during set up.

Small team assembles to produce large event

By Mike Howard
JBM-HH Public Affairs Director

A cool night’s breeze moved gently through historic Tanner Amphitheater Easter morning on Arlington National Cemetery. Technicians from The U.S. Army Band, “Pershing’s Own,” worked steadily to prepare a new three-camera set up with microphones for audio and internet connection.

Within an hour, the team would be producing a live 40-minute show to a livestream audience of more than 2,000 — and more than 150,000 viewers with nearly 280,000 people seeing it in their news feeds in 24 hours — on the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Facebook page.

This is likely to be the only time in the nearly 90-year history of the Easter Sunrise Service on Arlington that it would be performed from this structure which was built in 1873. From press reports, the service began at the cemetery in 1931 in the Memorial Amphitheater and it appears it was held there every year.

President Herbert Hoover and his wife Lou Henry attended and sang hymns during the services that first year and huddled under a big umbrella when it rained during the second one in 1932. News reports and photos indicate thousands of people crowded into the amphitheater for those services and the ones that followed over the years.

The service in 1931 was reportedly broadcast over three separate systems, but there were no details found in initial online research about the extent of the audience or where the broadcasts went. The chief of U.S. Army chaplains — Col. Julian E. Yates — gave the Easter message for that very first service, just as the current chief of Army chaplains would give Sunday’s message on social media.

Sunday’s service was also probably the only time up until now that was performed without an actual audience physically present. Renovations this year at Memorial meant the service was going to be held elsewhere, but then the COVID-19 global pandemic meant new plans for a virtual service that would allow people who are shuttered in to be able to see and hear the service.

“We are proud to be a part and are committed to supporting this event,” Sgt. Maj. Scott Weinhold, senior producer, said after being told that the daughter of a 90-year-old mother emailed to say she and her mother would be tuning in. The mother has three loved ones buried in the cemetery and was happy to hear she would be able see the service being produced by Weinhold and his team.

Doing big events like this outside the studio production auditoriums

in Bruckner Hall on the Fort Myer portion of the joint base is not new. But Weinhold, who does most of the planning for them, said doing events outside in remote locations require months of planning and execution, along with professional cameras and specially calibrated lighting provided by others.

For Sunday’s service, the band planned this video production in less than two weeks using a new capability of multiple cameras and mobile internet connectivity never used before.

Weinhold adjusted his face covering as he looked at the video monitor in front of Staff Sgt. Clark McDaniel, video producer. McDaniel checked some settings on his gear linking to cellular towers and allowing the remote feed to the Facebook page.

“It’s an absolute honor to be able to help bring an event with such profound meaning and rich history to people not only local to this area, but around the world,” McDaniel said. “I’m grateful that we’re in a position to keep the tradition alive despite the difficult circumstances the world is currently facing and to bring hope when it’s most needed.”

Across the amphitheater, audio technician Staff Sgt. Eric Messick checked a microphone on the stage.

He said his biggest challenge and job for today’s event is the same as it is for all the shows he does.

“I need to make sure that what the audience hears is what they see — that the sound matches the video,” he said.

Other than a brief mention in the press about the broadcast of the first service, not much is known about early broadcasts of the service to outside audiences or how large those audiences were. But news reports said the service in 1941 was broadcast nationwide by NBC and CBS radio stations. The April 9, 1944, service was broadcast by the War Information Department via short-wave radio to troops overseas fighting in World War II in the European and Pacific theaters.

The Army Chief of Staff George C. Marshall attended this service, giving the prayer. An Associated Press article said “thousands of Washington officials and visitors attended” as Marshall prayed for strength for “those who offer their lives in support of the nation’s cause by land, sea and air.”

The article reported Marshall saying American troops are fighting “to secure freedom for all peoples.” His prayer: “Give us strength O Lord to be pure in heart and purpose, to the end of peace on earth, good will toward men.”

Afterward, Marshall, first lady Eleanor Roosevelt and Sir Knight Charles Orr laid a cross wreath of lilies at the Tomb of the Unknown



The Army chief of chaplains, Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Thomas L. Solhjelm, delivered the message during Sunday’s Easter Sunrise Service in Arlington National Cemetery.

Soldier. Roosevelt — who also was present in at least 1935, 1937 and 1938 — attended the service and Orr was the Knights Templar grand master hosting the service that year.

There are reports that radio broadcasts of the service continued at least through the 1980s.

As the technicians finished their lighting, audio and video preparations for Sunday’s social media post, sounds of the three musicians from the band singing and playing their instruments began to fill the quiet of the early morning.

Sgt. 1st Class Kelley Corbett, principle trumpet player in the Concert Band, blew into his instrument. When the cameras went live 20 minutes later, all the focus would be on him for the start of the show with the bugle call.

“It’s all part of the job,” he said. “You never know what you’ll do next. And this is pretty big.”

One constant with these services over the years has been the military in the National Capital Region involvement. A 1983 news article announcing the end of the Knights Templar involvement in the service said the Marine Corps Band and U.S. Army Chorus had been a part of every service from 1931.

A feature article in Knights Templar magazine in 1980 said along with military chaplains becoming involved in the service in recent years, the Military District of Washington

and Armed Services Chaplains Committee were that year part of the planning for the service.

MDW fully took over the service in 1983. JBM-HH became responsible for it in 2015.

When told he was one of a long line of folks from the U.S. Army Chorus participating in the services from the start, Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Heil said, “This is a different kind of performance compared to what we normally do. We are usually performing with a full chorus.

“So this is a little more intimate for us this morning. Plus, we are performing an original arrangement made just for this service.”

Heil was referring to the work of another member of the chorus, pianist Staff Sgt. Daniel Campolieta, who warmed up next to him on the keyboard. When Campolieta learned the service would be a virtual one on Facebook, he specially arranged “Were You There When they Crucified My Lord” for piano, solo tenor and trumpet to be performed during the service.

“With all that is going on in the world with the pandemic and the fact we were still able to come together to make music,” Campolieta said, “being part of this service is a blessing and pretty special. So I wanted to have something that matched the moment.”

The annual service actually started on the Walter Reed Hospital proper-

ty in 1928 by the Knights Templar.

