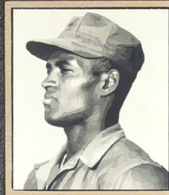
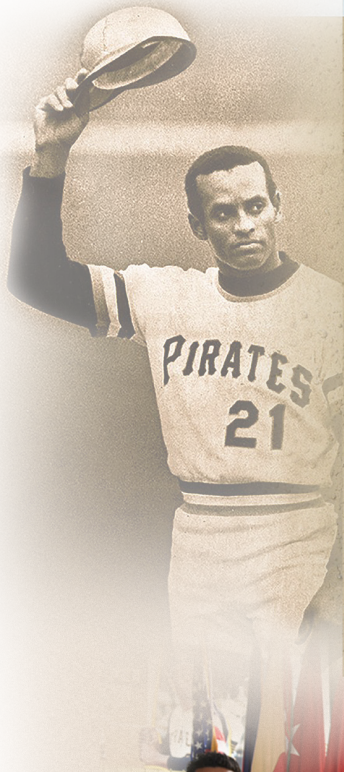


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Fitness Facility named after PFC Roberto E. Clemente

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From the Garrison Commander:

Celebrating contributions of African Americans to the Nation



During the month of February, we have the opportunity to celebrate and pay tribute to the significant contributions of African Americans to our Nation. This year's theme, "Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity" offers a window onto the African American experience over the generations, because family-oriented examples, stories, images, and concepts have long inspired and mobilized African Americans in individual and collective efforts of self-help and self-determination, as well as in their quest for racial equality and social justice.

We, all of us, are major benefactors of the sacrifices of those that have

come before us. And those sacrifices continue today. Members of our Armed Forces serve to secure freedom, security and justice for all.

African Americans have bravely served in every American military conflict despite often being denied the very principles they were fighting for.

These acts of selfless valor in the face of discrimination and intolerance are a reminder that members of our Armed Forces resolutely put public service and the promise of a better future for all before – well before – their individual interest.

I will offer some specific examples. Today, we honor the sacrifices of Soldiers like Sergeant William H. Carney, who was the first African-American awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery in the Battle of Fort Wagner in the Civil War. He was a member of the 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment – the first African-American regiment raised during the Civil War.

We celebrate trailblazers like Benjamin O. Davis, Sr., who was the first African American to become a general in any branch of the U.S. military. We admire his son, pilot Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., who persevered

in the face of racism and dispelled racial myths – from his days as the only African American cadet at West Point in 1932 to his ground-breaking service as the commander of the famed Tuskegee Airmen in World War II. He later became the first African American general in the United States Air Force.

We reflect on the contributions of Colin Powell, who became the first African-American appointed as the U.S. Secretary of State. Colin Powell served 35 years in the Army, achieving the rank of general and serving as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest-ranking military officer in the U.S. Armed Forces – the first African American to do so.

Fort Buchanan is committed to fostering a culture of dignity and respect, free of racism and inequality that sets the foundation for a diverse community, inclusivity, and a strong Army family.

I invite you to reflect during Black History Month on the challenges and accomplishments of African Americans, to honor their legacy and to remain stronger together for future generations.

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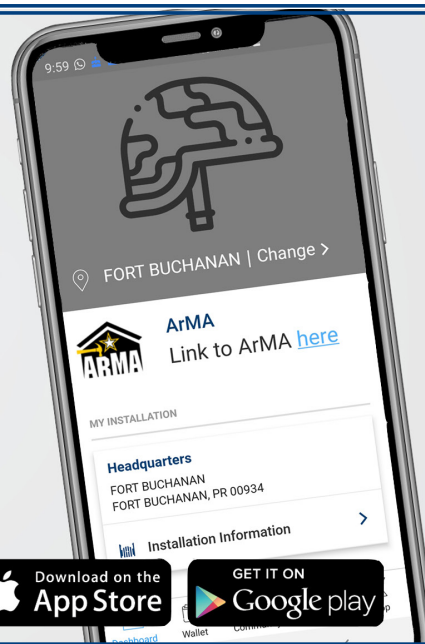
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Upcoming events

January

New Year's Day
January 1

Three Kings Day
January 6

**Virtual 5K New Year's
Resolution Race**
January 11 - 15

**Memorialization of
Physical Fitness Center
Annex in honor of
USMC PFC Roberto
E. Clemente Walker**
January 14

**Martin Luther King,
Jr. Birthday**
January 18

February

**African American/
Black History Month**

USO Birthday
February 14

President's Day
February 15

**Day of Illustrious
Puerto Ricans**
February 15

**Maxey Williams
Field Ribbon Cutting
Ceremony**
February 19

**US Coast Guard
Reserve Birthday**
February 19

**Installation Legal Office
Tax Center Opens**
February 23

March

**March is Women's
History Month**

**American Citizenship
Day**
March 2

**Maj. Gen. (Ret.)
Félix A. Santoni Coin
Unveiling Ceremony**
March 12

**2nd Quarter USAG
Fort Buchanan Town
Hall Meeting**
March 19

**Visitor Control Center
Memorialization
Ceremony**
March 25

**National Vietnam War
Veterans Day**
March 29

The community is invited to participate in these events as we partner together to provide opportunities, expand relationships, and show our appreciation to all who serve and support the United States Armed Forces.

From the Garrison Command Sergeant Major: Revised Army grooming standards support Inclusion and Diversity

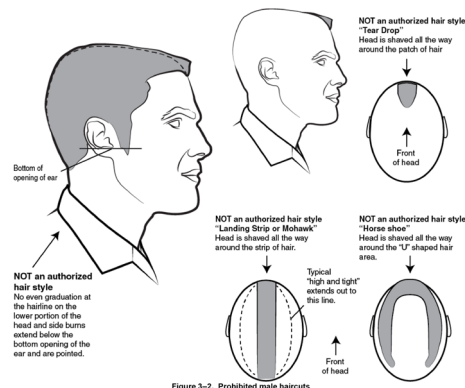


Figure 3-2. Prohibited male haircuts

Figure 3 – 2. Prohibited male haircuts from AR 670-1 v January 26, 2021, page 10. The Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia Regulation is now available on https://armypubs.army.mil/ProductMaps/PubForm/Details.aspx?PUB_ID=1001129

Decorative hair accessories are prohibited.

- Male Soldiers, hairstyle may cut a part into the hairstyle in circumstances where the texture of the hair does not part naturally, but only straight-line parts are authorized. The hairstyle cannot impede the use of headgear or other equipment.

- Ponytails for female Soldiers whose hair length or texture prevents them to form a bun

- Highlights, if it presents a natural appearance and is not a prohibited color such as purple, blue, pink, green, orange, bright red, and fluorescent or neon colors.

