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# 3d US Infantry Regiment welcomes Col. David B. Rowland as new commander

By Rachel Everett **JBM-HH Public Affairs** 

Colonel Patrick M. Roddy Jr. relinquished command of the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) to Col. David B. Rowland July 8 in Conmy Hall during the first full-force exe-

cuted change of command ceremony since the COVID-19 pandemic began 32 months ago.

Major General Allan M. Pepin, commanding general, Joint Task Force-National Capital Region/ U.S. Army Military District of Washington presided over the ceremony and thanked the guests in attendance, several of whom served with Roddy previously.

"There's no doubt Col. Roddy and Col. Rowland are experiencing mixed and different emotions, as today marks the end and beginning of command tours and the great honor and responsibil-

visible command." Rowland comes to the joint base from Newport, Rhode Island, where he recently graduated from the U.S. Naval War College. In his remarks he expressed gratitude to the Soldiers of the Old Guard for welcoming him and his family back to the national capital region.

elect the best for this very important and highly

ity that comes with commanding the Old Guard," Pepin said. "The Army continues to

"I've only seen a glimpse of what you do in the last few days and it's safe to say you are among some of the most talented Soldiers in our Army," Rowland said. "I look forward to working with all of you to inspire Americans, to trust the United States Army, build confidence with our allies and partners, honor our veterans, and secure the national capital region."

"I cannot think of a more capable leader to

ensure The Old Guard will be ready for future ceremonial, force protection (and) defense support to civil authorities' contingencies as well as staffing unforeseen challenges, new risk requirements and opportunities," said Pepin, describing the 84th regimental commander of the Old Guard.

dented pandemic environment," Pepin said. "He also served as commander of troops for two national Memorial Day observances, numerous wreath ceremonies and arrivals of foreign dignitaries, several senior general officer retirements and numerous iterations of Twilight Tattoo performances."



Photo by Sgt. Josue Patricio

Col. David B. Rowland assumes command of the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) during a Change of Command ceremony in Conmy Hall, July 8.

"(Rowland) is a proven leader that our Army For Roddy, he said he's most proud of the has entrusted to execute command responsibilities that are inherent to the Old Guard mission."

Pepin commended Roddy's mission-focus and leadership regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, saying under Roddy, the Old Guard adapted to the restrictions and constraints necessary in a pandemic environment while achieving a 98% vaccination rate, putting people first and executing mission command philosophy.

Other accomplishments of Roddy's include the redesign of a command-focused operational approach to better enable to execution of operations from ceremonies to crisis response.

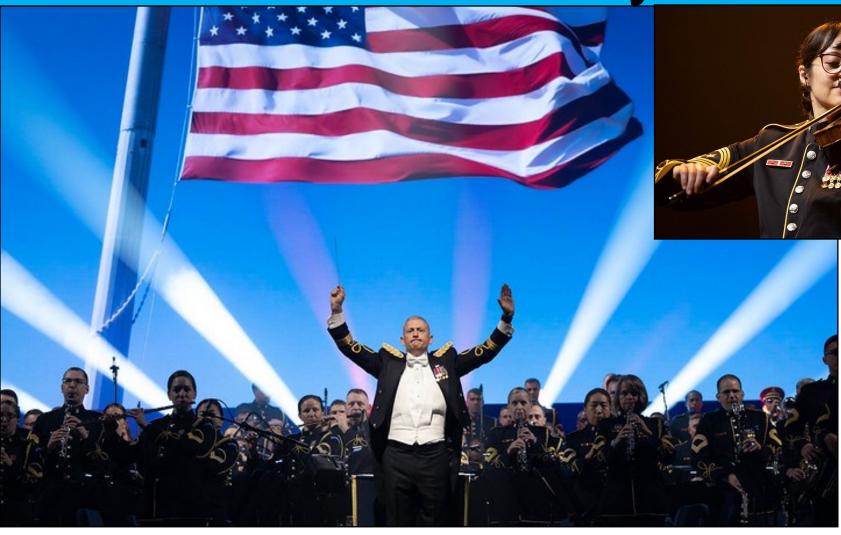
capital commander for the 2021 presidential inauguration, where he led units at the U.S. Capitol, White House, Arlington National Cemetery and Andrews Air Force Base during an unprece-past, present and future."

organization's culture of agility and innovation. He recalled memories as a young boy living on then-Fort Myer, watching the caisson platoon pass his quarters on their daily journey of laying a veteran to rest at Arlington National Ceme-

"The Soldiers have changed over the past 40 years," Roddy said, "but the missions, standards and values remain exactly the same."