It moved to Arlington National Cemetery for the 1931 service because Knights Templar leaders in the Washington, D.C., area wanted a larger space for a larger audience and they wanted to honor Masons who died in war, according to Vance Penn, an authority on Masonic history. He is a Department of the Army civilian employee who works as a human resource specialist with U.S. Army Installation Management Command in San Antonio.

He earned his PhD in 2017 from Thomas Paine College, writing his dissertation on the impact the Freemasons had on America’s military, business, exploration and entertainment. He has published one book on Freemason history and expects to publish another one this year on Freemasons who served in the American Revolution.

Penn said in an interview after the service that the Knights Templar is the only group in the Freemasons that require members to have a Christian faith — all other groups simply require a belief in a supreme being.

“In Christianity, the holiest of days are the Triduum, or ‘three days’ in Latin,” Penn said. “Maundy Thursday when Christ gathered the disciples for the Last Supper, Good Friday when Christ died on the cross and the Vigil of Easter when Christians await the break of day

when Christ arose.

“Sunrise is significant because it represents Christ’s resurrection, a new beginning.”

While the Masonic group conducted the services until 1982, Penn felt the message is still the same today.

“The message is fairly straightforward,” Penn said. “The Knights Templar rejoice in the resurrection of Christ and honor those who have died in war at the sunrise service. During the COVID-19 pandemic, it’s important to remember that tradition and the importance of the resurrection of Christ are still important to Christians and Knights Templar around the world.”

So as showtime approached for this special service, Chaplain (Col.) Michael T. Shellman came to the podium to rehearse. Shellman is the senior Army chaplain at Arlington National Cemetery. He did the call to worship.

“I just feel this is the best way to start this special day,” Shellman said. “Meeting at the break of dawn to welcome the resurrection of Christ — it doesn’t get any better than this.”

The Army chief of chaplains, Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Thomas L. Solhjelm, joined Shellman on stage. Solhjelm gave the Easter message. He placed his papers on the podium.

“This is unprecedented,” he said. “This service has been going since the Great Depression. It was a mes-

sage of hope then, and it is a message of hope today. We have inclement weather plans for this service, but not one for a global pandemic.

“So I am honored to be a part of this. It is the third time I have been involved as a general officer. I am convinced that myself and everyone in our audience will remember this day for the rest of our lives.

“People are awakened by this situation — this is a very important day.”

McDaniel announced from the production table: “Eight minutes!”

He and Weinhold made final shot adjustments with the two main speakers on the stage. The two producers decided the light of the stage area would not be needed because daylight was fast approaching.

Sgt. 1st Class Denise Min placed an Easter lily in front of the podium as a final touch. She assisted JBM-HH deputy chaplain, Chaplain (Maj.) John Lee, in quickly checking that the items on the podium were firmly attached and left the stage area. Both work in the JBM-HH Religious Support Office and coordinated the service.

Karen Durham-Aguilera, executive director of the Office of Army Cemeteries and Arlington National Cemetery, came into the amphitheater to represent the cemetery and talk to some of the participants.

“The virtual Easter Sunrise Service was a very moving ceremony in

this beautiful setting,” she said. “It served to connect the community as best as possible. To represent the more than 150,000 virtual visitors from around the world, was our great honor. People from Grafenwoehr, (Germany), Taiwan, Kuwait, Australia, Sweden and many others throughout the globe offered their appreciation and prayers online.

“It was a beautiful and heart-warming experience.”

She left the grassy area and joined her husband Enzo Aguilera on the sidewalk at the rear of the amphitheater between sections two and 26 of the cemetery where they would stand holding hands throughout the service.

“Four minutes!” McDaniel said. Everyone was in place.

“One minute!” from McDaniel.

Weinhold ran to one camera. He put on his glasses for a final check. He gave a thumbs up to McDaniel. “Ten seconds to live!” said McDaniel as a reddish orange came in the sky over Washington, D.C.

The amphitheater filled with daylight.

McDaniel motioned to his partner Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Northman to begin. Northman is a full-time trumpet player in the Ceremonial Band but is helping with this production as a video producer.

Northman raised his thumb high in the air to signal for Corbett to play the bugle call.



Antonio Vigil, a sign language interpreter, signs the Easter Sunrise Service Sunday for the hearing impaired,



Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Heil sings a specially-arranged “Were You There When they Crucified My Lord.”



PHOTO BY NAVY PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS ERIC GARST
Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Bridget Rubac, a Sailor assigned to the Expeditionary Medical Facility New Orleans Detachment disposes of outer garments after a escorting patient to a room at the personal housing unit in support of the Department of Defense COVID-19 response New Orleans April 9. The PHU is designed for symptomatic patients transferred from area hospital emergency departments with pending COVID-19 test results. The EMF works in coordination with federal, state and local health officials to ensure equipment and resources are in place and are operationally capable to safely treat patients. U.S. Northern Command, through U.S. Army North, is providing military support to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help communities in need.

