Kari Brenner, 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment, said.

"I chose a challenging career in Army Aviation because it would prove, not only to them, but also to myself that, no matter how difficult it may be, I would succeed at it," she said. "This was the mindset I brought with me to the United States and Fort Rucker, but through out the Wiregrass community, was through the Sexual Harassment/Avoidance Response and Prevention motorcycle ride Friday. This event is to pro mously get the message out and show the community what we’re doing here on Fort Rucker and the (U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence) as a whole, and show that we’re dedicated and committed to eliminating harassment," said Maj. Gen. Michael D. Lundy said the Army still considers AAS a valid requirement. That has not changed," he said. "We made a decision, based on the original 40-percent cut that came into the Aviation modernization in 2005."

Right now, the Army plans to divest it self of the OH-58 Kiowa aircraft it had performed the armed reconnaissance helicopter mission. The Army decided it was too expensive to maintain the aircraft or upgrade it for the AAS mission through a Service Life Extension Program. Also too expensive was a replacement aircraft. The Army now plans to use AH-64 Apache aircraft teamed with unmanned aircraft systems to fill the role. But Lundy said that isn’t the end of the Army’s quest for a new AAS aircraft.

"Really what we are taking that now is, as we go into Future Vertical Lift, what
DPW manages predator coyotes

By Fort Rucker Directorate of Public Works

Natural Resources Branch Staff

The coyote (Canis latrans) is a relatively new species in the southeast and to the Fort Rucker landscape. Although they are an invasive and non-native species, they have quickly adapted and their influence on Fort Rucker’s resident prey species have become a major cause of concern.

Coyotes are known to feed on rodents, rabbits, lizard, snakes, insects, grasses, fruit, fish and carrion. They are also a major predator on small farm and backyard poultry. In addition to the damage caused by predation, coyotes are documented to carry dozens of diseases, such as rabies, eastern equine encephalitis and salmonellosis, which can be transmitted to humans and livestock.

In 2008, due in part to a dwindling whitetail deer population, decreased harvest numbers and decreased farm recruitment, the Fort Rucker Natural Resources Branch launched a cooperative study with Auburn University to determine what was causing these declines on installation lands.

After two years of study, it was revealed that the major contributor to the deer decline on Fort Rucker was fawn predation by coyotes. Coyotes were determined to be responsible for 70 percent of the fawn mortality and that 80 percent of all newborn fawns were no longer surviving in the wild.

In response to these findings, the Natural Resources Branch launched a management program to reduce the numbers of coyotes that have taken residence on installation lands.

During June and July of 2011, the staff implemented a trapping program on installations that resulted in the removal of 28 predator coyotes. Beginning in June of 2012, the program was updated to include a Depredation Permit issued by the Alabama Department of Conservation and Freshwater Fisheries, which further allowed a group of dedicated volunteers, in accordance with state and federal regulations, to assist in the organized trapping and removal of the predators.

To date, 204 coyotes have been removed from installation lands. They may be removed using any legal means other than traps, which includes shooting and not field trapping. The Coyote Trapping Program is a vital part of Fort Rucker’s Wildlife Management Plan. The program’s success is directly responsible for increasing the resident deer population, increasing newborn fawn survivability, as well as decreasing any negative human-coyote conflicts.

The DPW Natural Resources Branch plans to continue trapping and trapping the predator coyote primarily during the months of July and August, which is just prior to fawn birthing within our area. Local hunting groups have also developed methods to remove the animals.

As the installations’ deer herd continues to recover and rebuild, the removal of predator coyotes will remain a high priority within the Natural Resources Management team’s plan.
Everyone has received both good and bad service, while dealing with the military, but one area of particular concern is how staffs grow to reach community members' views on the services they receive at Fort Rucker facilities.

The Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) program is a customer service tool that the Fort Rucker Directorate of Public Works began utilizing a few years ago.

The ICE program was developed to give customers a voice and to help improve the customer experience. MWR has a direct link for it on the Fort Rucker website.

By Jay Mann
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

MWR has a direct link for the program, and the feedback form can make a big difference to local facilities, said Vicki Erdlitz, Directorate of Family, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation marketing director.

Erdlitz has embraced ICE as a valuable part of their organization, she said.

“ICE comments give customers a voice and help us learn from them,” said Erdlitz. “This is the process of learning to accept feedback, being open to it and letting it go.”

Travis Perry, Director of Recreation Marketing and Special Projects, said the comments are words of wisdom from a glowing mayor who has made it his mission to make an impact.

“Travis Perry. Despite his evident and inven - tion, he explained, he has not learned the engineering process all year, so his was the one new student who didn’t know anything about it.”

