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## Bakers Creek observance honors World War II Army Air Corps Soldiers

By Leah Rubalcaba  
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Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall Commander, Col. David Bowling, hosted the annual Bakers Creek Memorial Observance June 14 to honor 40 Army Air Corps Soldiers who died on that date in 1943, in an airplane crash near the town of Bakers Creek in Queensland, Australia.

The ceremony was held in front of the Bakers Creek monument, a gift from Australia received by the joint base in 2009. This year's observance marked the 79th anniversary of the air crash - the worst single airplane crash in the Southwest Pacific during World War II.

Installation Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Alan Irizarry began the ceremony with the invocation, recognizing the 40 victims of the crash.

"Their service and sacrifice exemplify the oath they swore - to protect and defend our nation," he said. "We pray and pay tribute, to honor them and remember them."

Special guests from the Embassy of Australia in Washington D.C. included the Australian Defence Force Air and Space Attaché, Air Commodore John Haly and Squadron Leader Lisa-Marie Hewitt.

To honor the victims, two wreaths were placed at the monument. Haly and Hewitt laid the wreath from the Embassy of Australia, and Bowling and joint base Command Sgt. Maj. Matthew Majeski laid the

off from the Mackay Airfield in Queensland, Australia, at about 6 a.m. in foggy conditions.

The flying fortress made a low altitude turn and a few minutes later - for reasons still unknown today - crashed just outside the small town of Bakers Creek, five miles south of Mackay. All were killed, except for one survivor. The Bakers Creek monument is a tribute to the 40 lives lost.

During his remarks, Bowling remembered the fallen, drawing parallels with his wartime experiences.



Photos by Pamela Kulokas, JBM-HH Public Affairs  
U.S. Army Retired Col. Michael Baier, representing the Bakers Creek Memorial Association and the families and friends of the crash victims, provides remarks at the June 14 Bakers Creek Memorial Observance as Joint Base Commander Col. David Bowling and the Australian Embassy's Air Commodore John Haly look on.

"I can remember first-hand what it is like to serve overseas and engage in combat operations," he said. "I understand what it is like to go on rest and recuperation in order to decompress ... to have beer ... to smoke a cigar."

Bowling remembered the families of the Soldiers.

"I understand the toll that combat takes on the families," he said. "We want to recognize their sacrifice."

Details of the Bakers Creek crash remained shrouded in mystery for many years. In his remarks, Haly said censorship played a huge part in making the situation difficult for the families. "It was decades before the families fully understood what had happened to their loved ones," he said.

During World War II, Mackay was a rest and recreation center for around 40,000 American service personnel fighting in the South Pacific.

"These men came to Australia for a welcomed rest and reprieve," said Haly, noting they built a connection with the Mackay community.

He shared an excerpt from an editorial that appeared in a local newspaper the day following the crash.

"Young men who spent their recreation here were adopted into the hearts and homes of our people ... leaving an aching void in their passing. It is our common destiny to take these blows, but it is our common faith to share this grief."

Both Bowling and Haly spoke of the importance of the partnership and alliance between the U.S. and Australia during World War II and today.

"It's through the remembrance of the loss of these men and of their sacrifice that we foster and extend our countries' friendship and bonds," Haly said.

Members of the Bakers Creek Memorial Association worked for many years to raise awareness of the crash, to locate family members of the victims and to help find a final home for the memorial.

U.S. Army Retired Col. Michael Baier represented the Bakers Creek Memorial Association at the ceremony, as well as the families and friends of the crash victims from 24 U.S. states.

In his remarks, Baier thanked the people of Mackay for their support and compassion and the government of Australia - both military and civilian - for their help in bringing the monument to the U.S.

Finally, he thanked the Joint Base Myer-Henderson command teams who have supported the annual observance ceremonies since 2009.

"Thank you for this lasting venue to which we can return each year," he said.

Baier then read the names of each Soldier who died in the crash and placed a bouquet of red carnations at the base of the monument in their honor.

The ceremony closed with the reading of "The Ode of Remembrance," an Australian tradition at commemoration services held to



David Ward, honorary secretary of the Washington D.C. Sub-Branch of the Returned and Services League of Australia, recites "The Ode of Remembrance" at the conclusion of the Bakers Creek Ceremony held June 14 to honor the 40 fallen Army Air Corps Soldiers who died in an airplane crash during WWII.

wreath from Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.

The Soldiers, members of the 4th Troop Carrier Squadron of the U.S. Fifth Air Force, had just finished a much-needed reprieve from the battle in the south Pacific in 1943 when they boarded their U.S. Army Boeing B-17C to head back to the fight in Port Moresby, New Guinea.

Six crew members and 35 passengers took



honor the fallen.

"The Ode" was recited by David Ward, the honorary secretary of the Washington D.C. sub branch of the Returned and Services League of Australia. As he ended the verse with the line,

"We will remember them," all in attendance replied, "Lest we forget."



# US Army celebrates 247th birthday



*Photos by the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment*  
The United States Army Drill Team performs at Times Square in New York City, New York, June



Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in honor of the U.S. Army's 247th birthday, June 14.



Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. James McConville and Sergeant Major of the Army Michael Grinston lead the Army Birthday run through Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall and Arlington National Cemetery, June 16.



Service members with the United States Army Band "Pershing's Own" performs at the Army Birthday lunch hosted at the Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall DFAC June 14.