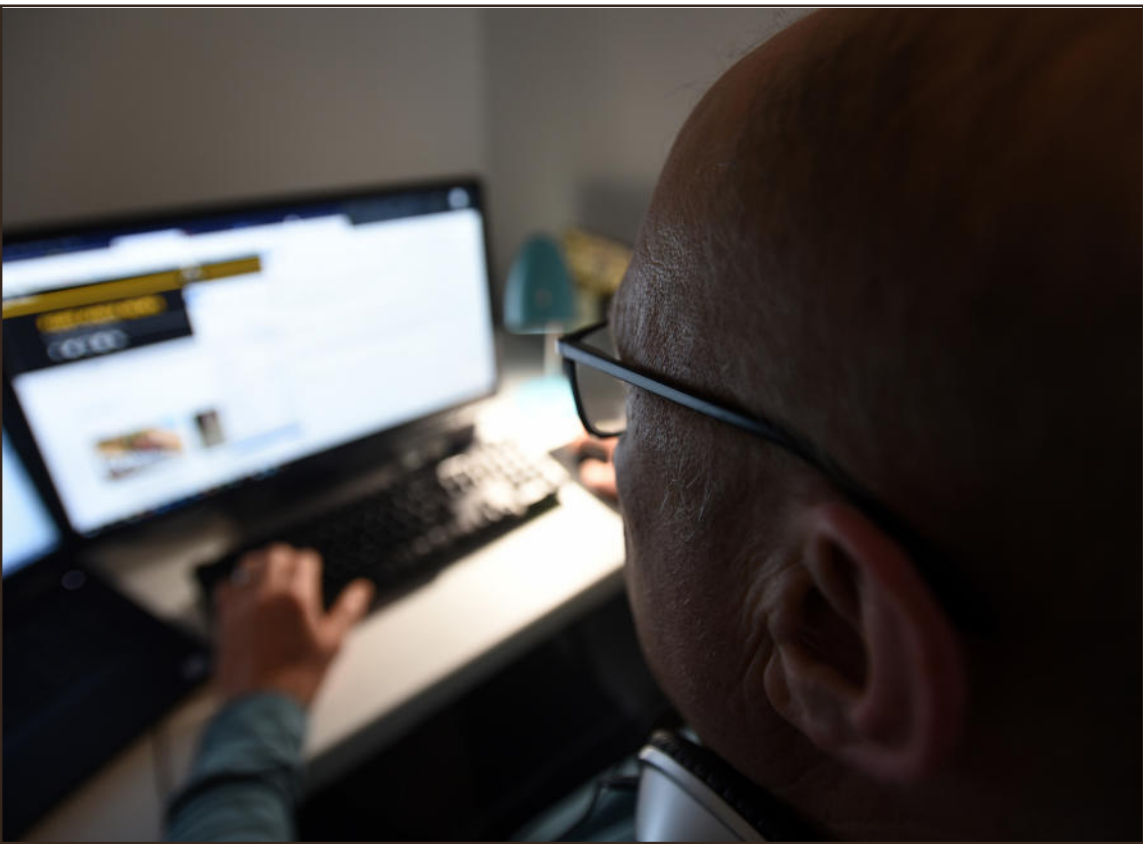


PHOTO COURTESY OF APRIL GAIL PILGRIM
The new landscape of civilian federal government employment during the coronavirus disease 2019 global outbreak looks strikingly similar to an individual's house. That's because most likely it is, said U.S. Army personnel advisors. In an effort to protect the health of the military workforce while maintaining operational momentum, many organizations are sending civilian employees home. Telework has expanded to meet the need.

Growth in DOD telework capability may outlive coronavirus pandemic

By C. Todd Lopez
DOD News

To keep business on track during the fight against coronavirus, the Defense Department has greatly expanded its telework capability with a variety of tools. Once the coronavirus threat has receded, some of those enhancements for telework may continue on in some capacity, DOD's chief information officer said.

"We are creating a much more robust enhanced teleworking capability, (and) we've obviously always had one," Dana Deasy told reporters today at a Pentagon news conference. "What we've now done is we've just put a multiplier effect into the quantity, the types of services, the collaboration tools, etc. So, there will be some permanency to what we have here ... there is going to be an enhanced teleworking capability that will be sustained at the end of COVID-19."

The telework capability that might outlive the pandemic will be related to enhanced network capability, and will also include a larger base of teleworking equipment, Deasy said, but it's not just limited to technology.

"We've also just developed some new tactics and techniques that allow us to ramp up quite quickly," he said, adding that the department had "significant help" from industry partners

to support the large numbers of Defense Department employees who are working offsite due to social distancing and stay-at-home orders.

Air Force Lt. Gen. B.J. Shwedo, the Joint Staff's director for command, control, communications and computers/cyber and chief information officer, said as many as 4 million DOD military and civilian workers are now teleworking.

The Army, he said, has about 800,000 telework-enabled members on Defense Department networks, and the demand is increasing daily. The Navy, he said, had 100,000 remote workers on its networks before the coronavirus pandemic, and that has more than doubled to 250,000 workers.

"Planned improvements in the next two to three weeks will bring the total to 500,000 remote users," Shwedo said.

The Navy's use of Outlook Web Access, he said, was at about 10,000 users before the pandemic, and usage may climb to some 300,000 users by the end of the month. The Marine Corps, he said, expects its OWA users to increase from about 70,000 to more than 105,000.

The Air Force, he added, has increased virtual private network capability from 10,000 to more than 100,000 today, with an expectation to go to 200,000 in coming weeks.

"They're now using a tool that is going to bring this capability to over 400,000 users," Shwedo said.

The many telework-enabling tools now available to Department employees are explained at <http://public.cyber.mil>, Deasy said. One of those, he said, is the "commercial virtual remote" environment that provides collaboration capabilities including video, voice and text.

"CVR was created to support the department during the current large-scale teleworking environment due to the COVID-19 national emergency," he said. "The tool is just one of several tools available to the workforce and provides remote workers with enhanced collaboration capabilities."

The rollout for CVR began March 27, and it already has more than 900,000 activated user accounts, Deasy said.

"At one-point last week, we added over 250,000 accounts in a single day," he said. "This is the largest rollout ever implemented in this short amount of time."

The recently stood-up COVID-19 Telework Readiness Task Force has spearheaded much of the effort to get employees online from home to keep doing their jobs, Deasy said. The task force, he said, focuses on areas such as equipment needs, network capacity, operational readiness, information technology personnel, contracting

readiness, supply chain, finance requirements and cybersecurity.

"We meet daily for about two hours to review and address various technical issues and requests as they arise," he said.

Deasy also said efforts during the coronavirus pandemic are not just related to getting employees online for telework. DOD also is helping on the front lines of the coronavirus fight as well.

In New Orleans, he said, the department provided two field hospitals with a one-gigabyte internet connection, internet protocol phones, connectivity between locations and switches to connect it all together.

"A request such as this generally requires months of planning, procuring equipment, and, of course, hiring the teams to install," he said. "Due to our strong partnership with industry, the job was completed in just one day."

One effect of increased telework and the coronavirus pandemic has been an increase in "spear phishing" — attempts by malicious actors to compromise target computers.

"I'll tell you that (with) the insight that we're receiving, we're getting better and better at getting their (tactics, techniques and procedures) and finding out where these threat vectors are coming from," Shwedo said.