When the students were helping with the invention, in their last year before graduation, they could see that he actually did it and followed his dream.

Many of the students found his presentation to be very inspirational, and they wanted to help. Natalie Thorman, FRES student, said that the presentation wasn’t simply to learn about the invention, the patent process and how to make a product; it was to continue to keep trying, said Gilmer.

Perry sent in a presentation about how he had built the Chord Buddy, which is a product to help children learn how to play the guitar. He conceptualized the idea at 18 and experimented with it for 30 years. Because of his daughter’s frustration over not being able to learn to play the guitar, he decided to pursue the idea and start the on the inovation.

At the show, he has sold over 250,000 Chord Buddies in five countries, and made almost $10 million, and it’s that kind of success that came out of nurture a child’s creativity and learning, and try something else,” she said.

Not only was Perry an important invention in his life, but it’s also important to help nurture a child’s creativity and learning, as people think about how there is so much trial and error. Perry invented in the Avi - ation (Airfield Operations Battalion) will host its annual Spring cleanup April 11 from 6:30-7:30 a.m. in The Landing. Volunteers are needed to help pick up trash and conduct a Spring cleanup.


Retrieval council meetings
The Fort Rucker Installation Retiree Council conducts a test of the emergency mass notification system the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. At that time, people must hear the tone over the grape noise. For more information, call 255-0820.

ID card appointment system
Weekdays and Mondays, from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., the installation at Bldg. 5790, is available to people who want to only have to see one location to make ID cards, to alleviate some of the wait time that people experience when getting their ID cards. People can make an appointment for ID card issuance. If necessary, people will still be able to get their ID cards as a walk-in customer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call 255-9567.
FORT KNOX, Kentucky — U.S. Army Human Resource Command will train a cadre of Soldiers April 13-15 and dis- patch them across the Army’s major installations to provide an overview of the new NCO Evaluation Report (NCOER) system scheduled for rollout out this fall.

“We’re on the cusp of imple- menting a new NCOER for the Army,” said Maj. Gen. Rich- ard D. Mustion, HRC commander, adding that this will be a major overhaul of the rating system in more than three decades.

The changes to the evalu- ation system will enable lead- ers to more clearly assess and identify the Army’s best talent by conducting evaluations in the rating process and encouraging Soldier initiative, Mustion said. The goals behind the changes are to move the chief of the Army’s strategic priority to de- velop leaders across the force.

HRC will implement the new NCOER system, enabling a move away from a single output of its use across the Army and connecting it to the Army’s new system before its launch. Key components to the changes include:

- To achieve an overall understanding and use of the new NCOER forms and to master NCOER by ensuring mastery of its use across the Army and to select rated Soldiers to meet the needs of the Army’s strategic priority to develop leaders across the force

- To train and certify 44 person- nel to select officers to meet the needs of the Army’s strategic priority to develop leaders across the force

- To train and certify 44 person- nel to serve on selection boards across the Army to serve on a special duty assignment

- To assist selection boards, located at HRC, to recommend officers for selection, “said Capt. Chad Peltier, a board recorder with the Army selection board, is a process that trains the Army to serve on a special duty assign- ment to the field to ensure our officers know how we identify and select leaders in the Army.”

“Senior leaders are appointed by the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Belgium; and Korea, though it is still open to change, McDermid said.

The final draft NCOER sup- port form will be posted 90 days before implementation, so that Soldiers across the Army can begin to familiarize themselves with the changes. “Rating of- ficials can begin counseling and documenting the rank’s NCOER,” McDermid said.

“As of right now, the target date is Sept. 1, but as we get closer, we will publish more information to the field, informing them of the actual implementation date. If the actual implementation date is Sept. 1, training for the NCOER will take place with a Through Date of Sept. 1, or later, will be addressed on the new grade forms. Reports ending Aug. 31 or earlier will still be processed under the current NCOER,” McDermid said.

“The first phase of training will take place at Fort Knox, where the HRC’s public website. Unit- ers can download and use the material to help officers understand the selection process and properly prepare them to serve on boards that will determine their career path.

“Now, we can take a board product out to the Soldier and know around the date of the new NCOER, as well,” said Maj. Gen. Richard J. Mustion, HRC commander.

“A new NCOER system will be implemented across all Army components this fall. Draft versions of three proposed grade-plate evaluation forms that will be incorporated in the new NCO Evaluation Report (NCOER) system has been successfully integrated in the Army evaluation entry system. It will help us build even an higher quality non-commission- ed officer force than we already have and leverage talent management into the future, al- lowing even more great leaders across the Army for years to come,” he said.