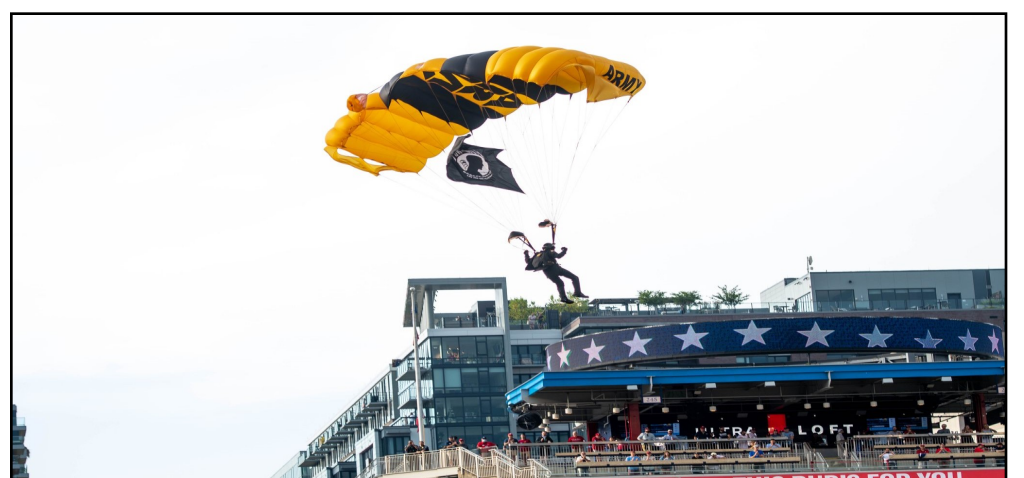
Soldiers assigned to the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) and senior Army leaders celebrate the Army's 247th Birthday at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall June 12.



Joint base commander Col. David Bowling and Command Sgt. Maj. Matthew Majeski join the oldest and youngest Soldiers as they cut the Army Birthday cake at the DFAC, June 14.



Soldiers assigned to the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) attend the Washington Nationals' Army Day game June 16 in Washington D.C. The pregame features The United States Army Band, H Company Color Guard, the U.S. Army Drill Team and the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team.





# JBM-HH service members challenged to put safety first this summer

By Pamela Kulokas  
JBM-HH Public Affairs

Soldiers assigned to the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) took the day to focus on safety June 10 during the Safety Stand-down on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.

The event, scheduled to coincide with National Safety Month in June and timed to take place during the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign, educated Soldiers on the dangers of drinking and driving, vehicle and motorcycle maintenance, fire safety, elec-

timed to take place as the JBM-HH community enters into the “fun time of the year” when nice weather lends itself to outdoor activities, barbecues, fireworks, social events and vacations.

our knowledge, to stay safe,” he said.

The event’s focus on off-duty activities also included car safety and basic vehicle maintenance. Staff Sgt. Erica Chung, instrumentalist

with the Fife and Drum Corps, 4th Battalion, TOG, said she learned how doing her own maintenance can help her in the long run.

“Simple things like how to change wiper fluid ... I could take my car in and let the dealership take care of it, but if you know those simple things, it saves you a lot of money,” she said. “Even just doing a simple look around your car, you can catch a lot of stuff. It helps you and prevents you from spending a lot of money in the future.”

“On a rainy day, that could save lives, or even (prevent) a fatal accident or injury,” she said.

Kerry Kolhof, regimental safety manager, TOG, said the annual stand-

down event is intended to encourage service members to think critically about summer safety.

“When you’re on duty, you have a squad leader or buddy looking out for your back, but when you’re off duty, you have to be that squad leader or ranger buddy looking out for your family (and) looking out for yourself,” he said.

“We do risk assessments in the military before every mission. When you’re off duty, you have to do the risk assessment.”

For more summer safety tips, visit: [safety.army.mil](http://safety.army.mil) or contact the JBM-HH Safety Office at 703-806-3447.

Private First Class Alejandro Borrego Corral participates in a safety exercise focused on drunk driving, June 10 at Spates Field.



Soldiers from the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) listen to a safety briefing during TOG Safety Day, June 10 at Spates Field.

Photos by Rachel Everett, JBM-HH Public Affairs



First Sergeant Michael King takes part in a safety exercise at the Army Substance Abuse Prevention station, June 10.

trical safety, water safety/life preservers, hydration/weather casualty prevention, and other safety campaign topics.

Expert advice such as “drink water and listen to your body” and “just one drink can impact your judgement” were offered by base officials and community partners who provided demonstrations and information booths at the event.

George Suber, Army Substance Abuse Program prevention coordinator, said the event is

“Have fun, but just be careful and be responsible when you have alcohol as a part of your fun,” he said.

Private First Class Sean Hamilton, infantryman, 4th Battalion, TOG, said he wasn’t surprised to receive information about drunk driving, but learning about water safety and heat casualties was an added bonus.

“I believe we should at least do (the Safety Stand-down) annually, just to check up on







#### ACS services are virtual

To keep all safe and healthy, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall's Army Community Service is closed for general service, but providing services telephonically and digitally. To contact ACS, call (703) 696-3510 or 3435. Online resources such as Army One Source, myarmyonesource.com and the community resource guide are linked to the JBM-HH homepage as well.