Help available for Soldiers locked into lease agreements

By Devon Suits
Army News Service

Soldiers and Families locked into untenable lease agreements due to the COVID-19 stop-movement order can access legal support to reduce their financial obligation.

Under the Service Member Civil Relief Act, Soldiers can terminate their lease agreement with permanent-change-of-station or deployment orders that exceed 90 days, according to Army G-1 officials.

Some Families might have entered a new lease agreement prior to a PCS, said Melissa Halsey, legal assistance policy division chief for the Office of the Judge Advocate General.

When the stop-movement order nullified a Soldier's PCS orders, they may now be forced to maintain multiple households, and the recourse is unclear.

Individuals caught in a leasing dispute should first reach out to their landlord or property management office to try and resolve the issue at the lowest, Halsey said. If that doesn't work, Soldiers should notify their chain of command and consult with a legal assistance attorney.

"We are suggesting service members contact their landlords directly and explain their situation," Halsey said. "They should then ask the landlord to end their lease voluntarily."

Army G-1 recently released

an all-Army activities message to provide impacted personnel with guidance, Halsey said. Within the ALARACT, Soldiers have access to example letters to help them cancel a lease agreement or pause rent obligations.

Individuals can also look into any state-specific laws or federal relief to provide support. For example, the Federal Housing Finance Agency is offering mortgage relief to borrowers impacted by COVID-19. At any point, Soldiers can contact their installation legal assistance office for further guidance or support, she added.

If personnel cannot reach a termination agreement with their landlord, they can work with their chain of command and legal office to obtain new orders, which will allow them to cancel their rent or lease contract under the SCRA.

Current lease

While under the stop-movement order, Soldiers should try to maintain their lease with their current property manager until they are authorized to PCS since there is no legal requirement for a landlord to re-lease a property to an existing tenant, Halsey said.

Soldiers should notify their chain of command if they terminated their lease in preparation for a move and if their landlord refuses to let them continue to occupy the property, Halsey said.

Personnel may be authorized



PHOTO BY DEVON L. SUITS
Soldiers and Families locked into untenable lease agreements due to the COVID-19 stop-movement order can access legal support to reduce their financial obligation.

a short-distance move with their household goods due to the involuntary tour extension, she said.

The Department of Justice, which enforces the SCRA, has been actively monitoring the COVID-19 situation, Halsey said.

"Since COVID-19 has come to our shores, active duty service members and members of the National Guard and Reserve have shouldered new burdens as they work to protect our country," said Eric S. Dreiband, the assistant attorney general with the civil rights division.

"We owe it to them to ensure that COVID-19 does not jeopardize their economic livelihood," Dreiband said in a news release.

Lowered interest rate

Soldiers should also be aware of the 6% interest-rate reduction on all preservice financial obligations under the SCRA, Halsey said. This applies to automobile loans, credit card debt, student loans and other forms of credit.

Soldiers called up to active duty to support COVID-19 efforts can also receive a reduced interest-rate benefit, Halsey added.

For mortgages, trust deeds or other mortgage-related securities, the interest rate reduction to 6% extends for up to one year after their military service duration, officials said. For all other credit obligations, the interest rate reduction to 6% will remain in place until the Soldier leaves military

service.

Individuals can apply for the interest-rate reduction at any point during their military careers, she added. When a valid interest rate reduction request is provided to a creditor, the credit must forgive all amounts charged over 6% from the point the Soldier entered military service, which could include retroactively forgiving any amount charged over the lowered rate.

"National Guard and Reserve members called up to support COVID-19 efforts should contact their lenders and inquire about the interest-rate reduction," she added. "Legal Assistance attorneys are available to help Soldiers draft valid interest rate reductions."

News Notes

JBM-HH leaders to host virtual town hall Thursday

JBM-HH hosts virtual town halls via Facebook once a week, with the next taking place Thursday. The town hall begins at 1 p.m. and will feature JBM-HH leaders and subject matter experts who will speak about what the installation is doing to mitigate the virus threat on base and among personnel.

All are invited to view the town hall online and questions are welcomed. Individuals may submit questions in advance on the JBM-HH Facebook page in the event discussion or via email to usarmy.jbmhh.asa.list.pao-all@mail.mil. On the day of the virtual town hall, the live feed can be viewed at the Facebook event page <https://www.facebook.com/events/1498705573636879/>. Individuals do not need a Facebook account to view the town hall. The previous April 2 and 9 town halls can be viewed on the video section of the JBM-HH Facebook page.

Individuals are reminded to wear face coverings

Individuals should remember to always have a cloth face covering with them in case they are in a situation where they cannot keep a distance of 6 feet between themselves and others. Cloth face coverings are required on all military installations, properties and facilities (except residences).

Debts owed

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Pfc. Leonid D. Ciuffoli, Company H, 1st Battalion, 3d US Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), must contact 1st Lt. Ben Morgan, the summary court-martial officer for the Soldier. Ciuffoli recently passed away April 12. Contact Morgan at (443) 878-8697 or by email at benjamin.j.morgan21.mil@mail.mil.

May 2 Grant Hall cancelled

The JBM-HH Grant Hall Courtroom Public Open House scheduled for May 2 at Fort McNair is cancelled due to the current mandates for social distancing. As the open houses are held quarterly, plans are to still host the open houses on the first Saturday in August, Aug. 1, and the first Saturday in November, Nov. 7. Information and updates on the upcoming open houses are to be provided on the JBM-HH Facebook events page.

Warrant officers conduct weekly briefings

Virtual warrant officer briefs will be conducted on a weekly basis. Briefings will be conducted every first and third Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. and the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

To access the brief, individuals must have CAC access. The brief is located at <https://conference.apps.mil/webconf/gowarrantnowNCR>.

Census Bureau opportunities available

The U. S. Census Bureau has employment opportunities all across America, but they are specifically looking for active duty military spouses and Family members 18 years of age or older who reside on JBM-HH. Applicants include military spouses, high school seniors, college students or other Family members interested in a job that pays well and is temporary. Applicants for JBM-HH must be from joint base zip codes. The bureau needs 18 workers to help with the 2020 census. With COVID-19, it will be work from home, online and on the telephone. Hourly Rates: \$22.50 — \$27.50.

Individuals can apply at <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html> or call (888) 480-1639.