- Optional wear of earrings in the ACU (Army Combat Uniform) for female Soldiers. They can be screw-on, clip-on, or post-type in gold, silver or diamond and must be unadorned and spherical without exceeding 6 mm or 1/4 inch in diameter. Pearl earrings are not authorized with ACU.

- Solid lip and nail colors (non-extreme) for female Soldiers. No extreme nail shapes or colors such as a coffin, ballerina, and stiletto nails are prohibited while in uniform or on duty in civilian clothes. Unauthorized colors include, but are not limited to, purple, blue, pink, green, orange, bright red, and fluorescent or neon colors.

- Clear nail polish for male Soldiers
- Facial hair is not allowed, aside from mustaches that must look neatly trimmed, tapered and tidy at all times.

The revisions also removes potentially offensive language used to describe several hairstyles, for example, Mohawk, Fu Manchu, dreadlocks, eccentric and faddish, and replaces with appropriate terminology for unauthorized grooming and appearance standards.

According to Sgt. Maj. Brian Sanders, senior enlisted leader of Army G-1 uniform policy branch, “this is one of the many facets of putting our people first and recognizing who they are as human beings. Their identity and diverse backgrounds are what makes the Army an ultimate fighting force.”

I expect Soldiers to take pride in the wear of the uniform and follow the Army Grooming Standards.

A Soldier’s physical appearance shows the pride in being a member of the Army’s Profession and represents our commitment to the Army Values.

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Photo by U.S. Army

A female Soldier poses for an example photo with long hair while wearing tactical headgear to illustrate an upcoming change effective February 25, 2021, in Army grooming and appearance standards. The Soldier’s hair is secured into a long ponytail and tucked underneath her Army Combat Uniform collar. Females with long hair will now have the option to wear a ponytail while wearing an Army Physical Fitness Uniform, conducting physical training in a utility uniform, or while wearing tactical headgear or other equipment.

Fort Buchanan's New Deputy Garrison Commander



Lt. Col. Brian M. Mandock assumed the responsibilities of Fort Buchanan's Deputy Garrison Commander on

opportunity to become part of the Buchanan family. The challenges and opportunities this job presents will be unlike any others I have had thus far in my career." Among his expectations are "to continue the progress the command team has made to address and solve problems. To that end, I expect the Buchanan family to be open, honest, and willing to talk with me about how make Fort Buchanan even better for the community."

Despite the "new reality" and challenges presented by COVID-19 in 2020, Mandock has a vision of progress, changing plans and developing new routines. "I believe we are starting to see light at the end of the tunnel. I am

we work with, we develop a deeper trust of each other that is characteristic of high performing teams. I believe that if you focus on building, organizing, and developing the right team, you can accomplish anything. It is not just about the best people. It is about the right people and maximizing the strengths each person contributes to the team. When we all feel respected, valued and being able to utilize your strengths, that's when you see teams performing at a higher level."

Even in the short time Lt. Col. Mandock and his family have been at Fort Buchanan, they experienced the hospitality of this community and culture. "Everyone has been so

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"It is my sincere hope that when people interact with me that they feel comfortable that someone is genuinely listening to them, because everyone matters."

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February 2021. He brings to the Command Group skills, knowledge and experience that will contribute to the success of the garrison's mission and the community it serves. Mandock describes himself as "extremely practical, pragmatic, and level-headed person who is good at getting to the best achievable outcome, not necessarily the best possible outcome."

As a firm believer of family and service, he hopes "to continue to build and develop high performing teams that feel like family... Family is priority. My immediate family, work family, Buchanan family. They are all incredibly important to me."

For the new Deputy Garrison Commander, Fort Buchanan wasn't even an option in his near future. However, "when Fort Buchanan revealed itself to me, I jumped at the

looking forward to working with the rest of the command team and installation partners to continue progressing back to normalcy on Buchanan", he said.

Two of the Army Values that Mandock has deeply embedded in his way of life as an Army leader are respect and integrity. "Whether you are a general or private, you are still a human being. The Army is a hierarchical organization, but that does not mean that someone is better than someone else. It is my sincere hope that when people interact with me that they feel comfortable that someone is genuinely listening to them, because everyone matters. It is also my sincere hope that people realize what you see is what you get with me. I am not one person in one situation and completely different in another. By living with integrity and earning respect of those

welcoming and gracious to me and my family, proving to me all the stories I heard before coming about the cultural importance of family on the island. My wife, two young boys, and I are excited to dive into the Puerto Rican culture and grow with the greater Buchanan family."

Welcome to the Fort Buchanan community and Puerto Rico Lt. Col. Mandock and family!

¡Bienvenido a la comunidad del Fuerte Buchanan y Puerto Rico al Teniente Coronel Mandock y su familia!

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You can read Lt. Col. Mandock's bio clicking the following link: <https://home.army.mil/buchanan/index.php/about/leadership/deputy-garrison-commander>

From the Deputy to the Garrison Commander: Work-life balance is IMPORTANT!



Department of Defense Civilians provide mission-essential programs and services to enable readiness for a globally responsive Army. In order to take care of our nation's missions, we must ensure that we are taking care of ourselves by balancing our professional and personal lives.

Often times our desire to succeed professionally can push us to set aside our own well-being.

Creating a harmonious work-life balance improves not only our physical, emotional and mental well-being but it's also important for our career. Employees experience less stress, a lower risk of burn out and a greater sense of well-being. This not only benefits employees but employers too.

The Fort Buchanan Civilian Wellness Program (CWP) is an activity designed to improve or maintain an employee's physical and mental health.

Activities may include but are not limited to cardiovascular endurance, meditation, yoga, muscular strength and endurance, therapy, flexibility, and group or individual sports.

The CWP is available to full-time Non-Appropriated Fund, Appropriated Fund and Local National civilian employees assigned to the garrison. Participation may include up to three hours of duty time per week, with times agreed upon by the participant

and supervisor.