#### Financial readiness training

First term Soldiers must attend a financial readiness training upon arrival at JBM-HH, which is mandated by AR 608-1, 4-38, c. This training reviews how to develop a budget,

credit-building strategies, making sense of the Thrift Savings Plan and more. Soldiers may elect to attend a group session or a one-on-one appointment.

To schedule training or for information, contact Cheyanne.n.pace.civ@mail.mil or call (703) 696-3510.

#### Find support with JBM-HH ACS

At Army Community Service, people will find all kinds of programs and services that combine fun with self-improvement. The joint base ACS office continues to serve virtually. To learn about available opportunities, call (703) 696-3510. All JBM-HH ACS programs support Soldiers, civilian employees and

Families in maintaining readiness by coordinating and delivering comprehensive, responsive services that promote self-reliance, resiliency and stability.

#### Army Emergency Relief is here for Soldiers, Families

Army Emergency Relief is an invaluable resource for Soldiers and Families. Financial help is given in the form of an interest free loan, grant, or combination of the two. If a Family has a financial need, the Soldier should call ACS at (703) 696-3510. AER is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please note that documentation is required to justify the dollar amount for loans.

## JBM-HH volunteers roll up sleeves, clean Chesapeake Bay

#### Commentary by Jenny Tolbert JBM-HH Environmental Scientist

To protect the health of the Chesapeake Bay, six volunteers from Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall's Directorate of Public Works participated in the Department of Defense's Chesapeake Bay Program's Clean the Bay Day event June 8 by cleaning up areas on installations throughout the watershed that drain to the bay.

Although the Myer and Henderson Hall sides of the joint base do not have shoreline property, all the base's storm water inlets eventually drain to the Chesapeake Bay – making it vitally important to collect trash before it enters storm drains, nearby creeks and other bodies of water.

As part of these efforts, volunteers first focused on storm water management facilities like bio retention areas and bioswales located on both the Fort Myer and Henderson Hall sides of the joint base.

They then joined with 10 Arlington National Cemetery volunteers to conduct a cleanup of areas along both sides of the JBM-HH and ANC property boundary - specifically the fence line between Buildings 325 and 330, near the motor pool off of Marshall Drive and ANC's Section 78.

As a result of the cleanup event, several large pieces of scrap metal and enough trash to fill approximately 12 large trash bags were removed

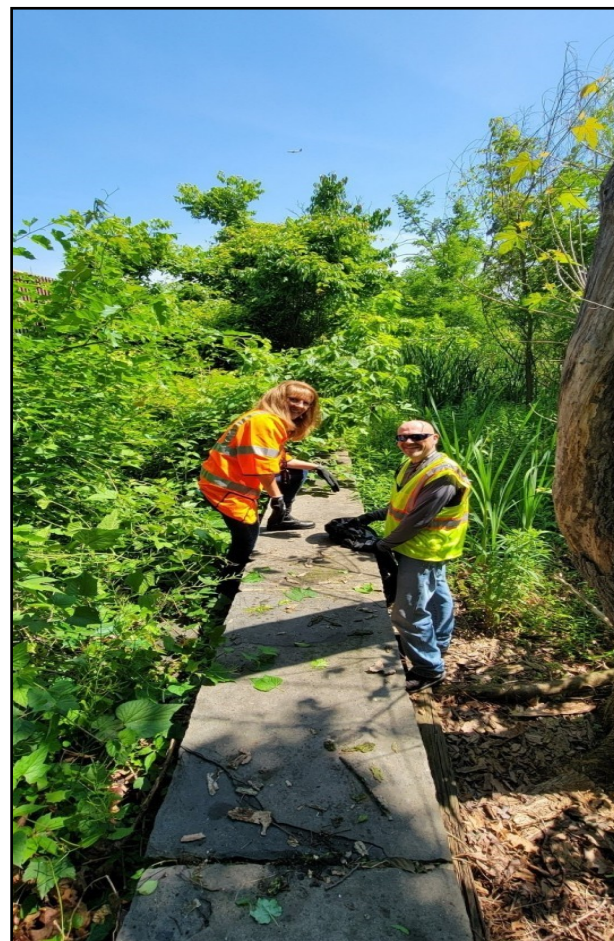


(Above) JBM-HH DPW volunteers Mike Erwin, Tony Taylor, Lisa Taylor, Roy Croom, and Jenny Tolbert get ready for the Clean the Bay Day event, June 8.

(Left) JBM-HH DPW and ANC volunteers Stacy Rosenquist (ANC), Kelly Wilson (ANC), Agrima Poudel (JBM-HH), Jenny Tolbert (JBM-HH) and Lisa Taylor (JBM-HH) remove bags full of debris collected along the JBM-HH/ANC property boundary east of buildings 325 and 330.

from the storm water management facilities and other areas around on base, as well as the property boundary with ANC.

According to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, more than 165,000 volunteers have removed approximately



Photos by Tony Taylor, Environmental Protection Specialist

JBM-HH volunteers Mike Erwin, Jenny Tolbert, Agrima Poudel and Roy Croom clean up trash from the bioretention areas in the Tri-Service parking lot, June 8.

7.17 million pounds of debris from over 8,250 miles of shoreline in Virginia since the Clean the Bay event was started in the Commonwealth in 1989.

The success of this event over the past few decades highlights the importance of keeping litter out of the environment. Participants see firsthand how the accumulated plastic bags, cigarette butts, foil snack bags, plastic bottles and more can accumulate to significant amounts and impact the environment.