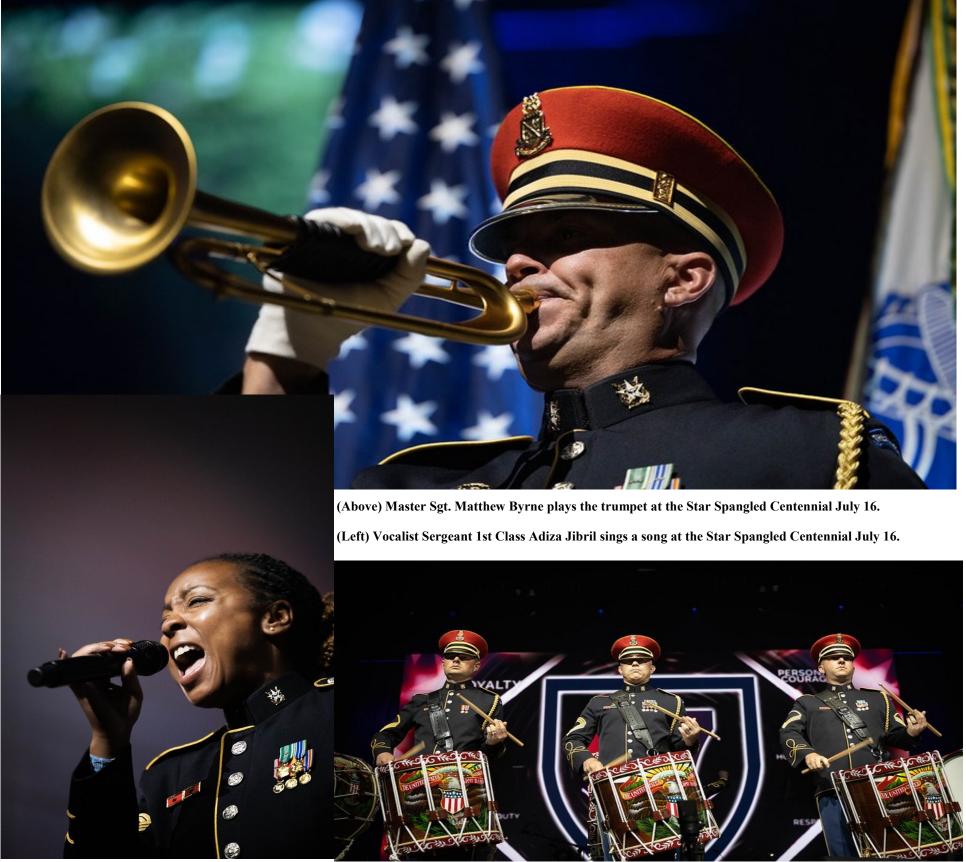
Perfection is the standard, he said. "The dedication, professionalism and discipline of these Soldiers holds the weight of this entire profession on their shoulders, in the solemn mo-"Col. Roddy flawlessly served as a joint team ment where in their presence we close the chapter with a family's relationship with their Army," Roddy said. "In those moments, these Soldiers are ambassadors for all of us in uniform -

# Community



Sgt. Maj. Marlisa Woods plays her violin during the Star Spangled Centennial July 16.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Rachel Minto Hosted by ABC World News Tonight's' Martha Raddatz and NBC Chicago Fire star Alberto Rosende, the Star-Spangled Centennial concert featured a variety of music from bluegrass and ABBA to the music of Sousa and Hols to commemorate the 100th-anniversary celebration of The U.S. Army Band.