“The training is a part of the leader de- velopment program,” said Brig. Gen. Vid- dik K. MacEwen, adjutant general of the U.S. Army Reserve.

“We at HRC have a respon- sibility to the field to ensure our officers know the Army’s strategic priority to develop leaders across the force and understand what it means,” he said.

“NCOER boards will include mission planning, selection and life-stage counseling, and provide guidance and a board mission to select officers to meet the needs of the Army. Board missions can include mak- ing selections for promotion, separation, and development. Board membership is a responsibility of the individual officer,” said Mustion.

“Board membership composition is prescribed by Title 10, U.S. Code. Army regulations and Army G-1 policy, board members must be selected from those officers considered and recommended for promotion, including the number of NCOs, officers, and specialists. Army policy mandates that officer board members must be of lieutenaut colonel rank or above. These have suc- cessful careers themselves as indicated by the history of a selectable or control- lated selection list, and no record of important ratings,” he said.

“The second third provides officers ex- ample of their colleagues to prepare for boards, operate with examples,” said Mustion.

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Command drills trainers to roll out new NCOER

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file by using the “My Board File” applica- tion on the HRC website, Peltier said. All candidates should keep in mind that certi- fying a board file does not prevent the of- ficer from changing the date before the date a board actually convenes.

“The last part of the training allows of- ficers to participate in voting tasks as if he or she is a board member,” MacEwen said.

“It will let them actually vote records and see the same cross-section of records as an actual board does. It will teach officers the nuance of the rating system and any mystery that may surround the board process, while building transparency and confidence in the selection board process,” Mustion said. “It will make for great strides in improving an understanding of how we identify and select leaders in the U.S. Army.”

A sister training and mock board tool for NCOE boards is in develop- ment and will incorporate changes from the new NCO evaluation reporting system that the HRC will launch across the Army begin- ning this fall. It is scheduled to become an operational system at the time of the new NCO evaluation reporting system has been successfully integrated in the Army evaluation entry system.
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Shield: LARS will continue to support 34th CAB Soldiers

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the supply system. We also advise and send the unit with technical information they are not privy to through their normal explaining intent of parts throughout the supply system. “We work in the ‘gray area’ for depot repairs to be handled. IETMs, that may be required to enable the unit to continue flying, will continue to do that for them,” said Latta. “We also have the middle man between the unit, support engineers, program managers and original equipment manufacturer.”

LARS and Aviation maintainers from the 4th Aviation Support Battalion and 5th AIB inspected the aircraft to see how well they traveled. Minor damage that is identified before the aircraft is fully assembled can be addressed during the mission. “Some of the discrepancies we had with Soldiers was the build-up requirements and differences between the CH-47F and CH-47D,” said Latta. “We look into the parts requirements and problems with parts that did not make it with the aircraft. Our biggest goal is ensuring that the units have the tools, parts and knowledge to conduct their mission in the safest and most efficient way as possible.”

After the Chinoskeys and accompanying Black Hawks are all fully assembled and flyable, they will join the 34th CAB mission in Kuwait and throughout the region to support coalition forces during training partnerships and joint missions. The LARS will continue to assist the 34th CAB Soldiers throughout the mission. “A majority of the LARS are prior service,” said Latta. “We have family and friends that are still serving our country. There is nothing like working with Soldiers – there is not a better job. This gives LARS the opportunity to continue serving alongside our Soldiers. We still have a lot in the fight. When they ask for help, we do everything we can to ensure mission success.”

Pilot: Maintaining, flying Apache takes hard work, dedication

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typical evening begins with a postflight briefing for the mission. “Then we conduct the mission brief with the crew chief in the morning. Archambault said. “Typically, the mission doesn’t take up the whole evening, so I have additional duties that I take care of during that time. Then the other chief comes in, and we close out the flight and pull our gear.”

As for the mechanical side of things, that’s the responsibility of the crew chief. “That’s more her realm,” Archambault said, pointing to Spc. Edie Belk, 82nd CAB crew chief, who is the only female Apache crew chief in the unit. Belk, a native of Salisbury, N.C., has been in the Army for almost three years. And she joined the Army right out of high school. “This is what I wanted,” she said. “I made a really good score on my ASVAB. Even before I looked at the list, I said, ‘I want to work on Avengers.’ Mostly because I really want to fly them.”

She’s working on her flight packet now, she said, adding that she knew that having experience on the aircraft first would help her become more comfortable in the future. A pilot just like Archambault and Belk, which she said, makes her feel “pretty awesome – because she’s the only one. I want to strive to be like (Archambault),” the something different.