The event is a demonstration of the impact each person has on the environment, showing us all that by working together we can help to protect our surrounding environment for years to come.





# DOD, ASC make improvements to PCS process

By Jon Connor  
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Summer is here and it's the busy time for some U.S. Army personnel and families as they move to their next assignment, retire or separate from the service. Despite overall health improvements in the U.S. regarding COVID-19, the pandemic is still problematic in other parts of the world and continues to affect the shipping industry.

Even with this, the U.S. Transportation Command, the Army, and the U.S. Army Sustainment Command are working hard to continuously improve the permanent change of station process for its customers and family members.

This year has many new favorable elements to the PCS season now underway, said Col. Courtney Abraham, director of the Army Personal Property Lead Element and commander of ASC's Joint Personal Property Shipping Offices-Mid Atlantic.

"The pandemic has impacted all sectors of the global market. Ports, port agents, customs, trucking, rail, and shipping are all part of those sectors that have been impacted by the pandemic, and they continue to see shortfalls in labor, drivers, material, fuel, increased operating costs as well as other operational resources," Abraham explained.

Located at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, APPLE is the Army's lead integrating organization in the Defense Personal Property Program and the collective Joint Enterprise. Its mission is to plan, manage and provide technical oversight to Army Personal Property Shipping and Processing Offices globally.

APPLE maintains operational control of both JPPSOs located at Fort Belvoir and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.

JPPSO-MA is one of six Army-led shipping offices. This organization executes personal property movement services to authorized personnel within a specified area of responsibility. The JPPSO-MA supports shipments within portions of 12 states, including the Washington, D.C., area.

USTRANSCOM has adjusted domestic and international transit times to provide better predictability and expectation management for Soldiers and families for delivery of their household goods, he said.

"All Overseas PCS locations could be impacted, no one greater than another," Abraham said.

"The Personal Property enterprise continues to monitor changes in the global supply chain closely and continually communicates with our industry partners in order to implement the best business practices to support our Soldiers and families."

In late 2020, Abraham said ASC began equipping units with tablets specifically to aid quality assurance inspectors in the field.

"Quality assurance inspectors can perform operations and reporting while on the road, utilizing their WiFi-enabled tablets, mobile devices or hot-spots," Abraham explained.

Tablets allow QA inspectors to reach more customers in the duty day, as well as

to immediately provide customers with resources, handouts and report findings into the USTRANSCOM system of record without having to return to a traditional "brick and mortar" office, he said.

Additionally, the Army has a 75% onsite physical inspection standard by QA personnel, surpassing the Defense Transportation Regulation standard of 50%. The Army currently has an 87% physical inspection rate, meaning a QA inspector has provided in-person representation at time of pack, pickup or delivery, Abraham said.

The following are the changes that have been implemented since May 2021, as explained by Abraham:

**Improving inventories:**  
"We are working with the moving companies to shift from paper copies of inventories and use electronic inventories to the greatest extent possible. This will provide an improved record of the household goods pack-out and the condition they were in when packed. This effort is to accelerate the inventory and accountability process of household goods, eliminate paper copy exchanges, and enable digital transmission and storage of the inventory records offering better services to members and families when moving. Electronic inventories will be mandatory in 2023."

**Pickup date choice:**

"Refined how Soldiers and families input their desired pickup dates, adding the ability for them to pick a preferred day inside their requested seven-day pickup window. Also known as 'spread dates,' this refers to the seven-day window during which your moving company is required to pick up your shipment. This policy is designed to give you more control over requesting a specific date range to schedule your move."

**Moving company contact:**

"The moving company will identify points of contact and email the Soldier/family with that information to facilitate better communication before, during and after the move, improving the overall PCS experience."

**Simplifying claims:**

"Created a standardized form to simplify filing an inconvenience claim across the DOD. Additionally, military claims offices will be able to declare a catastrophic loss of a shipment regardless of the percent of inventory items lost, damaged, or destroyed. In the past, the threshold was 60% of the total shipment."

**Securing your property:**

"Moving companies are already required to place seals on containers, but we're adding a requirement that customers be notified if any seals are broken, that seals be replaced, and that these actions and communications are noted in the record."

**Better communication:**

"Increased service provider availability by phone – added Saturday customer support requirement during peak of the relocation period; provider must return calls on same business day and wait times cannot exceed 20 minutes. Additionally, movers are required to provide customers a 24-hour notice of delivery and make two attempts to contact the customer, with each attempt at least six hours apart, before transferring the customer's shipment to storage-in-transit."

See PCS PROCESS, Page 8



Courtesy Photo

**Military OneSource is the U.S. Transportation Command's one-stop shop or personal property information and access to systems. Visit <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/moving-housing/moving/pcs-and-military-moves> for more information.**

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# Community



A CYS student graduates from the Strong Beginnings Pre-K program, June 10 at the CDC.