# Digital Training Management System updates support ACFT implementation

#### By Training Management Directorate: **Combined Arms Center-Training**

Implementation of the Army's new official fitness test, the Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT), began April 1, 2022 with a time-phased approach.

The new test required changes in the Digital Training Management System

(DTMS) to allow for accurate recording, reporting, and tracking of ACFT results in accordance with new guidance and scoring tables in HQDA EXORD 153-22. In May, the Army released the updated DTMS software to support the ACFT implementation plan.

#### **DTMS** Features

Accurately recording and reporting ACFT data is important in ensuring appropriate personnel actions related to

the ACFT, such as promotions or school eligibility, are taking place. The updated DTMS software incorporates numerous features to assist in the accurate recording and reporting of ACFT scores in accordance with the HQDA EXORD.

The "ACFT Profile" tab in the Soldier's Individual Training Record (ITR) is the location where DTMS users input or update applicable medical profile designators affecting ACFT eligibility.

This is a critical first step to accurately recording and calculating scores. Soldiers with a Temporary Profile are not eligible to take an ACFT. Therefore, DTMS will not allow users to record a test for Soldiers with a Temporary Profile designator. In contrast, Soldiers with a Permanent Profile designator are eligible to take the test, including any event or alternate event not prohibited by their profile. DTMS allows recording the raw data and accurately calculates the final score based on the eligible events.

In accordance with the DA EXORD timeline, during the initial diagnostic phase, DTMS only allows recording ACFT scores as diagnostic. Once the unit Permanent Profile must be entered is eligible to administer a "Record ACFT", the DTMS user will be able to select either "for record" or "diagnostic".

After selecting the appropriate date and test type, DTMS users can enter the raw scores for each event. The software has maximum and minimum expected ranges for each event. If a raw score falls outside the expected range for a specific

event, the user receives an error message allowing them to verify and correct the data. If the raw score is correct, but is outside the expected range, users must contact the Army Training Management System (ATMS) Help Desk for assistance to enter the data.

This is to ensure erroneous data is not mistakenly entered into Soldier records.



Soldiers from 1-124 Field Artillery participate in the sprint-drag-carry event of the Army Combat Fitness Test during a diagnostic August 20 in Camp Ripley, Minnesota.

Once users enter all the raw data and eliminate any errors, DTMS calculates and displays the resulting score with a notification of whether the score is passing or not. ACFT score calculations in DTMS will now account for the Soldier's ACFT" tab on the SULT homepage. This age, sex, and any permanent profiles to determine an accurate score based on the raw data.

#### **Entering ACFT Data**

There are several ways to enter ACFT data in DTMS. DTMS users on Government computers, such as unit training NCOs and 1SGs, can enter data directly into a Soldier's ITR, through the ACFT Wizard, or the ACFT Real Time Data Transfer template. NCOs at the squad and team level, if approved by the unit, can enter ACFT data on their personal devices using the Small Unit Leader Tool drills and programs, and ACFT docu-(SULT).

Entering information directly into a Soldier's ITR records data one Soldier at a time is useful if there are a small number of Soldiers that require data entry. Additionally, ACFTs for Soldiers with a through the ITR due to the unique scoring criteria.

The ACFT Wizard allows entry of individual or multiple test scores into DTMS without the added time of finding individual ITRs. Navigating to the ACFT Wizard pulls up the entire unit roster and enables the DTMS user to select the appropriate Soldiers for data entry. DTMS

greys out and prevents recording an ACFT for Soldiers with a Temporary Profile as the long as the user previously recorded the profile designator in the effected Soldier's ITR.

ACFT Real Time Data Transfer templates allow for offline ACFT data entry. Users can download the training roster using the "ACFT" or "ACFT (Master)"

> templates. The "ACFT (Master)" template allows for ACFT data entry for Soldiers outside their unit/UIC.

After downloading the template, users can record results at the test site on a computer while disconnected from the network. Once they are reconnected to the network, users can upload the appropriate file to DTMS. Users must still enter the data for Soldiers with a Permanent Profile separately in the Soldier's ITR.

