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People First, Building Tomorrow



Passion drives EO specialist
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"Best of the Best" named in Log Awards
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Reset mission changes for TEC
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Suicide prevention makes difference
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Small Arms team wins Czech Republic match



Courtesy photo

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TEC Soldiers are doing a bang up job at U.S. Army Reserve small arms shooting matches in recent months. The 372nd Engineer Brigade and 489th Engineer Battalion in the 420th Engineer Brigade must be feeling pumped right now!

Since the first quarter, the USAR Small Arms team finished first overall out of 40 teams, with our coach finishing second overall and the USAR team placing in the top 10 of every match in the Czech Republic Reserve Forces Combat Shooting Championship in the city of Pilsen in the Czech Republic.



Parkhurst trunk makes homecoming

A World War II trunk belonging to Brig. Gen. Don A. Parkhurst, the namesake of the Parkhurst Army Reserve Center was donated to the TEC recently.

His son and daughter-in-law, Todd and Beverly Parkhurst said he would have wanted it this way — at the unit he commanded for eight years. Todd, 81, and his wife Beverly, 78, have been married for 46 years, five years before the elder Parkhurst passed away in 1981.

Parkhurst served for nearly 30 years and fought in the battles of northern France and central Europe. He earned the French "Croix de Guerre," as well as a Bronze Star and Legion of Merit. He was known as the general who built airfields in wartime and ice-skating rinks in peacetime. See more [HERE](#).



Small business wins Secretary of Defense top Employer Support Freedom award

A local small business was nominated for and won the highest award given to a civilian employer by the Department of Defense during a ceremony at the Madison Club Nov. 15.

H.J. Pertzborn Plumbing and Fire Protection was nominated for the award by Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jeremy Meierdirk, 372nd Engineer Brigade, 416th Theater Engineer Command. Meierdirk nominated his employer for supporting and consistently engaging with his Family while he was deployed for almost 2 ½ years.

Click [HERE](#) for full article.

FEST-M supports USACE construction project

Way to keep your skills at the forefront, 378th Forward Engineer Support Team — Main!

To gain real world knowledge for their mission essential tasks, the 728th Construction Management Team shadowed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District's onsite contracting office representative and quality assurance personnel to observe the repair work and safety procedures used throughout the renovations.

For more information, click [HERE](#).





Holiday Message



Dear 416th TEC Team!

As we are celebrating the holiday season, we would like to thank every Soldier, Family member, Civilian and Contractor for your personal commitment and selfless service. You have all answered the call to serve in defense of our great nation – ready to deploy and serve.

This season, whether you are at home or mobilized, we encourage you to connect and celebrate with family and friends. Even more importantly, we want every one of you to return safely from this holiday season. Refresh and ready yourselves to tackle new challenges as we work to prepare our force today and shape the force of tomorrow.

A lot has happened since the change of command last summer. We have had a chance to see Soldiers in training, welcome Soldiers home from deployment, hand out several awards, officiate over changes of command, attend changes of responsibility, preside over promotions and award ceremonies, and even visit some of our international partners.

It has been a privilege to meet the Soldiers, Families, and communities of our TEC – such a strong and great team.

With that in mind, we'd like to reiterate that "People" are the 416th TEC's first priority. We encourage our entire chain of command and every Soldier to live this message by focusing on attracting, recognizing, and retaining talent by talking with our friends and relatives and others in our communities, letting them know that the Army offers a mission and sense of purpose with opportunities to grow, learn, and develop.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a safe and cheerful holiday. Take this time to reflect on joyful moments and, if possible, spend quality time with loved ones. Remain vigilant and keep safety at the forefront of all your celebrations.

"People First, Building Tomorrow!"

Maj. Gen. Brian Miller, Chief Warrant Officer 5 John Wallingford, Command Sgt. Maj. Doug Dieckman, and Mr. James Murphy



Protect yourselves this holiday season - #DrivetoArrive

Drug-impaired driving refers to driving after taking any prescription or over the counter drug, or illegal substances. Like alcohol, drugs can decrease your reaction time, affect your coordination, make you fall asleep at the wheel or lead to inattention while driving.

Fatigue-impaired driving can be just as dangerous

as alcohol or drug-impaired driving. Driving when you're too tired can have the following affects:

- Impair reaction time, judgment, and vision
- Create problems with information processing and short-term memory
- Decrease performance, vigilance, and motivation
- Increase moodiness and aggressive behaviors. For more info, see [HERE](#).

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