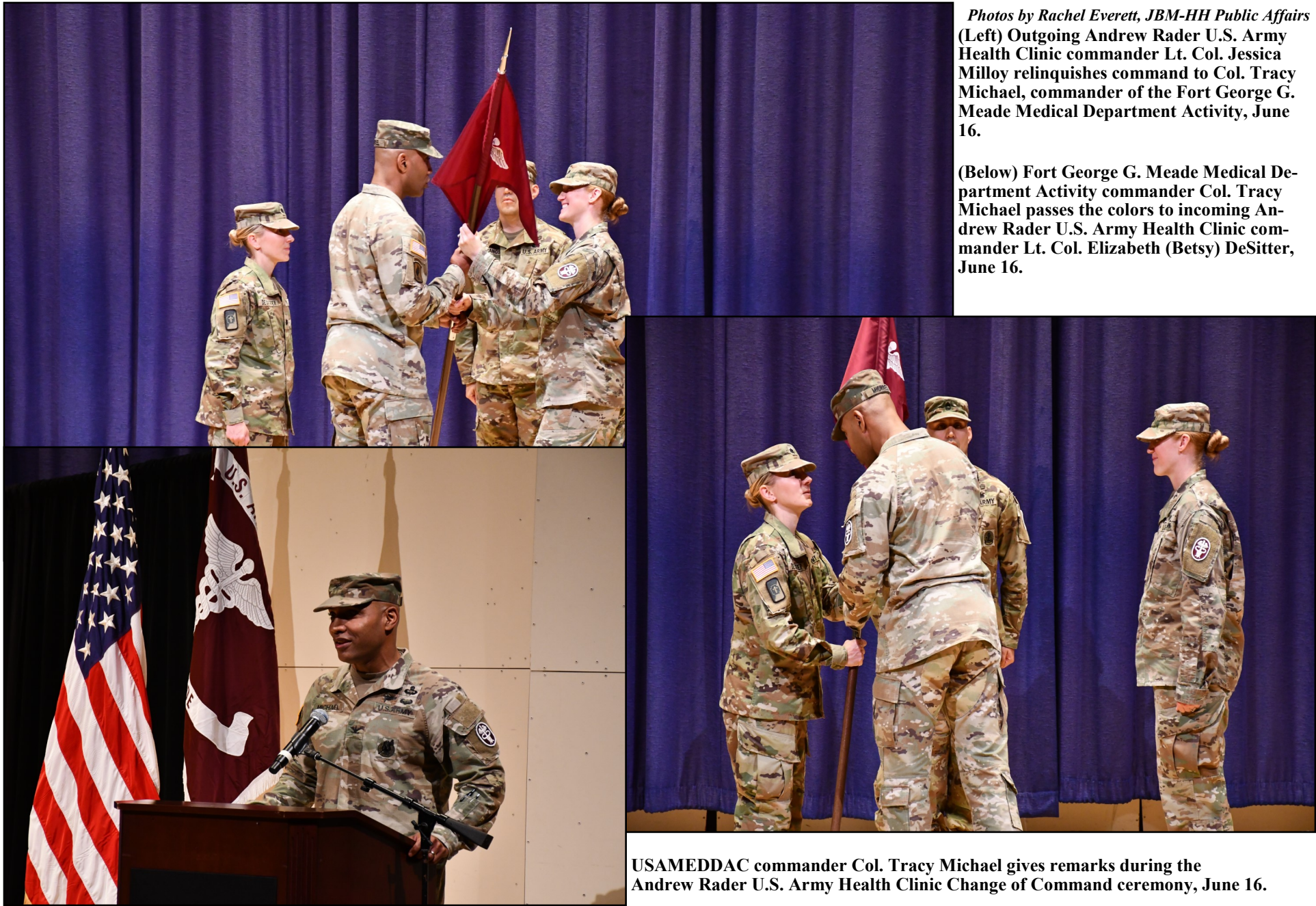
Deputy Joint base commander Lt. Col. Mark Paolicelli speaks to the Strong Beginnings graduates, June 10 at the CDC.

Children at the Cody Child Development Center graduate from Strong Beginnings Pre-K program, June 10. The program focuses on the social, cognitive and physical development of four-and five-year-olds. The unique CYS program promotes academic readiness skills and resiliency as children transition to kindergarten.

*Photos by Rachel Everett, JBM-HH Public Affairs*



## Rader Health Clinic bids farewell to Milloy, welcomes DeSitter



*Photos by Rachel Everett, JBM-HH Public Affairs*  
(Left) Outgoing Andrew Rader U.S. Army Health Clinic commander Lt. Col. Jessica Milloy relinquishes command to Col. Tracy Michael, commander of the Fort George G. Meade Medical Department Activity, June 16.

(Below) Fort George G. Meade Medical Department Activity commander Col. Tracy Michael passes the colors to incoming Andrew Rader U.S. Army Health Clinic commander Lt. Col. Elizabeth (Betsy) DeSitter, June 16.

USAMEDDAC commander Col. Tracy Michael gives remarks during the Andrew Rader U.S. Army Health Clinic Change of Command ceremony, June 16.



# Chaplain's Corner

## Such a small pebble

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

I began my walk as usual. I prepared myself with the loose clothing and good hiking shoes that would make it a comfortable walk. It was a beautiful day to see the mountains and pinon trees. I felt good. I felt unencumbered. I felt in control of my destiny.

After walking awhile, I felt a small pebble in my shoe. I was making good time, and this somewhat frustrated me, not wanting to stop in my journey. The pebble moved around and eventually ended up under my toes where it wasn't as noticeable. So, I kept walking thinking I could live with it until I finished what I wanted to do without stopping to take care of the problem.

The pebble slowly moved round sitting under different parts of my foot causing

me to move my foot around to accommodate this irritating pebble. But, at each stride, the pebble began feeling like a



large stone hampering my comfort and enjoyment of the journey and experiences of the beauty of life.