Small Unit Leaders granted access to the SULT may enter ACFT scores for their assigned Soldiers. There are two meth-Photo by Sgt. Mahsima Alkamooneh ods of entering an ACFT in the SULT. The first is through the SULT "Dashboard" tab. Se-

> lecting the "Latest ACFT" hyperlink for a specific Soldier allows the SULT user to enter scores for the selected Soldier. The second method of entering ACFT data in the SULT uses the "Record MASS allows leaders to record ACFT results for multiple Soldiers without going to individual records.

#### **Additional Resources**

The Army Training Network (ATN) contains additional resources on the ACFT to assist DTMS and SULT users. The primary ACFT source is the U.S. Army Holistic Health and Fitness (H2F) Physical Readiness Training (PRT) page

This page provides links to H2F publications, physical readiness conditioning ments and resources to include scorecards and a description of the required ACFT test equipment. In support of DTMS and SULT users, the DTMS Knowledge Base contains tutorials, videos, and user guides. In addition, the May 2022 Release Notes describing the changes made to DTMS in support of the ACFT are published on the DTMS Knowledge Base and the Document Library in DTMS. Finally, the DTMS Knowledge Base provides self-help tools and information and the ATMS Help Desk contact information.



#### **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@army.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 70-696-3510. 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.

# Army offering major incentives to future Soldiers

#### By Christopher Wilson Fort Sill Public Affairs

What would you do with \$50,000? That's the question U.S. Army recruiters around the nation are asking potential recruits when describing the benefits and incentives of joining the Army.

Recruiting quality Soldiers has always been a challenge, especially during the last two years due to the COVID pandemic. Reentering the face-to-face recruiting environment after the COVID-19 era is giving recruiting teams new opportunities to connect with their local communities and share their stories in a more personal way, said Sgt. 1st Class Dwayne Donegan, a recruiter in Lawton, Oklahoma. One challenge, said Donegan, is overcoming pre-conceived notions or ideas of what service actually means.

"Answering the call to service doesn't mean putting life on hold," Donegan said. "Many associate military service with sacrifice. When their life on hold — they can still pursue their career and education goals."

While many Soldiers will choose the Army as a career and serve 10 or more years, a long-term commitment could be intimidating to some, said Donegan. He said the Army offers different enlistment options and plans to facilitate a Future Soldier's goals and aspirations.

The Army offers enlistment contracts ranging from two to six years, so prospects can decide what best fits their life plans. Future Soldiers who are not quite ready for a full-time commitment can also serve in the U.S Army Reserve.

These Soldiers serve at least one weekend a month and two weeks a year, usually in the summer, and typically serve within 90 minutes of home.

The Army also offers options for college students who, while serving in their university's Reserve Officer Training Corps program, can earn pay and benefits from the Army Reserve, as well as ROTC allowances.

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Photo by Sgt. Rachel Christensen

A Soldier from 325th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division poses after executing physical readiness training on Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii, May 18.

considering service, it's important for future Soldiers to understand they don't have to put "We have a lot to offer future Soldiers right now," said Donegan. "But we want prospects to understand Soldiers earn more than a paycheck — they receive competitive benefits, and those who choose to enlist now can receive additional bonuses and incentives."

Those "additional bonuses and incentives" Donegan talked about include \$50,000 in bonuses when future Soldiers first join the Army. Quick-ship bonuses of up to \$35,000 are available for individuals who can ship within 45 days of signing a contract.

"The Army offers competitive pay and benefits that support Soldiers and families now and provide security for their future," Donegan said. "Soldiers receive 30 vacation days annually, comprehensive health care, money for education, family services and career support." While money is always nice, choosing where you serve has its benefits too, Donegan said.

The Army is offering duty station of choice, which means future Soldiers can opt to select their first duty station after training. This offers predictability for the future he said. Some of the more popular locations include Hawaii, Germany, Korea, Colorado and Texas. Donegan said not all future Soldiers want to serve in combat arms roles.

With more than 150 available occupational specialties, the Army offers "something for everyone."