The bureau is also looking for anyone who lives in Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax Virginia, areas for the following types of full-time and part-time positions. Individuals can apply at the same link as above.

Recruiting assistant: Assists in recruiting and testing job applicants.

Census field supervisor: Appoints, trains, and supervises enumerators who are engaged in data collection.

Office operations supervisor: Coordinates, supervises, and oversees the work of office clerks in specific functional areas.

Enumerator: Locally hired workers who perform field enumeration activities in and around their respective neighborhoods.

Clerk: Office clerks perform a wide variety of clerical functions in support of field data collection, recruiting, payroll/personnel, automation technology and quality assurance operations.

Myer Flyer Shuttle suspended

The Myer Flyer Shuttle Route 9, which travels from the Pentagon to Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall has been suspended. If this is impacting individuals, please let the motor pool know. JBM-HH is assessing how many people need this service, so input is appreciated. Please call the motor pool at (703) 696-7009 or (703) 696-7136.

COVID-19 affecting PCSing

Soldiers who are permanently changing stations Soldiers and Families on orders to or from a country with a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warning level category 3 for COVID-19 (Korea and Italy) will stop movement and delay travel until May 6 or further notice, according to an Army message. If a service member receives orders from Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall’s Military Personnel Division, please contact Douglas Russell at (703) 696-3695, or by email at douglas.a.russell3.civ@usa.army.mil with any questions.

Department of Defense customers who are or were expected to PCS to Korea or Italy and pre-

viously arranged to have their household goods, unaccompanied baggage and privately owned vehicle shipments and official travel tickets issued by JBM-HH, are requested to contact the JBM-HH Transportation Office.

The transportation office can be reached by calling (703) 614-7190/91 or by email at m_hnhl_hqbn_dmo@usmc.mil. Please contact the office with any questions regarding the rescheduling or cancellation of shipments and flights due to the travel restrictions that are currently in place for Korea and Italy.

The direct point of contact for this transportation announcement is transportation officer Kenny Hopkins at (703) 693-8541 and by email at kenny.r.hopkins@usmc.mil.

MCX tailor shop curtails services

The tailor shop at Henderson Hall will be closing with the exception of New Type III’s (camouflage uniforms) and request to have a nametape, branch of service tape or insignia sewn on. A tailor will come in Thursdays to accommodate those needs, otherwise she will be home to adhere to the company’s action of closing tailor shops.

Dry cleaning services have been suspended until further notice. However, they will drop off remaining items May, 31.

Henderson Hall Mobile Center new hours

The new hours for the Henderson Hall Mobile Center begin Sunday: Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

National Collegiate Solo competition extends deadline

Due to current restrictions and public health concerns, the 2020 National Collegiate Solo Competition event and application procedures are modified in the following ways:

- 1. The application due date will be extended. Online application and uploaded entries must be received before 11:59 p.m. April 27.
- 2. Unaccompanied recordings will be accepted.
- 3. Should the scheduled performances June 4-5 be cancelled; a future date will be scheduled for the winner to perform with the U.S. Army Band in concert.

For more information, please visit <https://www.usarmyband.com/education-community/national-collegiate-solo-competition.html>.

Support firefighters

Firefighters answer the calls to be first responders in matters of life, health and safety. Let’s help them accomplish the mission to protect, support and defend the JBM-HH community. If an individual or his or her loved one is feeling ill, do not visit the JBM-HH firehouses for a medical evaluation. Instead, call a doctor or medical professional right away. Individual efforts can help keep firefighters out of quarantine, working on the front line, keeping communities safe.

Henderson Hall suspends career resource classes

All in-person classes at the Henderson Hall Career Resource Management Center are suspended until further notice. Please contact the unit transition coordinator for the most current guidance on completing transition readiness seminar requirements.

The staff will remain available via email and telephone to complete individual counseling and capstone review appointments and related transition services. For transition support, please contact the office during normal business hours from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information on these services, visit the Henderson Hall CMRC online at <http://www.mccshh.com/crmc.html>.

Old Guard Dining Facility switches to ‘grab-and-go’

The Old Guard Dining Facility will take additional steps to further distance the culinary specialists from patrons. The facility is transitioning from the current “to-go” concept to a “grab-and-go” concept, meaning all food items will be labeled and prepackaged, with little to no interactions between patrons and culinary specialists. With this change, there is no impact to the current meal schedule or manning cycle. Thank you for the support and understanding in this matter.

Marine Corps Exchange moves to cashless service only

In order to preserve the health and well-being of patrons and staff, the Henderson Hall Marine Corps Exchange will remain open for essential retail purchases only. Essential purchases are those items located on the first floor. The second and third floors will be closed until further notice. The store will operate from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Saturday. Beginning Sunday, hours will change to 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Vineyard will remain open with the same operating hours as the main store. The Vineyard is enforcing a policy of no more than five customers inside at one time.

Exchange curtails services

- There will be no dining in at Exchange facilities, with only food “to-go” available.
- The main store will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Sunday hours are unchanged. Starbucks will open at normal times. All concessions at main store will close at 6 p.m.
 - Precision Tune Auto Care will be open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Panda Express will now close at 7 p.m.

- Myer Watch and Jewelry Repair is closed.
- The snack area in the Express Snack Avenue is closed.
- The Myer Optical Shop will be closed through Saturday.

CYS update

Cody CYS Center is open for children of some mission essential parents. The CYS Center is open for children of the following Family categories only: Single/dual DOD COVID-19 mission essential, and DOD COVID-19 mission essential with a spouse who works in the health care industry or is a first responder (i.e. emergency medical technicians, paramedics, police officers, firefighters). If an individual submitted a form, but his or her Family is not in one of the above categories, CYS is unable to provide care at this time. Forms received at the current time will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Rader Clinic update

The Rader Clinic Pharmacy has initiated a drive thru pharmacy. When approaching the clinic, please follow the directional pattern that it set up for safety and efficiency. The clinic pharmacy new closure time is 3:30 p.m., until further notice. For any patients or residents on either Forts Myer or McNair who think they may have been exposed to COVID, please stay at home and call (800) Tricare (874-2273), option 1. Individuals can also web chat at www.mhsnur-seadviceline.com. Individuals will get additional instructions from the nurse at that number on what to do. There is currently testing capability at Rader Clinic for COVID-19. If an individual has concerns or would like to inquire about testing, please call (800) Tricare (874-2273) Option 1. A nurse will talk to the individual about whether it is appropriate to test him or her based on his or her symptoms, travel and contact history. If the individual meets the criteria for testing, the nurse will give him or her detailed instructions. Lastly, if an individual has an in-person appointment at the Rader Clinic, the clinic has a screening station set up in the main entrance. Please be prepared to answer some simple questions about symptoms and recent travels.