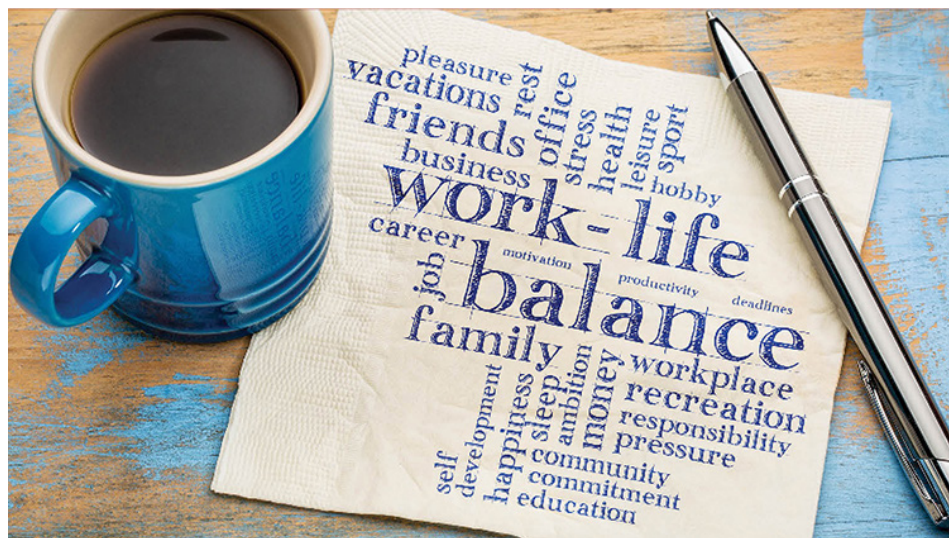
"Just like we expect our Soldiers to be fit to fight, for our civilian force it's important that we have the opportunity to maintain our fitness as well," said Fort Buchanan Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. José A. Banks. "Fitness is all about a balance - it's not just the physical part, it's what you're eating, what you're putting into your body and everything else that's going on with you," he said. "It's mental and physical and having classes available for employees to take can improve upon those areas, like spinning class or table tennis. It's not just about going to the gym and working out; it's about the overall holistic fitness approach," Banks continued.

"I am part of the program myself and it is very difficult to break away from work, to walk away from the



contribute to being healthier and happier.

A good friend of mine once said and I truly believe this, "The workforce is the foundation of everything we do, and we must always invest in that, but the most important part is that we invest in ourselves. Self-care is the cornerstone of our own lives - being productive, living long, being healthy, ready to come to work and support our



emails and things like that, but I have to do it - I take the time because this is important. I've lost weight and personally I feel better mentally and physically," concluded Banks.

Make time to truly enjoy simple things such as socializing with family and friends, and hobbies like gardening and crafts; even spending time on self-care like going to the beach or reading a good book. All these activities

teammates, and being ready to get the mission done."

To enroll in the Civilian Wellness Program, employees should talk with their supervisors and work together to fill out the enrollment packet. For information contact (787) 707-3125, Email: carlos.m.montanez2.civ@mail.mil

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USAG Fort Buchanan implements COVID-19 vaccination operation

Story by Grissel Rosa
Public Affairs Officer

In keeping with the Garrison's commitment to ensure the health and safety of the community, for the past two weeks, USAG Fort Buchanan has implemented a vaccination operation following the priorities published by the Department of Defense and the availability of vaccines for the garrison population.

As of January 22, 2021, a total of 35% of the installation's personnel, that is, 166 of 470, has been vaccinated.

The vaccination plan coordinated by the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) and executed in collaboration with the Rodriguez Army Health Clinic (RAHC) is divided in phases, 1A, 1B and 1C.

The plan covers from medical personnel, first responders, personnel with a high risk of exposure or potential to interface with COVID-19 positive cases, essential personnel, educators, child and youth services staff to Service Members, among others.

According to Rodriguez Army Health Clinic Commander, Lt. Col. Joseph W. Walker, "It is important that our community gets vaccinated for a safer working environment. Preparation has been going on for a couple months," said Lt. Col. Walker.

"There was training that my team had to go through to handle and administer the vaccine. These vaccine shots have to be very precise because of the meticulous way of its usage, which is extremely restricted. The clinic has to use the correct amount of doses for each day of vaccination," Walker concluded.

"We thank you for patience and support as we continue assessing the situation and making decisions to better protect your health and safety," said Fort Buchanan Garrison Commander Col. Joseph B. Corcoran III. "Taking



Fort Buchanan Rodriguez Army Health Center medical staff process and administer COVID-19 vaccinations at tents outside of the facility.



the vaccine protects yourself, your family and your community. Key to this process is your confidence in the vaccine distribution plan and understanding the need for flexibility," Col. Corcoran continued. "We appreciate your support in maintaining COVID-19 precautionary measures while we fight against an enemy that threatens our personal health and military readiness. Working together is our best defense," concluded the garrison commander.



Photos by Army Sgt. Josue E. Pagán Carbone, Public Affairs Intern

Roberto E. Clemente Walker more than a Baseball Player

Story by Sgt. Josue E. Pagán Carbone
Public Affairs Intern

Roberto Clemente Walker was born in Carolina, Puerto Rico August 18, 1934. A great athlete and baseball player, who at the age of 17 signed with the “Cangrejeros de Santurce” of the Puerto Rican Baseball League, in 1954 signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers and in 1955 made his major league debut with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

During his career as a Major League Baseball (MLB) player (1955 – 1973), he was an All-Star for 13 seasons and played in 15 All-Star Games. He was the National League Most Valuable Player in 1966 and led batting averages in 1961, 1964, 1965, and 1967. He won the Gold Glove Award for 12 consecutive seasons from 1961 through 1972.

In 1972, Clemente got the 3,000 hit on September 30 at Three Rivers Stadium. His last game was October 11, 1972 at Cincinnati’s Riverfront Stadium.

He was a highly decorated baseball player and recognized as the best right fielder who ever lived.

However, most people do not know that not only was Clemente a baseball player, he was also a member of the US Marine Corps Reserve from 1958 to 1964.



Courtesy of mlbforlife.com

He was inducted into the Marine Corps Hall of Fame in 2003 and into the Puerto Rican Veterans Hall of Fame in 2018. He was posthumously presented a Congressional Gold Medal, the Presidential Medal of Freedom and

the Presidential Citizens Medal. He was a very active speaker on behalf of the Latin community and Black baseball players.

Roberto Clemente had great admiration for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the most influential leader in the Civil Rights Movement until his assassination in 1968. Clemente’s affinity for Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement became natural to him since it was rooted in his own experience with racism in the United States.



Courtesy of Roberto's Kids.org

Although Clemente was a superstar in MLB and a service member in the US Marine Corps Reserve, he confronted racism and segregation. The son of Don Melchor Clemente, a foreman who oversaw sugarcane cutters and helped deliver sand and gravel for a construction company. His mother, Doña Luisa Walker did laundry, ran a grocery store, and did other jobs on the sugarcane plantation.

Being raised in a humble household did not prepare him for the racism he encountered when he went to play baseball in the United States. His reference of the US was, “a place for making dreams a reality.” Roberto Clemente’s “dream” was quickly shaken by discrimination and segregation. For this and other reasons, Clemente started to be a voice for Latin and Black communities.

Clemente’s philanthropy was not based on personal retribution, public or private recognition. He simply wanted

to help those in need. For some, his generosity was in the form of financial support. For others, particularly children, Clemente’s kindness came in the form of free lessons in the game of baseball.