"We have a wide range of career options within the Army to give Soldiers the opportunity to follow their passions." Donegan said. "Whether they're interested in STEM, service, design, academics, exploration, adventure or leadership, Soldiers can gain experience and training in their desired career field that will translate to a civilian career after service." To join the Army applicants must be between 17-35 years old; medically and physically fit and in good moral standing; a U.S. citizen or permanent resident with a valid Green Card; a high school graduate or equivalent with a minimum score on the Army's placement exam.

"The best way to join the Army is to come see a recruiter," said Donegan. "Whether you want to enlist or be an officer we can, and will, help you succeed in meeting your goals."

"American Soldiers have spent nearly 250 years defending the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic," said Maj. Gen. Ken Kamper, commanding general Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill. "Our freedom is dependent on those who dedicate their lives to protect it and I thank all who have made the decision to serve."

### I-CSUAS works to defend against drones, small unmanned aircrafts

#### By Headquarters, Marine Corps

The battle to keep Marines and their critical assets safe is constantly evolving. As technology advances, so does the need to field more cutting -edge equipment to counter threats, such as those posed by small unmanned aerial systems.

With these challenges in mind, Program Executive Officer Land Systems is fielding the Installation-Counter small Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Known as I-CsUAS, the system is designed to protect Marine Corps installations by detecting, identifying, tracking and defeating small Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

"The Marine Corps, and DOD in general, required the capability to defend against sUAS years ago," said Program Manager for Ground-Based Air Defense at PEO Land Systems Don Kelley. "The threat of

sUAS is only proliferating every day. The bottom line is, we need to provide this capability to our Marines as rapidly as possible."

I-CsUAS features an integrated system equipped to carry out all phases necessary to counter small unmanned aerial systems such as commerciallyavailable drones, said Kelley.

The system will primarily provide a service to ensure Marines or security forces have the capability to defend installations against sUAS at all times.

Fixed Site Project Officer for Program Manager Ground Based Air Defense at PEO Land Systems Maj. Kyle Yakopovich said I-CsUAS is intended to defeat Commercial Off-The-Shelf

Group 1 and Group 2 UAS. I-CsUAS also provides detection, tracking and identification capabilities.

"What makes this system interesting is it fuses multiple modalities together into a single system," Yakopovich said. "This allows us to more accurately detect, track and identify [small unmanned aircraft systems]."

Yakopovich said the program's system is equipped with a few different components for better detection and ultimately, defense. The Long Range Sentry Tower is comprised of a radar system and an optical sensor, and works in conjunction with a passive Radio Frequency detection capability to present the operator with a visual depiction of the threat's flight path.

While each of the towers' sensor components are already widely in use, Yakopovich said I-CsUAS is special because it uses Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence to constantly and autonomously analyze the sensor data faster and more accurately than a human operator. The system enhances the capability to detect, track, and identify the threat while reducing the amount of manpower previously required to perform these actions.

"In previous years, we had the same components: the radar, the camera and the RF detection," Yakopovich said. "But it was time-intensive,

training-intensive and manpower-intensive. You had to have a Marine dedicate all of that time if you wanted to have 24-hour, continuous coverage. Now, you can free up a Marine's labor using the I-CsUAS, which will automatically alert the user if suspicious activity is determined."

Yakopovich also said the I-CsUAS also has a separate non-kinetic defeat capability that has proven itself capable in other programs within PM GBAD.

Using this capability, a Marine who has detected an intruding sUAS is able to disrupt the sUAS communication link. This enables Marines operating the LRST-42 or LSTR-82 tower will be able to determine the drone's point of origin.

PM GBAD's Fixed Site Product Manager Jessica McCauley said the Marine Corps plans to use this technology to defend critical assets, following the requirement set forth in Title 10 of the U.S. Code, which out-

lines the role and responsibilities of our nation's armed forces.

"The I-CsUAS protects the facility by detecting, tracking identifying the drone and empowering law enforcement to defeat it," McCauley said. "We are delivering a system to select installations, providing them the ability to conduct that kill chain in order to protect critical assets against small UAS threats."