Belk’s job includes daily inspections, plus scheduled and preventative maintenance. It’s a lot to do, make sure that the aircraft is flyable – plus find and fix the things that will grow on it.”

There are different inspections that we have to do just to keep that airplane flying,” she said. “Unscheduled maintenance when pilots take it out and break it. We check all of the fluid levels, and make sure there are no leaks or issues that come up because whenever the gas shows it vibrates underneath. If there’s anything looking, we’ll see that, and then find out where it’s coming from and fix it from there.”

Belk said she feels at home and she’s marital “like the little sister of the company.”

“Because you’re just getting out from this simple engine, tiny little helicopter into the giant war machine, it’s pretty intimidating. I remember I just had this huge smile on my face. I couldn’t stop smiling. And I was like ‘I finally get here.’ It was one of the best days of my life.”

She also reminded Belk that the machine is very powerful. “And because you’re just making those right decisions and not letting that go to your head.”

Because it’s a giant ball of mechanical things that work together,” Archambault said. “And at any moment physics is trying to tear it apart. So maintaining it and flying it takes a lot of work – both on the ground and in the air – and also maintaining your knowledge on it. Because there are people who’ve been flying that thing for over 20 years and just because of the advancements that they’ve made for that plane, you’ll never know everything about it. So it’s important to keep studying. Keep in the books. Remember that stuff all of the time because, ultimately, it will probably save your life one day.”

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When money is tight, the Fort Rucker Commissary has a way to help. Soldiers, retirees and family members can shop at the commissary with ease when they sign up for the Commissary Value Brand Program. Patterns can save an average of 30 percent or more simply by looking for the orange tag across the breadth of the store. 

The Commissary Value Brand Program was re-launched by the Defense Commissary Agency as a response to growing demand for private label and value-priced products that people find in stores off post, according to the DeCA website, www.commissaries.com. 

There are currently more than 300 items across 33 categories that people can choose from, and unlike similar items in most competing stores, Value Brand items provide the low price for a minimum of six months that is equal to or better than private-label brands. As an example, the commissary sells two cans of creamy macaroni and cheese for $3.20, which is a $1.39 savings that can be spent on significantly safer baby food, baby groceries, said Bobby Ward, Fort Rucker commissary store director. It’s those kinds of savings that Ward said he wants to get to post, and those savings will only come into the new commissary, which is slated to be complete in April.

Most of the construction for the building is completed and the parking lot is finished, and now the process of insulating and finishing the new for the most part is going on – cabinets for the store, refrigeration and electronics, and shelving. 

Shelving is due in late April, April 6, and Ward, and industry professionals will be coming from Michigan to set up the store. Shortly after, items to go on the shelves will be scanned and electronic shelf labels will be created to enter into the store’s database. 

The new state-of-art commissary will be significantly larger than the current store, with a total of 65,902 square feet, 47,590 of which is designated for the sales floor. That’s more than 13,000 square feet extra sales floor space than the current commissary will have.

Ward will feature extensive meat, fish, frozen, chilled and grocery departments, as well as an international delicatessen and bakery with a sandwich bar, a sushi-to-go area and refrigerated roasts. 

There will be 13 regular check-out lanes and four self-checkout stations to handle the more than 45,000 customer transactions every month. 

With the layout of the new store, Ward said there is space for substantial savings on electrical costs with skylights providing light during the day. As well as many other sustainable and energy-saving design features that were incorporated into the new building.

This is a new event for us,” said Roe- dler. “A lot of times, child abuse doesn’t come to people’s attention until something bad happens,” said Crystal Roes- eller, Fort Rucker now post parenting program manager. “With programs like awareness, and that awareness leads to prevention, which is key to battling what to look for since not all child abuse is seen in a child’s behavior. 

One who might be in need before it happens, so we wanted to do it again,” said Mrs. Roe- dler. 

Also, child abuse is more prevalent throughout the month to not only celebrate Child Abuse Prevention Month in April with events through the month to raise awareness of small children and for parents of teenagers. 

The Fort Rucker Community Service will also be offering two ScreamFree parenting classes – one for parents of small children and one for parents of teenagers. 

The ScreamFree Youth Training Class is April 22 at 2 p.m. at the Fort Rucker Community Center from 6-7:30 p.m. It is designed to help parents create a more calm, mutually respectful and loving relationship with their teenagers. 

The ScreamFree, Parent Training Class will be April 23 at the Fort Rucker Community Center from 10-11 a.m. and will focus on young children. 

Registration for both classes must be done by April 17 and space is limited to 35 participants for each class. For more information, call 255-8506.

Another popular event that is returning this year is the Stroller Parade and Decorating Contest. 