Clemente always cared about children. Despite his busy schedule, he made time to hold baseball clinics for kids, especially for those from low-income families. He dreamed of building a place where Puerto Rican youth would have ready access to facilities, coaching, and encouragement in many sports. This dream is known as “Ciudad Deportiva Roberto Clemente” in Carolina.

The life and legacy of this great human being was based on selflessness, honor and integrity. He was the perfect example of the Marines motto, “Semper Fidelis,” “Always Faithful,” to moral and ethical values.

Unfortunately, Roberto died at the age of 38, New Year’s Eve 1972. A devastating earthquake hit Nicaragua, killing and leaving thousands homeless. Driven by his concern for the victims, Clemente decided to help in the relief efforts. Sadly, the plane carrying Clemente, a crew, and supplies for the victims crashed into the ocean just north, off of the Puerto Rican coast. His body was never found.

The importance and impact this Puerto Rican had in the MLB and as well as the Latin and Black community was so transcendent that a year after his death, in 1973, he was automatically inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Major League Baseball established the “Roberto Clemente Award” that recognizes the player who combines outstanding skills on the field with devoted work in the community. Roberto was more than a baseball player. His legacy will always live in the hearts of every citizen of the world who understands the value of giving a hand to those in need.

USAG Fort Buchanan dedicates facility to baseball legend Roberto Clemente

Story by Grissel Rosa
Public Affairs Officer

USAG Fort Buchanan conducted a memorialization ceremony of the garrison's Physical Fitness Center Annex January 14, 2021, in honor of US Marine Corps Reserve Private First Class Roberto E. Clemente Walker.

Col. Joseph B. Corcoran III, Fort Buchanan garrison commander, welcomed members of the Clemente family; distinguished guests; military and civilian partners, and directors and staff reaffirming the importance of Fort Buchanan's commitment to the community by honoring "a Marine, an elite baseball player who was the first Latin American inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, but more importantly, an ambassador for all Puerto Ricans who was always willing to give a hand to those in need."

Fort Buchanan's commitment to provide the best possible facilities to our military and civilian community is evident in this \$1.6 million and 4,800 square feet facility.

"Our new state of the art fitness annex is another quality of life initiative that enhances our emotional and physical well-being, while also building readiness within our formations and providing Soldiers a location to prepare for the Army Combat Fitness Test," said Col. Corcoran.

This modern fitness facility, designed and constructed following energy conservation measures, also displays some new features such as: a bridge and tunnel; Plyo boxes, barbells, pull-up bars, rings, kettlebells, rowing machines, an assault treadmill, ropes and many other types of functional equipment that combine strength training, explosive plyometrics, speed training, power-style weight lifting, body weight exercises, gymnastics, endurance exercises, and range of motion, and mobility.

"We are here today conducting this ceremony because of the incredible teamwork of the Directorate of Public Works, the US Army Corps of Engineers and BIM Construction," indicated Fort Buchanan's garrison commander. The



team that worked hard to get the Fitness Annex ready. In addition to future physical fitness resources that include, the hill on the backside of the annex, TRX bands anchored along the awning, and a soon to be completed outdoor track that will encircle the annex.

All these remarkable physical fitness features can be found in one place. However, Col. Corcoran emphasized, "The most important feature of this facility is the banner proudly displayed in front of the building honoring the legacy of Roberto Clemente and all he stood for." The banner depicts images of Roberto Clemente when he joined the US Marine Corps Reserve in September 1958 where he served until September 1964.

It also shows various moments throughout his career in Major League Baseball playing with the Pittsburgh Pirates. The team retired his uniform number 21 during the 1973 season. Clemente died in a plane crash while en route to deliver aid to earthquake victims in Nicaragua December 31, 1972.

During his remarks, First Sergeant Jaime Alvarez, Senior Enlisted Advisor, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve highlighted the values that make a good Marine deeply embedded in Roberto Clemente's life. "I would venture to say that PFC Clemente had the calling of being a United States Marine and would ultimately represent our core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Our institutional Core values is our foundation. They exist in order to make us better citizens, better leaders, and better warfighters. Our core values give us something to aspire to as men and women of honor and

balanced excellence. Marines Such as PFC Clemente continue to solidify the effectiveness of our institutional core values," said Alvarez.

Luis Roberto Clemente, Roberto Clemente's son, thanked Fort Buchanan on behalf of his family "for the honor to have a facility inside of Fort Buchanan military installation named after my Dad." Carmen Clemente Santana, Jannette Clemente Santana, Luis Roberto Clemente Igartúa, Adriana G. Córdova Pou and Christian Conklin Camareno, expressed their gratitude to Fort Buchanan's leaders for the honor to continue the legacy of Roberto Clemente be known to generations of Soldiers, Service Members and Civilians who use the PFC Roberto E. Clemente Walker Physical Fitness Center Annex facilities.

It is a military tradition to recognize the figure of Service Members and Citizens who have distinguished themselves by honorably serving the nation and the values of freedom and democracy that our Constitution represents. The spirit and intention of the Memorialization Ceremony is to pay tribute to a distinguished Marine, Major League Baseball legend, citizen of Puerto Rico, Latin America and the world with a legacy of service in favor of those most in need. This honor belongs to PFC Roberto E. Clemente Walker.

Members of the US Marine Corps Reserve escorted the Clemente family to the event that concluded with a tour of the facilities conducted by members of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Physical Fitness Center and refreshments provided by the Gary Sinise Foundation.

Photo by Rosie Irizarry, Public Affairs Specialist



The Fort Buchanan Police Department

Fort Buchanan Police Department always training, always prepared.

Fort Buchanan police officers are constantly training in order to provide the community a safe and secure environment.

Firearms Instructor and Training Police Officer Lieutenant Manuel Rivera is pictured below, giving instructions to the officers of the Fort Buchanan Police Department.

Lt. Rivera is very dedicated and committed to training the Fort Buchanan police officers and ensuring their proficiency is maintained.

Rivera also provides support to outside law enforcement agencies and military organizations as well.

Rivera has been with the Fort Buchanan Police Department since 2010 and continues to serve the community.

The Fort Buchanan Police Department has the Joint Interagency Active Threat Training Facility (JIATTF) which can be reserved for training by outside organizations.

For more information you can contact Lt. Rivera at manuel.riverarodriguez.civ@mail.mil.



The Fort Buchanan Fire Department Fire Chief wants you to know...

Be fire safe during COVID-19...

To kill viruses and bacteria, hand sanitizer should be at least 60% alcohol, making it highly flammable. And it has a warning you may not have noticed. It says, "Flammable. Keep away from fire or flame".