Commissary changes

There are now 100-percent ID card checks at the Fort Myer Commissary. The commissary is open normal hours except that the commissary is not opening for early bird shopping, which provides more time to clean and restock shelves. Normal open hours are from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. The Defense Commissary Agency asks patrons not to bring reusable bags from home, although they can be purchased in store for one-time use. Customers are encouraged to minimize the use of cash to reduce this high touch point item.

Fort Myer Thrift Shop community grants

The Fort Myer Thrift Shop is now accepting applications for community grants to organizations that provide services and/or support to military organizations, personnel and their Families. Requests are accepted from 501 c (3) and government entities in this area. Additional information and application forms are available online at www.fortmyerthriftshop.org under community grants. Requests must be postmarked by April 23. Questions may be emailed to communitygrantsfmts@gmail.com.

Fort McNair clinic closed

Due to the expansion of precautions across the community surrounding the COVID-19 development, Andrew Rader U.S. Army Health Clinic will begin to limit visitor access and increase screening protocols. Fort McNair Clinic is closed and will be centralizing all patient care at Rader Clinic for the JBM-HH and McNair beneficiaries. For patients who live or work on Fort McNair, please temporarily use the Rader Main Clinic line to make an appointment at (833) 853-1392 for the Fort Myer location. Or, like always, individuals can use tricareonline.com or call the NCR Appointment Line at (855) 227-6331. The clinic asks that visitors without an appointment or need for other medical services, such as lab/pharmacy/radiology/immunizations, avoid entering Andrew Rader and Fort McNair clinics. Additionally, the clinic will be enhancing its screening protocols before patients enter the building. This could cause a slight delay as an individual arrives. Though the screening process for most will take less than a minute, the clinic encourages patients to arrive 10 minutes earlier than normal.

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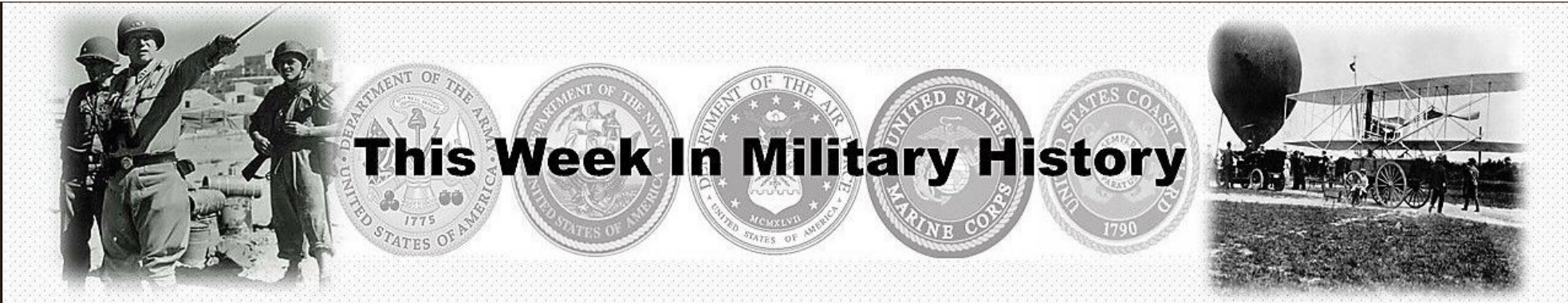
Social distancing does not have to be without community. The U.S. Army Band “Pershing’s Own” continues to give performances and curate educational events to the American people, following CDC guidance, through the virtual series “United We Stand, Music to Connect Us.” The next scheduled concerts will be Thursday at 7 p.m. and Friday at 4 p.m. View the concerts live or after the performance at <https://www.facebook.com/usarmyband>.