“Last year was the first time we did the Stroller Parade, and it was so out and so much fun, so we wanted to do it again,” said Roe- dler.

This year’s event will take place at the Fort Rucker Elementary School track and April 27 and start at 9:30 a.m. with a performance by the Fort Rucker Elementary School band and choir. The parade will feature the Fort Rucker Fire Department, Army Community Service and other organizations.

All of these events are designed to promote awareness, and that awareness leads to prevention, which is key to helping child abuse, said Roe- dler. And knowing what to look for since not all child abuse is physically or emotionally important in the fight.

It’s very important to know the warning signs of child abuse and to keep one’s eyes open to try and lend a hand to any one who might be in need before it happens,” said the program manager. Adding that many of the warning signs can be seen in a child’s behavior.

Roe- dler said to look out for changes in their child’s behavior, such as not wanting to play, eye contact, activity level going down, mood changes, and not wanting to be touched or staying away from adults.

Also, child abuse is more prevalent in the 1 and under age group, but many people don’t think of the older children who may be victims of child abuse.

To report child abuse on post, call military police at 255-2211.
**Lifeguard Courses**

Call parent central services at 255-9108 to register. Services.

**Spring Break at school age center**

Fort Rucker School Age Center will host its spring break Monday- April 3. Spring break will feature a trip to Wonders/Works, bowling and CGI’s Pizza. The center staff will host other activities for the children at the center. To attend, children must be registered with Fort Rucker Child, Youth and School Services.

For more information, call 255-9647.

**Lifeguard Courses**

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center will host lifeguarding courses Monday-April 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the fitness center on Andrews Avenue. Each class, once completed, includes American Red Cross certifications in Lifeguarding, Water/Air Lifeguarding, Waterpark Lifeguarding, First Aid, and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Auto-

**Relocation readiness workshop**

Army Community Service will host its relocation readiness workshop Friday in Bldg. 3700, Room 371D, from 9-10 a.m. Soldiers and spouses will receive information from the military pay office on benefits, entitlements, advanced pay, government travel card and more. They will also receive information on Army Emergency Relief and budgeting, preparing for employment before moving (for spouses), completing the necessary documents and forms for exceptional family members moving overseas, and relocation checklists and websites to help prepare for a move. Space is limited, so people should register early by contacting the relocation readiness program at 235-3165 or 255-7373.

**Trail closures**

The Blue and Green trails on Beaver Lake will be closed temporarily for repairs until May 16. People will not be able to complete the circle on the green and blue course while repairs are being made. For more information, call 255-9567.

**Mom & Me: Dad too!**

Army Community Service hosts its Mom & Me: Dad too! on Saturdays from 9-11 a.m. at the Wing Chapel nursery. The playgroup is for families with children ages birth to 3 years old. For more information, call 255-9647.

**Baby massage class**

Army Community Service will offer a free infant massage class April 9 from 9–11 a.m. at the Commons, Bldg. 5700. This class will offer a free infant massage class April 9 from 9–11 a.m. at the Commons, Bldg. 5700. The class will offer a free infant massage class April 9 from 9–11 a.m. at the Commons, Bldg. 5700. People interested should register at the front desk of the Fort Rucker PFC. The cost is $15 for Department of Defense ID card holders and $150 to the public. A prerequisite test must be passed on the first day to enter the course. Prerequisite requirements include: non-stop swim of 150 meters, two-minute tread using only legs, diving retrieval, and a timed 20-meter retrieval swim. People interested should register at the front desk of the Fort Rucker PFC. The test is designed to ensure that people can perform their tasks safely and effectively. The class will include: non-stop swim of 150 meters, two-minute tread using only legs, development retrieval, and a timed 20-meter retrieval swim. People interested should register at the front desk of the Fort Rucker PFC. The test is designed to ensure that people can perform their tasks safely and effectively.

**Children’s Festival**

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**Easter Brunch**

Fort Rucker will host its Easter Brunch April 5 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The event will feature brunch favorites, such as an omelet bar, meat carving stations, a dessert bar and more. The cost is $18.95 for adults, $8.95 for ages 6-12, $6.95 for ages 3-5 and free for children 2 and under. There is also the Military Family Special where two adults and two children can eat for $49. Reservations are not required, but are encouraged.

**Infant massage class**

In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month, Army Community Service will offer a free infant massage class April 10-11 a.m. at the Commons, Bldg. 8900. Organizers said that beyond the joy of spending quality time bonding with a new baby, infant massage has been shown to provide many benefits to the baby, the parents and to the rest of the family. Expectant parents and caregivers are also welcome to attend. The class is open to the first 20 people to register by April 6. People should bring a thick blanket, or large pillow and a lightweight blanket to the class.