1. Ensure sanitizer containers are away from kitchens or flammable areas,
2. After each use of sanitizing products, area should be dried completely or washed with soap and water prior to being near fire or flames.
3. Alcohol flames are mostly invisible to an untrained eye.
4. When alerted of burning from a victim use a wet towel, running water and never forget STOP-DROP-and ROLL when engulfed in fire.
5. Call 9-1-1 or On Post 787-707-4911

Be Fire and COVID-19 safe. More information at Fort Buchanan Fire Prevention Office at 787-707-3410.

Hand sanitizer can be very dangerous near a flame!



The CDC warns of fire safety when using alcohol-based hand rubs, as its alcohol component readily evaporates into an ignitable vapor at room temperature.

- ☑ Do not use hand sanitizer around an open flame, or heat source, or when smoking a cigarette.
- ☑ A nickel-sized amount of hand sanitizer should be an adequate amount to clean your hands.
- ☑ Hand sanitizer users should rub their hands until dry, indicating that all flammable alcohol has evaporated.
- ☑ Wait at least a minute for the hand sanitizer to dry on your hands and then wave your hands to remove any vapors that may be floating around.

It is vital that hand sanitizer is stored safely and that bulk dispensers are installed and maintained correctly.

Computer Crime

Social Networking Safety Tips

By Computer Crime Investigative Unit, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (This is an excerpt of the original article)

OVERVIEW:

Social Media allows people to interact with others with similar interests or backgrounds at a faster more convenient setting, online, underscoring the need to understand potential risks associated. A person's online activities may inadvertently expose excessive information about their identity, location, relationships, and affiliations, creating an increased risk of identity theft, stalking, or targeted violence. A safer social networking experience is available by accepting some basic assumptions and following a few recommendations.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- Once something is posted on a social networking site, it can quickly spread. No amount of effort will erase it – the Internet does not forget.
- You are not anonymous on the Internet.
- There are people on the Internet who are not who they purport to be and will take advantage of you with opportunity.
- Participating in more social networking sites increases your attack surface and overall risk.
- Everyone on the Internet can see what you post, from where you post it, who your friends and associates are, the comments your friends make and your “witty” replies.
- An embarrassing comment or image will come back to haunt you...one day...when you least expect it...at the least opportune time.
- There is a complete record of your online activity... somewhere.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Do not post anything you would be embarrassed to see on the evening news.
- Do not accept friend/follower requests from anyone you do not know; independently verify identities.
- Avoid using third-party applications.
- Do not post personally identifiable information.
- Be cautious about the images you post. What is in them may be more revealing than who is in them. Images posted over time may form a complete mosaic of you and your family.
- Do not allow others to tag you in images they post.
- Be cautious when accessing online accounts from public Wi-Fi connections. Someone might have installed software capable of capturing your login credentials and other sensitive information.
- Do not use the save password, remember me or keep me logged in options from public or shared computers.
- Limit social networking to personal use.
- Do not use the same password for all of your accounts.
- Do not use your social networking site to login to other sites. Create another user account on the new site instead.
- Use strong, unique passwords. Consider passphrases for an additional level of safety.
- Do not arrange meetings with people you meet online.

For the complete article and more computer security information go to the [USAR Social Media Guidance website](#)

Chaplain's Corner

Know where your car jack is and where to draw your spiritual strength.

Recently, I have had a series of flat tires. I've had the bone jarring pothole experience where it seemed that my whole tire was engulfed by the road. I've also had the sneaky metal shard that punctures a tire unknowingly, and leaves you with a flat upon returning from the store. Each of these events occurred within a three week period leaving my car driving on a 'donut' for many days at a time. The experience has caused me to re-evaluate several different factors from driving style, when I drive, and how to react to that 'hissing sound' emanating from outside my vehicle.

Each of these flats left me by the wayside with a small jack, tire bar, and no small amount of consternation. Initially, I didn't even know where my tire jack was in the vehicle. I didn't know what the condition of my spare was at the time I needed it. The first time I used the jack, I needed a can of WD-40 and a hammer to get it working.

But each time I labored to remove and install a tire, it became easier. I became more confident in my tools and in how to go about this typically infrequent task.

Our spiritual lives are often in a similar place. We normally don't pay much attention to things of spiritual importance... until we need to do so. Many times, this can be a place of hurt and pain where we cry out to God, an icon, or a spiritual practice. Similar to a rusty and unused jack, our spiritual belief can be shallow, or even non-existent, when we need it to be vibrant and resilient. However, no matter what you believe, it is important to reflect on your spiritual values and experiences. It doesn't take lifting a few thousand pounds of effort to do so either. It just starts with knowing where you draw your spiritual strength... and knowing how to put it into practice.

If you'd like to shake the rust off a tradition of going to church over the weekend, please join us for our Protestant and Catholic chapel services:

Protestant Chapel Service: 9:30 am on Sunday

Catholic Chapel Service: 11 am on Sunday

Services will continue to be live streamed on each communities' Facebook page, Protestant Service: <https://www.facebook.com/Ft-Buchanan-Chapel-Protestant-Service-101189707958782/>

Catholic Service: <https://www.facebook.com/Fort-Buchanan-St-Francis-of-Assisi-Catholic-Community-115141189921692>

Serving With You

Maj. David S. Keller Garrison
Garrison Command Chaplain



New app simplifies housing repair requests

Story by Joseph Lacdan
Army News Service

Soldiers living in barracks and other non-privatized Army housing are now able to file and track maintenance orders from the convenience of their smartphones using one uniform system.

The Army Maintenance Application, or ArMA, allows Soldiers and their families to instantly interact with public works clerks instead of making walk-in appointments or phone calls. The app will not apply to residents of privatized installation housing.

The app will eventually become the primary tool for maintenance inquiries for residents at service-operated housing across the Army, said Luis Miranda, a housing management specialist at U.S. Army Installation Management Command.

Residents currently file requests differently at various installations with some sending email requests and others inquiring through their post's website. Doug Enfield, a management and program analyst at IMCOM, said ArMA will simplify the filing process.

"Wherever they live, they're going to have one single place for them to go," Enfield said. "When they move, they'll just change their registration and what building they're in, but they'll still use their same account and the same app.

"[ArMA] is absolutely going to create ease of use as opposed to having to talk to somebody [and] find out their phone number. They're going to be able to do this all from their fingertips."

The app, developed by IMCOM and a private contractor, was released Tuesday. Instead of launching ArMA in app stores, IMCOM will make it immediately available through a website -- www.armymaintenance.com -- where users must register to access the application.

"The app is actually the website," Enfield said. "It makes us available on all platforms without having to update



the app. It allows us to literally be available on any device in the world at any time, as long as they're connected to the internet."

ArMA, part of the Army's wider effort to improve quality of life for Soldiers and their families, will also be accessible through the service's **Digital Garrison App**. Digital Garrison connects residents with installation services including their post exchange and morale, welfare and recreation programs.