Autism Awareness 5K cancelled

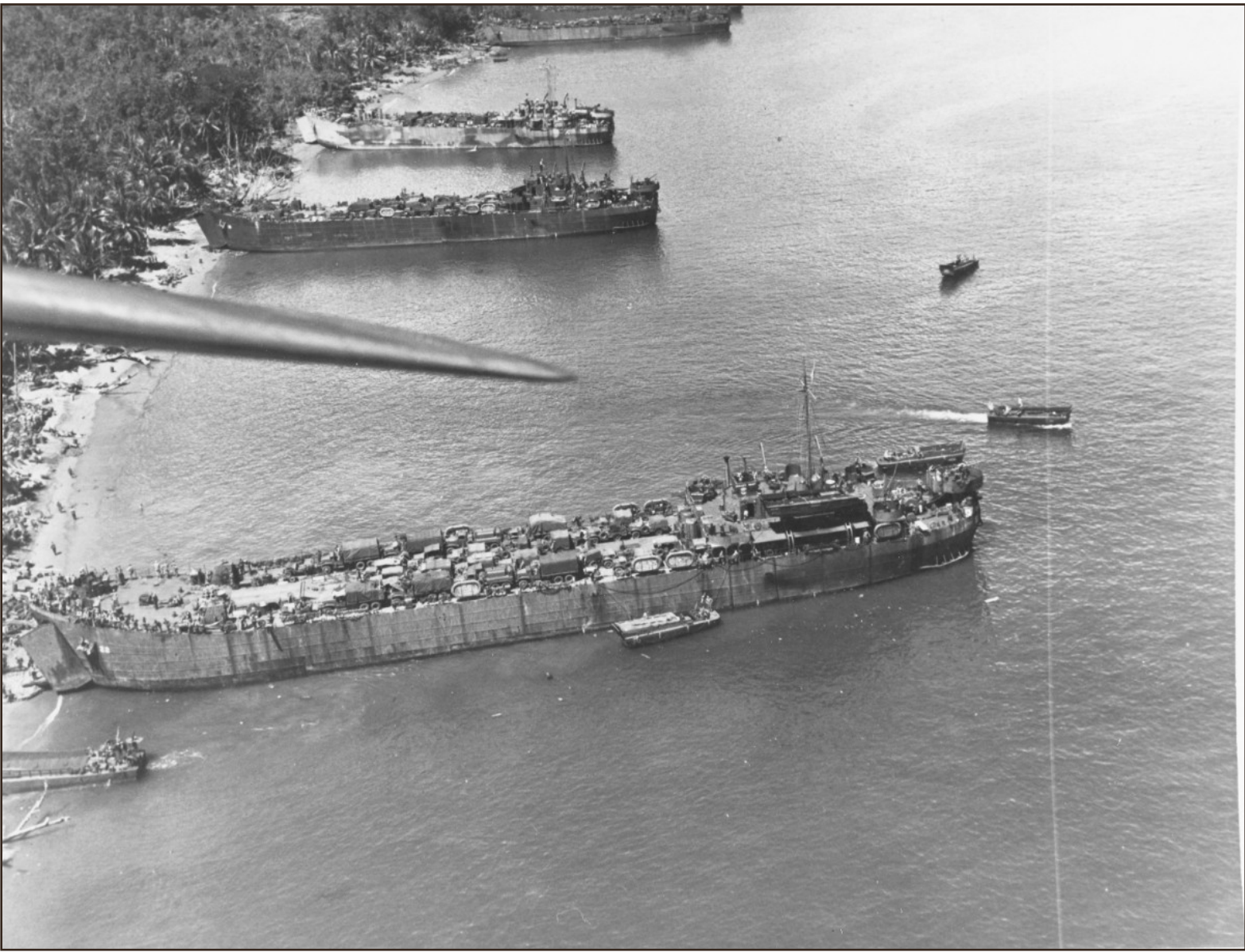
The first race of the Henderson Hall Ooh Rah Race Series, the Autism Awareness 5K has be postponed. Once more information is available and the date is rescheduled.

Henderson Hall car wash is open

The Henderson Hall car wash is open at this time.



April 16
In 1862, the Battle at Dam No. 1 took place in Virginia. Part of the Battle of Yorktown or Siege of Yorktown that was fought from April 5 to May 4, 1862, was part of the Peninsula Campaign of the American Civil War. On April 16, the Union probed the defensive line at Dam No. 1, the point on the Warwick River near Lee’s Mill where Hancock reported a potential weakness April 6. After the brief skirmish with Hancock’s men, Magruder realized the weakness of his position and ordered it strengthened. Three regiments under Brig. Gen. Howell Cobb, with six other regiments nearby, improved their position on the west bank of the river overlooking the dam. McClellan became concerned that this strengthening might impede his installation of siege batteries. His order to Brig. Gen. William F. “Baldy” Smith, a division commander in the IV Corps, was to avoid a general engagement, but to “hamper the enemy” in completing their defensive works. Following an artillery bombardment at 8 a.m., Brig. Gen. William T. H. Brooks and his Vermont Brigade sent skirmishers forward to fire on the Confederates. In a visit to the front, McClellan told Smith to cross the river if it appeared the Confederates withdrew, a movement that was already underway by early afternoon. At 3 p.m., four companies of the 3rd Vermont Infantry crossed the dam and routed the remaining defenders. Behind the lines, Cobb organized a defense with his



Landing ship, tanks unload on Beach Red Two, Tanamerah Bay, April 22,1944. LST-22 is in the foreground, with nickname “Hogan’s Goat” on her bridge. Next along the beach is LST-18 (80-G-325105).

brother, Col. Thomas Cobb of the Georgia Legion, and attacked the Vermonters, who had occupied the Confederate rifle pits. In battle, drummer Julian Scott made several trips across the fire-swept creek in order to assist in bringing off wounded Soldiers. Later he was awarded the Medal of Honor, along with 1st Sgt.

Edward Holton and Capt. Samuel E. Pingree. Unable to obtain reinforcements, the Vermont companies withdrew across the dam, and suffered casualties as they retreated. At about 5 p.m., Smith ordered the 6th Vermont to attack Confederate positions downstream from the dam while the 4th Vermont demonstrated

at the dam itself. This maneuver failed as the 6th Vermont came under heavy Confederate fire and were forced to withdraw. Some of the wounded men were drowned as they fell into the shallow pond behind the dam. From a Union perspective, the action at Dam No. 1 was pointless, but it cost them casualties of

35 dead and 121 wounded; the Confederate casualties were between 60 and 75. Smith, who was thrown from his unruly horse twice during action, was accused of drunkenness on duty, but a congressional investigation found the allegation to be groundless.

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April 17
In 1943, Lt. Ross P. Bullard and Boatswain’s Mate First Class C. S. “Mike” Hall boarded the U-175 at sea after their cutter, the CGC Spencer, blasted the U-boat to the surface with depth charges when the U-boat attempted to attack the convoy the Spencer was escorting. They were part of a boarding party sent to seize the U-boat before the Nazi crew could scuttle it. The damage to the U-boat was severe, however, and it sank after both had boarded it and climbed the conning tower. Both men ended up in the water as it slipped beneath the waves. Nevertheless, they carried the distinction of being the first American servicemen to board an enemy warship underway at sea since the War of 1812. The Navy credited the Spencer with the kill. It rescued 19 of the U-boat’s crew and its cutter, Duane, rescued 22. One Spencer crewman was killed by friendly fire during the battle.