For more information, call 255-9647 or 255-2994.

**Financial readiness training**

Army Community Service will host its financial readiness training April 13 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Soldier Service Center, Bldg. 3700, Room 284. The training provides a practical approach to help Soldiers manage their money more effectively.

The training is required for all first-term junior enlisted Soldiers – E1 through E4. Spouses are also encouraged to attend.

For more information, call 255-9647 or 255-2994.

**Abuse Prevention Month**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and blue is the nationally designated color to recognize this month. People are welcome to show their support for preventing child abuse by wearing blue every Friday in April.

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**FORT RUCKER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 26 - 29**

**Thursday, March 26**

Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG-13) …………… 7 p.m. 

**Friday, March 27**

The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water (PG) …………… 7 p.m.

**Saturday, March 28**

Jupiter Ascending (PG-13) …………… 7 p.m.

**Sunday, March 29**

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**RIGHT ARM NIGHT: DAIRY QUEEN RUSH**
Burial sites to open at Arlington

WASHINGTON — In 2016, Arlington National Cemetery will open “an additional 122,802 burial opportunities,” Patrick K. Hallinan told lawmakers. Hallinan, executive director of Army National Military Cemeteries, testified with others before the House Committee on Appropriations’ subcommittee on military construction, Veterans Affairs and related agencies March 18.

The so-called Millennium Project is to expand the cemetery to the north on 27 acres along the border with Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, said Greg Beggs, Norfolk District project manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Norfolk District is doing the construction work, said Hallinan, telling law-makers that the project is within budget and on schedule. The budget for the Millennium Project is $81.8 million.

The name Millennium Project came about because in the late 1990s when Congress directed a land transfer from JBMHH and the National Park Service, the maximum contiguous burial space in Arlington County “that will provide us the capacity out to the 2050s,” he said, referring to waterlines, “we are not the only projects.

The expansions northward and southward are not the only projects. Planning and design efforts “are well under way” for the establishment of an ossuary called the Tomb of Remembrance, he said. “This critical project will allow us to provide the nation with a dignified place to provide final disposition of cremated remains which may be co-mingled or unidentified.”

ANC expects to award the contract in July and complete the project by early next year, he said.

Other improvement projects are making progress improving or replacing much of the cemetery’s outdated utility infrastructure, Hallinan said, referring to waterlines, roads and storm-water drainage.

In October, ANC began renovations of its welcome center to modernize the visitor’s restroom and to expand office spaces to improve the work environment for employees, he said.

In addition, “we are focused on continuously improving the experience of each family who arrives to inter their loved one,” he said. “Redesigning and improving the manner in which we gather and escort our funeral processions is a critical goal” for this year.

For example, a new funeral procession queuing area will make funeral organization and lineup “much more intuitive and easier to negotiate,” for visitors, he said.

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The President’s fiscal year 2016 Army budget “increased Arlington’s Budget Control Act funding level from $45.8 million to $70.8 million, and this level of funding is adequate to maintain and sustain Arlington’s operating budget into the foreseeable future, not exceeding anticipated capital costs,” Hallinan said.

However, a future furlough or funding emergency could jeopardize ANC’s “ability to remain open and operationally,” he said.

Hallinan said a good solution for ANC would be to return the cemetery’s budget to “no-year funding” to ensure flexibility and predictability in the budget. Before FY13, ANC had no-year funding.

No-year funding refers to appropriations that are available for obligation without fiscal year limitations. In other words, the money is made available until it is spent or is time-constrained. American Battle Monument Commission funding is of the no-year funding type, he said.

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By David Vergun
Army News Service

The Navy Annex is now fully demolished and the Army is negotiating the transfer of land from the Navy Annex site to the southern expansion, where construction could begin in 2018.

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Worship Services

Except as noted, all services are on Sunday.

Headquarters Chapel, Bldg. 109
9 a.m. Traditional Protestant Service

Main Post Chapel, Bldg. 8940
9 a.m., Catholic Mass Sunday
11 a.m., Lutheran Protestant Service
12:05 p.m., Catholic Mass (Sunday - Friday)
4 p.m., Catholic Confessions Saturday
5 p.m., Catholic Mass Saturday

Wings Chapel, Bldg. 8038
6 a.m., Lutheran-Sanctuary Worship Service
9:30 a.m., Protestant Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Wings Crossroads (Contemporary Worship Protestant Service)
12 p.m., Edinboro Worship Service
(mentioned)

Spiritual Life Center, Bldg. 8930
5:30 a.m., Protestant Sunday School
10:45 a.m., CCD
(except during summer months).