IMCOM currently has two pilot programs underway, one for family housing at U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria in Grafenwoehr, Germany, and another at the Fort Campbell, Kentucky, for barracks.

ArMA uses a simple interface where residents can submit requests and provide a description of their case. Residents can take photos of the maintenance problem using the app's camera feature and they can also access a maintenance catalog and list of services.

A request must meet certain requirements to qualify as a work order. For instance, Enfield said, a request to wash a home's windows would not qualify, while a broken window would warrant repairs.

Users have an option to submit questions and provide feedback in the app. Residents may also create a "household" folder within the

application, which allows family members to monitor each order's status. When a work order has been approved, residents will receive a text message or email when the status has changed.

Miranda said that public works employees can submit questions about work orders directly to the customers who filed the request and the residents in turn can provide instant replies. Responses in the app's user surveys will be instantly viewable by garrison command teams.

"[The app] will be the most productive and efficient way for the residents to submit their work orders," Miranda said. "Instant feedback is what ArMA provides to the customer, which is something that we never had before."

Enfield added that barracks residents have experienced delays in filing requests through different entities, which prompted the need for a more direct connection to public works.

"When the resident had a problem in their barracks room it wasn't always getting up to the right channels at [directorate of public works] to get fixed," Enfield said. "We wanted to connect the residents directly to their maintenance without creating layers of having to find the right person or get it into the right channel."

Enfield added that the maintenance app as well as Digital Garrison are run through a secure, federal network, assuring that residents' personal data will be protected. The app also provides Soldiers another option to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

"People are just spending more time in their residences as lockdowns happen and they work from home," Enfield said.

"We wanted a way for our tenants to be able to interact with their maintenance through an application so that they could report a problem at any time of the day or night," he added.

Garrison's new Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Shawley visits Fort Buchanan

Story by Grissel Rosa
Public Affairs Officer

The week of January 10 – 15, 2021 marked the first visit of 81st Readiness Division Commanding General and Senior Commander of Fort Buchanan, Major General Jamelle C. Shawley to the military installation.

The visit to the only Federal military installation in Puerto Rico included tours of garrison facilities and Army Reserve centers, office calls with military leaders, garrison personnel and a historical memorialization ceremony.

Maj. Gen. Shawley visited various garrison facilities such as the Child and Youth Support Services, Training Support Center and the School House at the old Antilles Elementary School. Fort Buchanan's Senior Commander saw the facilities and talked to the respective personnel on the programs and services provided to military and civilian members of the community.



After an office call with Fort Buchanan's Command Group, Maj. Gen. Shawley visited the Directorate of Family, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) Child and Youth Support Services (CYSS) where a group of professionals diligently offers top quality childcare services and youth



programs in support of Soldiers, Service Members, Civilian Employees and their Families. At the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and



Security (DPTMS) – Training Division, the Commanding General received a briefing on the Installation's Training Program, resources, training areas and facilities that support the readiness of all Active and Reserve Component units as well as Federal government agencies. Part of the training support is also provided at the School House facilities located at the old Antilles Elementary School, where Soldiers receive training in Casualty and Mortuary Affairs, among other training requirements.



Maj. Gen. Shawley also participated in a meeting with garrison leaders where she received a briefing on the Project Review Board, to discuss the Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization projects for which she provides final approval as Fort Buchanan's Senior Commander;



the Installation Planning Board that identifies and assess installation-wide planning requirements aligned with the Installation Strategic Plan; the Integrated Priority List that sets or resets installation priorities and requirements,

and the Real Property Planning Board that ensures orderly development and management of the Installation Real Property in support of missions, management processes, and achieving community objectives.

Maj. Gen. Shawley met with the Commanding General of the 1st Mission Support Command, Brig. Gen. Jeffrey W. Jurasek; the Adjutant General of the Puerto Rico National



Maj. Gen. Shawley successfully putted on the new CYS Miniature 9-Hole Golf Course.

Guard, Maj. Gen. José J. Reyes; Army Reserve Ambassadors, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Fernando Fernández and Command Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) René Berlingeri; Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, Luis A. Soto and Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army Emeritus, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Félix A. Santoni. She also visited various Reserve Centers located throughout the island, in Ponce, Mayaguez, Aguadilla, Ceiba and Puerto Nuevo and met with Troop Program Units (TPU), Active Guard Reserve (AGR) and Active Duty Soldiers during a Soldier's Town Hall.

In addition to the tour of other facilities such as the garrison's housing area, Las Casas Lake and the Rodriguez Army Health Clinic, the 81st Commanding General participated of the historical event, the memorialization ceremony of the garrison's Physical Fitness Center Annex in honor of baseball legend and US Marine Corps Reserve Private First Class Roberto E. Clemente Walker. The state-of-the-art facility supports the Army's readiness mission and reaffirms the importance of Fort Buchanan's commitment to the community.

During her first visit to the garrison and Puerto Rico, Maj. Gen. Shawley experienced the hospitality of the Puerto Rican culture and warm welcome from the Fort Buchanan community.

FORT BUCHANAN TAX ASSISTANCE CENTER OFFERS PREPARATION FREE OF CHARGE FEDERAL TAX RETURN FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS



The Fort Buchanan Tax Assistance Center (TAC), opens February 23, 2021 to prepare and electronically file federal income tax returns free of charge to eligible individuals. The center, staffed by IRS trained and certified Soldiers and volunteers, provides free basic income tax preparation to eligible Service members, dependents, and retirees. It can inform taxpayers about special tax credits for which they may qualify, such as the earned income tax credit, child tax credit, and credit for the elderly or the disabled. The TAC does not provide tax assistance services to taxpayers that are self-employed, involved in other private business activities, or with rental properties.

Fort Buchanan Installation Legal Office runs and operates the TAC as part of its Legal Assistance mission. The TAC is located at the Installation Legal Office (ILO) at 390 Double Eagle Ave. Suite 101, Fort Buchanan. Tax returns will be prepared starting February 23 until April 15, 2021. Tax returns will be prepared by appointment only. Appointments are required for drop-off and pick-up. There will be no walk-ins this year. We are also going to be doing virtual tax preparation for this year, to best serve the needs of our community. The Fort Buchanan Tax Assistance Center will be following and adhering to strict CDC COVID-19 safety protocols. To schedule an appointment call (787) 707-5155, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. closed all federal holidays.