McCauley said that when she was selected for her position within PM GBAD Fixed Site in October 2020, the PEO LS team began working on I-CsUAS from inception of requirements to to-day's current system.

"For me personally, it's a challenge because this is non-traditional acquisition. We are utilizing a contract through the Combat Development and Integration office to provide counter UAS as a service. We are challenging traditional acquisition," said McCauley.

Photo by Ensign Drew
Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division Pacific Target Marine Operations and Threat/Target Systems Department recently deployed small-drones over Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu to provide cost-effective unmanned aerial system familiarization and threat training. NBVC is comprised of three distinct operational facilities: Point Mugu, Port Hueneme and San Nicolas Island. It is Ventura County's largest employer and protects Southern California's largest coastal wetlands through its award-winning environmental program.

"We also did a lot of legwork with our security classification guide that has challenged traditional counter UAS security classification as well. So those types of things as we work through those challenges has been enjoyable, but also being able to deliver capability quickly with an urgent statement of need," she said.

"These small commercial off-the-shelf drones--they're everywhere," Yakopovich said. "You can't walk into a park without seeing them, and our enemies know how to use them. If you follow the news you can read articles about these drones being used as weapons of war in places like Ukraine, and those drones are capable of doing similar damage here at home. We're delivering these systems to CONUS locations and defending certain assets aboard those installations that have been deemed critical to national security."

"Use your imagination of how much damage and chaos could be done by these small commercial off-the-shelf drones by attacking or otherwise harassing domestic Marine Corps installations. That's why we're doing this — to protect those assets and to enable the warfighter to do what the warfighter should be doing, which is keeping his focus oriented toward the enemy."

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# Chaplain's Corner

# Leaping into the unknown

By Retired Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Ray Bailey • Former deputy chief of Chaplains

It's a leap sometimes. The leap I'm talking about isn't one of getting out of bed (though that can be a big leap into a day), but leaping forward with risk into decisions and challenges. Sometimes that unknown can be so fearful, filled with doubt and trepidation. The risk seems so high and we falter trying vainly to forecast the future. "What if I'm wrong?" Even sometimes we freeze in place and allow opportunities that may never be available again to go by.

What is it that will cause someone to make a daring leap into the unknown? What are the mo-

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tivations, the hopes, the dreams, and the spiritual faith in oneself and beyond?

- A college student says "yes" to change a career path.
- A woman accepts a marriage proposal, possibly when she has been disappointed in the past.
- An executive says "no" to a profitable business deal because it would compromise his integrity.
- An alcoholic stops drinking.
- An abused spouse calls for help.
- A family moves across the country to a better opportunity for their children.
- A woman decides to run for office for the first time to try and make a difference rather than just talk about it.
- A child says "no" to drug offers on the school grounds.
- A man who decides to be the right kind of husband and father over career.

The unknown is a scary place to go. Why would someone go there on purpose? We tend to like the security of the known, for sure not the unknown. Even if it's not especially good or enjoyable or positive, at least we know what we're dealing with. We always want to gravitate towards the familiar.

Where are the opportunities for your leap today? Where can you reach down inside yourself and discover the courage and faith to try? The unknown can be scary for it has risk. But we were created to take risk and discover. We were created to believe, recover from failure, and leap again.

When I was a parachutist in the Army, the moment of exit from the airplane was a tense moment with some risk. But, over and over again, when that parachute opened and I floated downward. The thrill of stepping out the door and taking the leap of faith and trust was well worth it.

When we stop growing, we start ceasing to exist with purpose.