Soon, I noticed I began walking awkwardly and then limping to accommodate the pebble that was now causing sharp pains on my foot and up my leg. The jour-

ney became a painful experience losing all it's joy and feelings of accomplishment.

And so, it is with a lie and deceit. It is such a small pebble rolling around in our lives. We really don't notice it at first, but then it affects all parts of our life. We think no one will notice and we were justified in it. We try to ignore it, but eventually it causes pain to our life slowly taking away joy, freedom, and leaving guilt and frustration. Such a small thing lodged in our hearts and minds. And the Creator asks, "Is this what I planned for you?"

Finally, I stopped and removed my shoe. I shook out the pebble and replaced my shoe to continue on my journey. The relief was instantaneous. The journey's joy came flooding back.

Pebbles come by many names. What are yours and what are you going to do about it?

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES at MEMORIAL CHAPEL (Bldg. 480)

#### Saturdays

5 p.m. Catholic Mass

#### Sundays

9 a.m. Catholic Mass

10:30 a.m. Protestant Service \*

Noon Gospel Service \*

\* The Protestant and Gospel Sunday services are streamed LIVE on the RSO Facebook page.

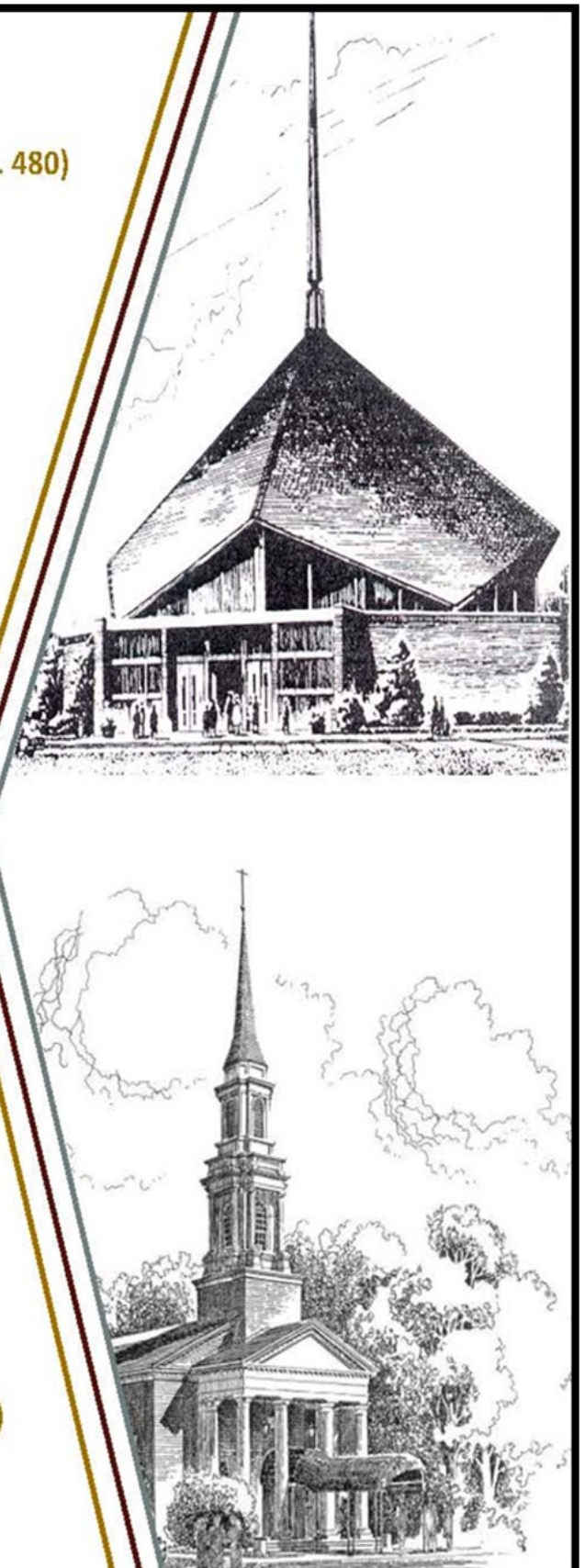


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#### Sundays

10 a.m. Samoan Service

### RELIGIOUS SERVICE at OLD POST CHAPEL (Bldg. 335)





Personally Procured Moves:

Formerly known as DITY – Do It Yourself moves -- reimbursement increased to 100% of what it would have cost the government to use a DOD moving company.

Inconvenience claim:

“Reimbursement up to seven days of per diem and incidentals when a moving company fails to pick-up or deliver as agreed.”

SmartVoucher process reduces travel payments to less than two days.

The Basic Allowance for Housing rate is in effect at all 40 on-base Intercontinental Hotel Groups Army Hotel locations in the U.S. through the end of fiscal 2022.

IHG's have agreed to only charge Soldiers at their BAH rate when they must stay in temporary lodging for extended periods of time due to housing or household good delivery challenges.

The Army PCS Move, Digital Garrison, and PCS My POV – Privately Owned Vehicle Apps are free in Google Play and Apple Store.

Army PCS Move application available on Apple and Android Devices – knowledge-based app to help Soldiers and families understand the entire process, one-stop shop for forms, contact information and checklists.

Strategic communication from senior leaders to the Soldier and family. Examples include PCS Playbook, Personal Property Relocation Advisory Panel, and Army Relocation Advisory Committee; communicate options, mitigation measures and communicate directly with families.