MUST bring the following documents to have your tax return prepared:

- Proof of Identification (ID card with photo)
- Social Security cards for you, spouse and dependents and/or a Social Security number verification letter issued by the Social Security Administration
- Birth dates for you, your spouse and dependents listed on the tax return
- Wage and earning statement(s) Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, 1099-MISC. You can obtain your DFAS W-2 from www.mypay.dfas.mil.
- Interest and dividend statements from banks and brokers, including mortgage interest statements (Forms 1099)
- A copy of last year's federal and state returns, if applicable
- Bank account routing numbers and account numbers for Direct Deposit
- Total paid for daycare provider and the provider's tax identifying number (Social Security Number or business Employer Identification Number), if applicable
- To file taxes electronically on a married-filing-joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms or have a special power of attorney or IRS Form 2848 authorizing you to sign for the spouse not present.
- Form 1095-A, B or C Health Care
- Puerto Rico Tax Return (PR residents)

The following documents may be necessary depending on your circumstances:

- Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) assignment letter for you, your spouse and dependents;
- Proof of foreign status, if applying for an ITIN;
- Divorce decrees and receipts for alimony paid or received;
- Child custody and support orders;
- Receipts for IRA contributions;
- Receipts and other supporting documentation if you plan to itemize your deductions in lieu of the standard deduction.

Fort Buchanan DFMWR Child Youth Service has a Miniature Golf Course

Story and photos by Rosie Irizarry
Public Affairs Specialist

To the delight and enjoyment of enrolled children, the grounds next to the Fort Buchanan Child Youth Center (CYS), is now a miniature 9-hole golf course. The bright green course with its white hand-painted curving pavestone borders was constructed with funds provided by the 2020 Panda Cares Academic Success Grant, a partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) who together strive to foster academic success for America's youth at Clubhouses across the country.

This miniature golf course is the brainchild of CYS Program Professional, Isaac Cruz. Cruz in addition to designing the course with the assistance of a group of school age children wrote the proposal based on research. He understood that this would help children, youth and teens in leading a healthy, satisfying and productive life, helping them be more successful in society. Cruz believes that through golf, children can develop: life skills, improve interpersonal abilities, show respect to themselves, others and their surroundings, improve self-management proficiencies, learn to keep a positive attitude to monitor and better evaluate themselves, goal setting competence, and consequently increase academic performance. Promoting the ability to move forward when confronted with challenges, problems and setbacks faced in everyday life. Kids, while having a great time, can further develop hand-eye coordination, required for a good putt.



(L to R) CYS Program Professionals: Eduardo Avila, Isaac Cruz, José Martinez and (not shown here) CYS Assistant Director, Luis Maldonado did the hard labor to build this course.



The Child Youth Services Miniature Nine Hole Golf Course not only educational but fun as some of the holes have tricks, requiring hitting the balls in angles, making the game more interesting.

CYS staff created a Project Based Learning (PBL) program for this endeavor, which is divided into phases. PBL is a teaching method in which students learn by actively engaging in real-world and personally meaningful projects. By participating in its design and construction, the children involved demonstrated what they learned and the skills acquired in creating the final product, the CYS Miniature Golf Course.

"This has been a team effort," emphasized CYS Facility Director, Evelyn De La Cruz. "Isaac Cruz wanted to do this amazing project for many years for our community's children and families. We want our community to know, that even during rough times such as COVID-19 or any other situations, CYS will always be there for them. ARMY Strong!" she said.

This project provides another recreational activity for our military community. Fresh air and free movement outdoors takes them away from their mobile-electronic environment, video games and computers. Military families often do not get enough time together to engage in fun activities. "A trip to our CYS Mini Golf Course as a family can strengthen bonds and allow family members to compete in an enjoyable atmosphere during their leisure time in keeping with our after school mission

to reduce the conflict between mission readiness and parental responsibilities," concluded De La Cruz.



José Martinez tries out a putt, as he and the staff prepared the nine holes they tested them for flow and complexity.

When confronting the constraints and challenges of COVID-19, social distancing comes naturally to golf because it is not a contact sport. Before each game, every golf club and ball is disinfected, participants will make teams of three and each golfer will have their own club and ball. Children will wash their hands with soap and water before and after play. Face covering will be required during and after each game and staff will disinfect the golf course to ensure the safety of all of the patrons.

At this time, the miniature golf course is only open to enrolled members of the CYS program. For additional information: (787) 707-3569 / (787) 707-3769 / (787) 707-3787.

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, DC 20318

MEMORANDUM FOR THE JOINT FORCE

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO THE JOINT FORCE

The American people have trusted the Armed Forces of the United States to protect them and our Constitution for almost 250 years. As we have done throughout our history, the U.S. military will obey lawful orders from civilian leadership, support civil authorities to protect lives and property, ensure public safety in accordance with the law, and remain fully committed to protecting and defending the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

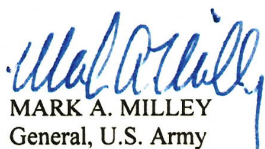
The violent riot in Washington, D.C. on January 6, 2021 was a direct assault on the U.S. Congress, the Capitol building, and our Constitutional process. We mourn the deaths of the two Capitol policemen and others connected to these unprecedented events.


We witnessed actions inside the Capitol building that were inconsistent with the rule of law. The rights of freedom of speech and assembly do not give anyone the right to resort to violence, sedition and insurrection.

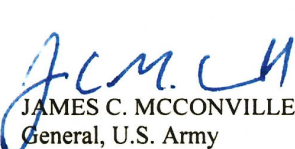
As Service Members, we must embody the values and ideals of the Nation. We support and defend the Constitution. Any act to disrupt the Constitutional process is not only against our traditions, values, and oath; it is against the law.


On January 20, 2021, in accordance with the Constitution, confirmed by the states and the courts, and certified by Congress, President-elect Biden will be inaugurated and will become our 46th Commander in Chief.


To our men and women deployed and at home, safeguarding our country—stay ready, keep your eyes on the horizon, and remain focused on the mission. We honor your continued service in defense of every American.



MARK A. MILLEY
General, U.S. Army
Chairman of the Joint
Chiefs of Staff

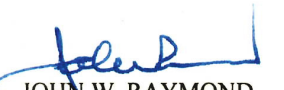

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Installation Legal Office Team Building on Wheels

Story by Rosie Irizarry
Public Affairs Specialist

Five members from the Fort Buchanan Installation Legal Office took part in a different type of team building event. For three days from January 19 to 21, 2021, Staff Judge Advocate Lt. Col. Dorion S. Germany; Trial Counsel Cpt. Jonathan W. Neenan; Judge Advocate Cpt. Alfonso L. Perez-Diaz; Senior Paralegal Sgt. 1st Class Megan C. Kelly and Paralegal Noncommissioned Officer Sgt. Patricia M. Landrau, participated in the Fort Buchanan Safety Office' Basic Riders Course. The training took place at the Motorcycle Training Facility on post, taught by Fort Buchanan's Motorcycle and Safety Instructor Luis A. Salazar.