April 18
In 1847, U.S. forces defeated the Mexicans at Cerro Gordo in one of the bloodiest battles of the war. On April 12, Lt. Pierre G. T. Beauregard, of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, had determined that possession of Atalaya Hill would enable the Mexican position to be turned, and April 15, Capt. Robert E. Lee discovered a path around the Mexican left to the hill. Gen. David E. Twiggs’ division took the hill April 17, and advanced the slopes to El Telegrafo. Santa Anna reinforced El Telegrafo with Brig. Gen. Ciriaco Vasquez’s 2nd Light, 4th and 11th Infantry. Capt. Edward J. Steptoe set up his battery on Atalaya Hill and Maj. James C. Burnham set up a howitzer across the river. At 7 a.m. April 18, Twiggs directed

William S. Harney’s brigade to move against the front of El Telegrafo while Bennett C. Riley attacked from the rear. The combination easily took the hill, and killed Vasquez, and Capt. John B. Magruder turned the Mexican guns on the Mexicans who retreated. Simultaneously, James Shields’ brigade attacked the Mexican camp and took possession of the Jalapa road. Once they realized they were surrounded, the Mexican commanders on the three hills surrendered and by 10 a.m., the remaining Mexican forces fled. Gen. Santa Anna, caught off guard by the Fourth Regiment of the Illinois Volunteer Infantry, was compelled to ride off without his artificial leg, which was captured by U.S. forces and is still on display at the Illinois State Military Museum, in Springfield, Illinois.

April 19
In 1919, Leslie Irvin of the United States made the first successful voluntary free-fall parachute jump and used a new kind of self-contained parachute. Irvin was born in Los Angeles. He became a stuntman for the fledgling Californian film industry, for which he had to perform acrobatics on trapezes from balloons and then made descents using a parachute, the Type-A. Irvin made his first jump when he was 14 years old. For a film called “Sky High,” he first jumped from an aircraft from 1,000 feet in 1914. He developed his own static line parachute as a life-saving device in 1918, and jumped with it several times. He joined the Army Air Service’s parachute research team at McCook Field near Dayton, Ohio. After World War I, Maj. E. L. Hoffman of the Army Air Service led an effort to develop an improved parachute for exiting airplanes by bringing together the best elements of multiple parachute designs. Participants included Irvin and James Floyd Smith. The team

eventually created the Airplane Parachute Type-A.

April 20
In 1775, British troops began the siege of Boston. The Siege of Boston lasted through March 17, 1776, and was the opening phase of the American War of Independence. New England militiamen prevented the movement by land of the British army garrisoned in what was then the peninsular town of Boston. Both sides had to deal with resource supply and personnel issues over the course of the siege. British resupply and reinforcement activities were limited to sea access. After 11 months of siege the British abandoned Boston by sailing to Nova Scotia. The siege began following the Battles of Lexington and Concord, when the militia from surrounding Massachusetts communities limited land access to Boston. The Continental Congress formed the Continental Army from the militia, with George Washington as its commander in chief. In June 1775, the British seized Bunker and Breed’s Hills, but their casualties were heavy and their gains were insufficient to break the Continental Army’s hold on land access to Boston. Military actions during the remainder of the siege were limited to occasional raids, minor skirmishes and sniper fire. In November 1775, Washington sent the 25-year-old bookseller-turned-Soldier Henry Knox to bring to Boston the heavy artillery that had been captured at Fort Ticonderoga. In a technically complex and demanding operation, Knox brought many cannons to the Boston area by January 1776. In March 1776, these artillery fortified Dorchester Heights, which overlooked Boston and its harbor and threatened the British supply lifeline. The British commander William Howe saw the British position as indefensible and withdrew the British forces in Boston to the British stronghold at

Halifax, Nova Scotia March 17 (celebrated today as Evacuation Day).

April 21
In 1836, during the Texan War for Independence, the Texas militia under Sam Houston launched a surprise attack against the forces of Mexican Gen. Santa Anna along the San Jacinto River. The Mexicans were thoroughly routed, and hundreds were taken prisoner, including Santa Anna himself. After gaining independence from Spain in the 1820s, Mexico welcomed foreign settlers to sparsely populated Texas, and a large group of Americans led by Stephen F. Austin settled along the Brazos River. The Americans soon outnumbered the resident Mexicans, and by the 1830s attempted by the Mexican government to regulate the semiautonomous American communities led to rebellion. In March 1836, in the midst of armed conflict with the Mexican government, Texas declared its independence from Mexico. The Texas volunteers initially suffered defeat against the forces of Santa Anna — Sam Houston’s troops were forced into an eastward retreat, and the Alamo fell. However, in late April, Houston’s Army surprised a Mexican force at San Jacinto, and Santa Anna was captured, which brought an end to Mexico’s effort to subdue Texas. In exchange for his freedom, Santa Anna recognized Texas’s independence; although the treaty was later abrogated and tensions built up along the Texas-Mexico border. The citizens of the so-called Lone Star Republic elected Sam Houston as president and endorsed the entrance of Texas into the United States. However, the likelihood of Texas joining the Union as a slave state delayed any formal action by the U.S. Congress for more than a decade. Finally, in 1845, President John Tyler orchestrated a compromise in which Texas would join the

United States as a slave state. On Dec. 29, 1845, Texas entered the United States as the 28th state, which broadened the irrepressible differences in the U.S. over the issue of slavery and ignited the Mexican-American War.

April 22
In 1944, the Landing at Aitape (Operation Persecution) was a battle of the Western New Guinea campaign of World War II. American and Allied forces undertook an amphibious landing at Aitape on northern coast of Papua New Guinea. The amphibious landing was undertaken simultaneously with the amphibious landings of Battle of Hollandia to isolate the Japanese 18th army at Wewak. The invasion force was commanded by Brig. Gen. Jens A. Doe and was built around the U.S. 163rd Infantry Regiment of the 41st Infantry Division. The Japanese defenders numbered less than 1,000 in the area. The landings were planned at “Blue Beach.” Obscured by heavy smoke from fires from the beach head, the landing took place at Wapil. The 163rd Regimental Combat Team landed and opposition was light, with most Japanese defenders who fled into the hills as the overwhelming force continued to arrive. One landing force transport was badly damaged by a Japanese torpedo bomber. No. 62 Works Wing of the Royal Australian air force went ashore that morning to help secure and repair Tadiji Airfield. Gen. Douglas MacArthur watched the landings from a light cruiser, then went ashore in a landing boat. The airfield was secured by 1 p.m., and the fighter strip was made operational by the RAAF No. 62 Works Wing within 48 hours after working nonstop. Twenty-five P-40s from the No. 78 Wing of the RAAF landed on the field April 24, and the rest of the wing arrived the next day to provide support to the Aitape and Hollandia landings.



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