## 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)

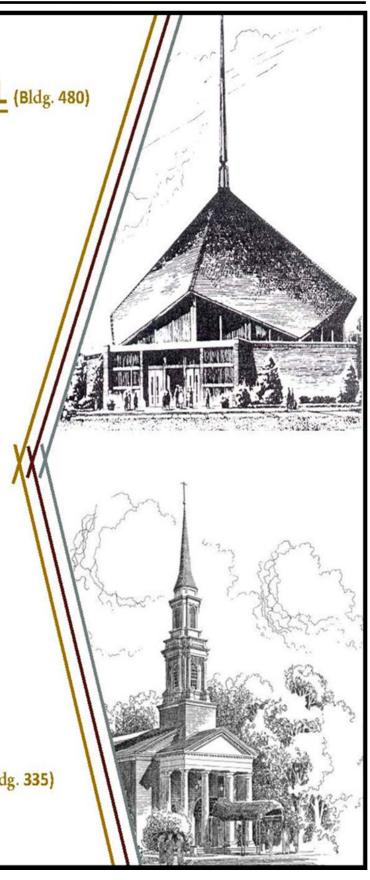




Photo by Military District of Washington Public Affairs
The last Twilight Tattoo will take place July 27 at Summerall Field. The Twilight Tattoo performance will begin at 7 p.m. with a pre-ceremony concert at 6:30 p.m.



# What's happening at Henderson Hall?



Photos by JBM-HH Public Affairs

Marines with the Henderson Hall Birthday Ball committee grill hot dogs and hamburgers for those who stopped by the cookout and car wash event July 15.



the 247th Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

# **News Notes**

#### **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 May 26. Call CPT Boehm at 828-999-2556.

## Fort McNair 2nd Street Road Closure

The 2nd Street Gate at Fort McNair will be closed Saturday evening, July 23, to Sunday morning, July 24 for gate upgrades. Please plan accordingly and use Ceremonial Gate during that 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, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays. The MWR Grill is open to everyone daily from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily.

#### **Twilight Tattoo**

There is only one Twilight Tattoo left in the season! Don't miss the last show Wednesday, July 27!

#### 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.

#### **Fort Myer Fitness Center**

The Fort Myer Fitness Center is offering 24/7 customer access and is registering CACs for access to the facility. Active Duty Military, AD Family Members, DoD Civilians, Retirees, and their Family members may stop by the facility between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. to register their CAC.

## 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.

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.

#### **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.

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.

## 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/

#### **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.

# Army Expeditionary Civilian Workforce (AECW) Deployment Opportunities

The Army Expeditionary Civilian Workforce (AECW) has deployment opportunities available for current Army civilians. These are TDY assignments for 6, 9, or 12 months, with a variety of locations available. The deployments are considered details to a set of duties, with no change to an employee's permanent grade or position of record.

The grade level listed is a suggested grade for the experience desired; employees can be at a grade level that is close (plus or minus 1 grade interval) from what is listed. The assignment is considered a Detail to a set of duties in a TDY status.

Some locations offer financial incentives such as Post Differential or overtime, but this varies by position and location. Most importantly, these deployments offer career broadening experiences at a level and scope that is difficult to match in a non-deployed setting. It is the chance of a lifetime to truly make a difference and to contribute in a meaningful way in direct support of our deployed sol-

diers.

These are deployments in field conditions. Individuals should expect to be housed in government -provided quarters (to include tents, barracks, or other similar facilities), with shared rooms, shared restroom/shower facilities, and meals provided in a DFAC. All deployments are in an unaccompanied status (family members cannot accompany the deployer).

The assignments are available to current permanent Army civilians. Individuals on overseas assignments must have at least 18 months remaining prior to their Date of Return from Overseas Station (DEROS).

Civilians who are in the Reserves must be in a Retired or Standby status (i.e., cannot be in the Ready Reserves as this would be a dual obligation for deployment). Civilians must have or be able to obtain a security clearance, at least at the Interim Secret level. Some positions require higher clearances as noted.

The AECW directly funds the TDY expenses for deployment and provides reimbursement to commands for other deployment-related expenses such as post differential, danger pay (if authorized), and overtime (if authorized).

To apply Submit a resume, recent SF-50 (to verify status), DD214 (if former military), and a signed Request for Deployment (RFD) form through your supervisory chain to your command's deployment coordinator.

#### 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.

#### FERS Workshop July 27

The next FERS retirement planning workshop will be held Wednesday, July 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Memorial Chapel fellowship. Contact Jennifer Souza at jennifer.s.souza2.civ@army.mil to RSVP.

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