Military One Source is the USTRANSCOM one-stop shop for personal property information and access to systems: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/moving-housing/moving/pcs-and-military-moves> .

USTRANSCOM Customer Facing Dashboard, <https://www.ustranscom.mil/dp3/index.cfm>, provides customers visibility of individual TSP performance.

MILPER Message 22-0045 allows commanders the flexibility to change report dates by 30 days either before or after the initial report date, or up to 60-day deferment working with the Installation Directorate of Human Resources to get approval.

Army Virtual Call Center at 800-521-9959, single phone number, extended customer support hours of operation, additional chat capability and access to 24/7 support through USTRANSCOM.

Despite all these improvements and aforementioned challenges, Abraham said the Soldier still has much input regarding how successful a PCS can be. He recommended Soldiers always do the following:

Once orders are received, visit the installation transportation office immediately to receive household goods counseling and complete shipment application(s).

Communicate challenges with chain of command early, so they can assist and work with the ITO to identify all possible options to support the Soldier and their family; there are several choices available to Soldiers and families to support challenges during their PCS Move.

Provide feedback via the Customer Satisfaction Survey. As of May 15, all customers are now asked to complete a brief survey via text message regarding various milestones throughout their move – entitlement counseling, pack/pickup, delivery and claims.

# DOD preparing for climate change impacts, official says

By David Vergun  
DOD News

Joe Bryan, Department of Defense Chief Sustainability Officer and Senior Advisor for Climate, joined a panel discussion yesterday on "U.S. Climate Security Investments: Changing Plans into Actions" at a virtual Center for Climate and Security event.

"Climate change is dramatically increasing the demand for military operations and, at the same time, impacting our readiness and our ability to meet those demands while imposing unsustainable costs on the department," he said. Among the global effects of climate change are a warmer climate; changing precipitation patterns; and, more frequent, intense and unpredictable extreme weather. Besides climate impacts on

that are most resilient and best able to manage the effects of climate change will secure an advantage, Bryan said.

For the U.S. military to maintain its advantage, it will need to continue investing in items that mitigate the effects of climate change, he said.

As such, the department's portion of President Joe Biden's fiscal year 2023 budget request makes significant new investments that will make installations and operations more resilient to climate change and increase operational capability, he said.

"Our climate investments are not only aligned with mission objectives, increasing resiliency and enhancing combat capability, but those investments are absolutely necessary for future mission success," he said.

Bryan provided an overview of DOD's portion of the budget request related to climate change initiatives:

- \$2 billion investment for installation resiliency and adaptation, including \$550 million for the Energy Resilience and Conservation Improvement Program.
  - \$20 million in contingency preparedness that includes incorporating climate risk scenarios in war games and exercises, humanitarian assistance, disaster relief and defense support to civil authorities' activities.
  - Nearly \$250 million in operational energy and buying power to improve the efficiency of operational platforms while increasing their capability and mitigating logistics risk.
  - More than \$800 million in science and technology investments that includes hybrid tactical vehicles, to enhance capability like extended range and persistence and provide silent watch. It also includes investments in new technologies like blended wing body aircraft, which have the potential to increase range and payload while improving efficiency.
- "These investments ... put us in a position to make real progress against our climate and mission objectives," he said.



Photo by Cynthia Griggs, Hill Air Force Base

A new 350 kilowatt-hour solar array was installed near the Hill Aerospace Museum at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, June 25, 2021. Rocky Mountain Power built the array and will own and operate it for the next 25 years as part of its Blue Sky program. The base will add the energy generated to its power grid.

the physical environment, climate change is altering technology and markets as the world adjusts to the reality and a rapidly advancing energy transition, he said. Climate change also affects the militaries of allies and partners, as well as competitors and adversaries. The nations



# What's happening at Henderson Hall?



Participants line up at the starting line at 7 a.m., June 17 for the annaul Chesty's 5K race at Henderson Hall.

Photos by JBM-HH Public Affairs



(From left to right) Noah Harrington, Joshua Owino and Kurt Rorvik finish the Chesty's 5K, June 17, as the top three in the male division.



(From left to right) Yuko Whitestone, Lilly Harrington, and Sara Talone finish the Chesty's 5K, June 17, as the top three in the female division.



# News Notes

## Death notice

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of Maj. Barbara K. Kerrane, U.S. Army Legal Services Agency, must contact Col. Carol Brewer, the summary court officer for the Soldier. Kerrane passed away April 5. For more information, call Brewer at (571) 256-7997.

## Death notice

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of SSG Cameron C. Marshall, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Office of Military Commissions, must contact LTC Charles L. Flynn, the Summary Court Martial Officer for the Soldier. SSG Marshal passed away on April 17. For more information contact LTC Flynn at 757-975-7458.

## Death notice

Anyone with debts owed to or by the estate of PFC Vincent J. Krivan, 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, 1st BN (HHC) (Fort Myer), must contact CPT Luke Boehm, the Summary Court Martial Officer for the Soldier. PFC Krivan recently passed away on 26 May 2022. Call CPT Boehm at (828) 999-2556.

## Pershing's Own 100th Anniversary Alumni Concert

Former members of "Pershing's Own" will gather to play favorite band charts from the long-storied past of the U.S. Army Band in this very special 100th Anniversary Alumni Concert starting at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 24 at Conmy Hall.