"Army organizations rely on effective teams to complete tasks, achieve objectives, and accomplish missions. Teams are an essential part of the Army. To get the most from a team, the team must be cohesive and effective, which does not just happen



Courtesy of Installation Legal Office

by chance. It takes work and time to develop a team," from its Introduction Army Techniques Publication No. 6-22.6, Army Team Building.

It was with this intent of building camaraderie, learning a new skill, and supporting a local Garrison training department that Lt. Col. Germany organized this event.

Positive outcomes in addition to the camaraderie were that the staff relaxed and had fun while learning a new skill, spending time together as a single unit away from the computers and the office with the added reward, getting certified.

"Fort Buchanan presents itself with a plethora of opportunities and diverse

valuable training. Many may not use the wonderful facilities we have here and I would encourage more individuals to take advantage of what we have in our own back yard," said Cpt. Neenan. "The motorcycle classes can cost up to \$300 per class and we have the added benefit of having the program right here. Luis Salazar, is a phenomenal instructor with years of experience, and an eagerness to train and support new riders. I plan to take the class again and may work towards the Advanced Class before I leave. A wonderful experience and part of a wonderful team," Neenan concluded.

Fort Buchanan's Leisure Travel at a new location

Story by Nadya Ayala
DFMWR Leisure Travel Services Manager

Fort Buchanan Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Leisure Travel Services (LTS) has moved to Outdoor Recreation located at 608 South Terminal Road.

LTS specializes in individual and group travel offering military rates, exclusive pricing and benefits, including unique and authentic experiences, as well as upgrades, savings, and special privileges.

LTS offers exclusive discounts for Walt Disney World, Disneyland, Universal Orlando and Universal California, Cruises, vacation packages within the United States and Internationally. Customers can request a full vacation package, which can include hotel stay, airfare, car rental, and attraction tickets.

Colocation of LTS and Outdoor Recreation provides the community



ease of access to consolidated leisure programs, services and the best available rates for your vacation.

At our new location, our Community will be able to learn about all the new and exciting on-island activities, provided by Outdoor Recreation, and book them right on the spot! These services are available to all Active Duty Military,

their families, Department of Defense Civilians and Retirees stationed here or visiting Puerto Rico for personal travel.

Our hours of operations are Wednesday to Friday on site – Monday and Tuesday via telework. For further information contact (787) 707-4344 or (787) 707-4343.

Stop by and visit!

USAG Fort Buchanan's Chapel hosts 2021 first wedding

Story by Maj. David S. Keller
Garrison Command Chaplain

In its commitment to our Soldiers and Family Members, USAG Fort Buchanan Chapel started the New Year hosting the Rodriguez family wedding on January 14, 2021. Spc. John Cliff Rodriguez requested Chaplain (Maj.) David S. Keller, garrison chaplain to conduct this wedding to his fiancée, Dayna Santiago, while on leave from his duty station at the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell. It was the first wedding in over a year at Fort Buchanan's Chapel since renovations closed the facility to the public on November 2019. In a little less than three weeks of preparation, the Religious Support Office, in partnership



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Spann III, Senior RSO NCO
The wedding ceremony of Army Spc. John Cliff Rodriguez to Dayna Santiago officiated by Chaplain Sánchez and Father Guzmán exemplifies Fort Buchanan's pledge to our military and civilian community on building lasting partnerships and more important, serving those who serve.

with the Garrison Command Team, the Directorate of Plans, Training Mobilization and Security, the Department of Emergency Services and the Catholic Chapel Community all supported this occasion.

With this wedding at the Fort Buchanan chapel, the Rodriguez family celebrated the union of John Cliff and Dayna Santiago. It was also an opportunity to celebrate a generational highlight as the second Rodriguez to be married in this chapel. Spc. Rodriguez's uncle was married at this chapel over 20 years ago. Chaplain (Col.) Angel Sánchez, Puerto Rico Army National Guard Command Chaplain, officiated the wedding in conjunction with Father Alfonso Guzmán.

USAG Fort Buchanan Chapel partners with San Juan YMCA, a Season of Gift Giving

Story and photos by Maj. David S. Keller
Garrison Command Chaplain

USAG Fort Buchanan Religious Support Office (RSO), committed to building positive relationships with the community surrounding the installation, partnered with San Juan YMCA to deliver a collection of toys for children on Three Kings Day, January 6, 2020.

The numerous gifts were collected by chapel congregants from both, Protestant and Catholic communities, during the Christmas Day Chapel services.

A total of 30 wrapped boxes, each containing several toys, coloring



The Three King's presents provided by the chapel community were placed under the Christmas tree during the Christmas Day Chapel Services. The Three Kings Day or Epiphany celebrated on January 6 is a faith-based tradition deeply rooted in the Puerto Rican culture brought to the island by the Spanish more than 500 years ago.

materials, crayons, notebooks, masks, and the story of Jesus were delivered to RSO partners, the San Juan YMCA, to be distributed among families who didn't have the means to provide their kids a gift on Three Kings Day or

Epiphany.

The faith-based tradition of the Three Kings Day is deeply rooted in the Puerto Rican culture.

According to the tradition, children place a shoebox with grass and water under the bed for the camels or horses in exchange for the gifts from the Three Wise Men.

YMCA, an international non-profit, voluntary, Christian, ecumenical and world-renowned organization and its San Juan Branch, serve the greater San Juan area.

This non-profit organization has many programs for families that focus on a healthy spirit, mind and body.



RSO's "Three Kings' box" contained toys, crayons, coloring books, masks, the story of Jesus and more.



Fort Buchanan Garrison Command Chaplain (Maj.) David S. Keller delivered the gifts to the San Juan YMCA Staff.

In the next monthly issue...

February is African American/Black History Month...

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH
2021**

Celebrating the contributions of African Americans to our nation.

HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY

February 15 honors US presidents, including George Washington, USA's first president.

February 15 is Illustrious Puerto Ricans Day...



Commemorating the birth of seven illustrious Puerto Ricans including, Luis Muñoz Marín, the first democratically elected governor of the island

US Coast Guard Reserve Birthday...



Celebrating 80 years of service February 26, 2020



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
JANUARY 18, 2021

"IN A REAL SENSE ALL LIFE IS INTERRELATED.

**ALL MEN ARE CAUGHT IN AN
INESCAPABLE NETWORK OF MUTUALITY,
ATTIRED IN A SINGLE GARMENT OF DESTINY.**

WHATEVER AFFECTS ONE DIRECTLY AFFECTS ALL INDIRECTLY.
I CAN NEVER BE WHAT I OUGHT TO BE UNTIL YOU ARE WHAT YOU OUGHT TO BE,
AND YOU CAN NEVER BE WHAT YOU OUGHT TO BE UNTIL I AM WHAT I OUGHT TO BE.
THIS IS THE INTERRELATED STRUCTURE OF REALITY."

REMEMBER! CELEBRATE! ACT!