Bible Studies

Tuesdays
9 a.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Wings Chapel
8:00 a.m., Youth Group Bible Study, Spiritual Life Center
9 a.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Wings Chapel
7 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Spiritual Life Center

Wednesdays
11 a.m., Tuesday Bible Study, Vero Hall
11:30 a.m., 14th TACO Bible Study, Bldg. 30001
7 p.m., Adult Bible Study, Soldier Service Center
6 p.m., Adult Bible Study, Spiritual Life Center

Thursdays
9 a.m., Adult Bible Study, Spiritual Life Center
6:30 p.m., Lutheran-Sanctuary Bible Study, Wings Chapel
6:30 p.m., Wings Bible Study (Meals Bible Study), Wings Chapel

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**BATTLE OF HISTORIC BRIDAL**

Battle of Horseshoe Bend Reenactment
Horseshoe Bend National Military Park will host the 2016 Battle of the Anniversary of the Battle of the Horseshoe Bend Reenactment on April 23rd at 8 p.m. The Horseshoe Bend Reenactment celebrates the 2016 anniversary of the battle that occurred in 1815. The battle was a significant victory for American forces, and the Horseshoe Bend Visitor Center will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free, and parking is available.

**ALABAMA**

**Ongoing** — The American Legion Post 80 has regular meetings the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall. For more information, call 222-7131 or visit www.alabamadons.org.

**Ongoing** — American Legion Post 73 meets at the American Legion Post 73, 187 Parker Hills Drive. For more information, call 718-5707.

**American Veterans Chapter 99 maintains a service center in the New Brockton Post 19 building. The service center at 1984 Parker Dr. is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The service center is staffed by veteran service officers and other volunteers who can provide information on benefits, VA medical care, Social Security and retirement benefits, unemployment compensation, and other veteran services. All veteran services are provided free of charge. For more information, call 248-4695.

**Midland City**

**Residence** — Residents are invited to towns hall meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 1381 Hiromi Waters Ave. For more information, call 983-3511.

**New Brockton**

**March 26** — Disabled American Veteran Chapter 99 will meet at 6 p.m. in the New Brockton Senior Center located one block behind the Brockton Police Station. Food and drinks will be served, followed by roll call. Disabled American Veteran Chapters throughout the state provide services to veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. The New Brockton Senior Center, also known as the New Brockton Senior Center, provides a venue for veterans to connect with other veterans and receive needed services. For more information, call 850-927-7745 or 850-461-9025.

**Pine Hill**

**Ongoing** — The Pine Hill Heritage Center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The heritage center is located at 14777 State Highway 195 in Pine Hill. The heritage center is a non-profit organization that preserves and interprets the history of the Pine Hill area. The heritage center offers tours, exhibits, and events throughout the year. For more information, call 334-735-2435 or visit www.pinehillheritagecenter.org.

**Pickens**

**March 22 — 23** — Visitors can experience the history of the American Civil War during the annual reunion of the 9th Regiment of Alabama Cavalry on April 23rd and 24th at the Pickens Civic Center. The reunion is open to the public and offers a variety of activities, including tours of the historic site, demonstrations of Civil War-era weapons and equipment, and re-enactments of Civil War battles. For more information, call 334-795-2435 or visit www.9thregimentalal.com.

**Troy**

**March 24 — 25** — The Lively Stones Ministries Worship Center will host a women’s conference on Saturday and Sunday, beginning at 9 a.m. The conference will feature guest speakers and worship leaders from around the nation. For more information, call 334-394-2500.

**Waggener**

**March 25** — The Museum of Alabama is open Mondays–Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the museum is free, and parking is available. The museum features a variety of exhibits, including a collection of Alabama art, history, and culture. For more information, call 248-4695 or visit www.museumofalabama.org.

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Paratrooper connects with grandfather

By Staff Sgt. Opal Vaughn
U.S. Army Europe
Public Affairs

VEZENZA, Italy – It was the last stronghold of the Japanese. A small, teardrop-shaped island in the Philippines known as Corregidor and it was all the Americans needed in order to secure a victory.

The 503rd Parachute Regimental Combat Team, activated in August of 1941 prior to the outbreak of World War II, was among the few chosen to combat Japanese defenses there.

Corregidor, an American outpost nicknamed “the Rock” before war had rendered it a fortress, once provided the Japanese defenses for nearly five months. It is also where Gen. Douglas MacArthur, supreme allied commander, South Pacific Area, was when he uttered his famous words while evaucating the island on March 11, 1942: “I shall return.”