## 4th of July 50 gun salute

The Presidential Salute Battery of the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), will pay tribute to the nation with a 50-gun salute, one round for each of the 50 states of the union, at noon, July 4, on Whipple Field on the Myer side of the base. All are advised that Jackson Avenue, next to Whipple Field, will be blocked during the ceremony. Please be aware that a short period of gun fire may be heard in the vicinity of the joint base at this time.

## Road closures for ANC southern expansion

As part of Arlington National Cemetery's southern expansion construction project, the west-bound portion of Southgate Road from Columbia Pike to S. Oak Street has been closed for construction. This closure will last approximately three months. As

part of the construction in that section of the road, the traffic pattern on the eastbound side of Southgate Road is now two way.

## DFMWR pool and grill

The DFMWR Pool Complex is open 7 days a week from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. now through Labor Day weekend. Season tickets may be purchased at Patton Hall, Bldg. 214, Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The MWR Grill is open to everyone daily from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily.

## Sports are back

With the return of games and events at Nationals Park and Audi Field, all are advised of the increase in traffic on roads surrounding Fort McNair, to include P Street and 2nd Street, prior to and following games. Personnel who park at Fort McNair are advised to exercise caution walking to and from the stadiums and to be aware of the potential for increased criminal activity. Be advised that the Trusted Traveler Program is suspended, so anyone 18 years of age and older must have a DoD ID, AIE pass, or a day pass to access the installation. A day pass may be requested in advance at <https://pass.aie.army.mil/JBMHH/>. Non-DoD affiliated guests may also be dropped off outside of and before entering the installation.

## Never too late senior fitness Classes

Never too late senior fitness classes will be held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:45 to 11 a.m. at the Community Activity Center, 228 McNair Rd., Bldg. 405, next to the bowling center.

Face masks are no longer required indoors in DFMWR facilities (except for the CDC). All certified instructors and current attendees are currently vaccinated.

The N2L fitness class is open to all Department of Defense ID card holders, military, civilians, retirees, reservists and military spouses. For more information, please contact Chester Taylor at [gotlander6@gmail.com](mailto:gotlander6@gmail.com).

## Civilian Leave Assist

JBM-HH Directorate of Public Works employee Daniel Wilhite and Directorate of Emergency Services employee Talia Rankin have been approved to receive leave under the Volunteer Leave Program.

Department of the Army civilian employees who would like to donate annual leave can fill out

form OPM630a, "Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (Within Agency)," at [www.opm.gov/forms/pdf\\_fill/opm630a.pdf](http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/opm630a.pdf).

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

## Commissary early bird hours, Click2Go

The Commissary offers early bird services every day. The Commissary hours are Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Sunday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Don't forget the Commissary's CLICK2GO online shopping and curbside pickup service individuals can access from their mobile devices. For full details, visit <https://www.commissaries.com/shopping/click-2-go>. For additional information on the JBM-HH Commissary, visit the Commissary official website at <https://www.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/>

## Giant Voice and Mass Alert System testing

The Giant Voice and Mass Alert notification system testing will occur every Tuesday at 10 a.m.

## DoD Dine Smart Traveler Rewards Program

The Defense Travel Management Office sends notice that DoD travelers can earn rewards when dining while on official travel through the DoD Dine Smart program. The traveler rewards program adds value for Defense travelers and supports Government Travel Charge Card policy compliance.

Once enrolled, DoD personnel earn rewards points anytime they use their travel card to pay for meals at participating restaurants when on official travel. Points can be redeemed for gift cards from retailers and restaurants.

Joint Travel Regulations require the use of a travel card for all travel expenses including meals. This program provides a benefit for travelers who adhere to policy and use their cards at participating restaurants. A toolkit with fact sheets is available at <https://>

[www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Docs/Toolkit\\_Dining\\_Traveler\\_Reward.s.pdf](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Docs/Toolkit_Dining_Traveler_Reward.s.pdf).

## TAP returns to in-person services

The JBM-HH Transition Assistance Center and Program have returned to in-person services at its present location in the Tri-Services parking lot near Memorial Chapel. Hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. All services are provided except for classroom instruction, scheduled to begin in June. Virtual capabilities for all services are still provided. Workshops remain virtual until further notice.

Soldiers must register for their Individualized Initial Counseling and Pre-Separation Counseling no later than 12 months out from separation or retirement.

## See something, say something

iSALUTE is an Army counterintelligence reporting program to prevent espionage, sabotage, subversion and international terrorism. iSALUTE seeks Armywide community support to report threat incidents, behavioral indicators, and counterintelligence matters that are potential indicators of espionage, terrorist-associated insider threat and extremist activity.

Visit the SALUTE website at <https://www.inscom.army.mil/isalute>. iWATCH Army is a community program to help protect Army communities from terrorist activities. Any member of the Army community can report behaviors and activities that make them feel uncomfortable and do not look right (suspicious behaviors).

## McNair parking advisory

Effective through July 30, 2022, the Fort McNair Fitness Center parking lot to the west of the front entrance will be closed for use as a temporary construction staging area. The parking lot to the north of the gym will remain open, and the existing ADA spaces west of the gym will be relocated to the Lincoln Hall parking lot to the south of the gym. The western parking lot will be utilized by Ritz Construction, the construction contractor currently completing renovations of NCO Duplexes 23-27. This project will provide 10 modernized housing units for Army Families.

## Town Hall July 21

The next town hall will be Thursday, July 21 at 1 p.m. Please submit questions in advance via the JBM-HH Facebook page.

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