After Manilla had been captured, thousands of U.S. and Filipino soldiers continued to fight off the advances of Japanese forces from the Batan Peninsula. April 8, 1942, the U.S. call to surrender the peninsula on the main Philippine island of Luzon served a devastating blow to U.S. and Filipino soldiers who had held out against the Japanese despite having no naval or air support.

Starved and disease ridden, approximately 75,000 soldiers on Batan were forced to walk a 45-mile march to the prison camps. Those who could not make the arduous walk were rounded up like captives as bayonet practice by the Japanese army. Others were simply barricaded into bunkers and burned alive.

MacArthur would be one of the most grueling combat actions in which the 503rd Combat Team engaged during the war. Strategically, Corregidor was of major importance though, said U.S. Army paratrooper 1st Lt. Adam Obregon, assigned to the 462nd Parachute Infantry Regiment.

“I see the old flag pole still stands,” said Obregon. “I have your troops hoist the color to its peak and let no enemy ever pull them down.”

Three years later on March 2, MacArthur made good on his promise and he returned, giving the order to raise the U.S. flag once again over Corregidor.

“My father served 20 years and my grandfather served in Okinawa, Japan, in 1963, it was currently make up the core maneuver force of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, headquartered in Vicenza, Italy. The 1st Battalion, 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment became known as “the Rock.”

In October 1944, paratroopers surprised the Japanese garrison by jumping onto “the Rock.”

Upon inspection, Corregidor was in major disrepair and in need of urgent care and repair. The Japanese left the island in the fall of 1944, having suffered heavy casualties, many were killed in the fighting. The 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment, along with the 101st Airborne Division, supported the capture of the island.

While the invasion of the island of Leyte in November 1944, paratroopers surprised the Japanese garrison by jumping onto “the Rock.”

Three years later on March 2, MacArthur made good on his promise and he returned, giving the order to raise the U.S. flag once again over Corregidor.

“I see the old flag pole still stands,” said Obregon. “I have your troops hoist the color to its peak and let no enemy ever pull them down.”

Only one-third of the men MacArthur left behind on March 11, 1942, survived to see his return. “I’m a little late,” he told them, “but we inally came.”

One of the paratroopers that jumped onto “the Rock” was U.S. Army Cpl. Maurice Peterson, assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade, who served with distinction during the war. His grandson, Lieutenant Obregon, has the privilege to carry the 503rd’s colors from their home in Virginia to the Philippines March 2 in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the re-taking of Corregidor Island by Allied Forces during WWII.

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In its initial history, the 503rd was a separate entity. After the Battle of Corregidor, the regiment became known as “the Rock.”

When the 173rd Airborne Brigade activated in Okinawa, Japan in 1945, it was built upon the 503rd regiment, with four battalions of the 503rd Infantry Regiment.

First and 2nd Battalions of the regiment currently make up the core maneuver force of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, headquartered in Vicenza, Italy. The 1st Battalion, 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment, is well versed in its history.

“It was an absolute honor to be able to visit Corregidor in person,” said Obregon. “Battalion. Gen. James F. Amos (ret) in his speech made a statement that Cpl. Maurice Obregon jumped into Corregidor I doubt that my grandfather, 70 years ago, would have ever thought that his name would be named in a celebration. So, for me to be in Corregidor and to hear that it’s absolutely amazing to see the connections and the legacy that service members carry with them, and it is an honor that we continue to serve.

For Obregon, it was also the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of a man he never really knew.

“It’s tough because I didn’t really get to know my grandfather—he passed away when I was 2,” said Obregon. “And as, through this, it’s actually the only way I knew him. There was an Army colored at the ceremony that had a cousin (who) served and fought in Manilla. It is neat to have these family ties because his cousin was fighting the same exact time that I did.

Official U.S. War Department estimated that the 503rd killed over 1,000 Japanese paratroopers during its combat operations in the Philippines in 1944.

Philippine soldiers who had held out against the Japanese gave the Allies access to Manila Bay and burned alive.

It was raised as the bugle sounded for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Among the old buildings at Corregidor stand, along with the cannons that were fired at Japanese forces. And in the spirit of remembrance, a flag was raised in the flagpole instead for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

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March is National Nutrition Month, and as we think about the nutritional problems facing our country, one main focus is on the obesity epidemic and its causes.

One factor that could be related to the increase in people being overweight and obesity is the increase in common portion sizes. Over the past few decades, portion sizes of most foods in America have increased considerably. Unfortunately, we have no American’s guidebook to portion control. Although we as a society know the increase in portion sizes are not the only reason for our obesity epidemic, large quantities of cheap foods have distorted our perception of what a typical portion is supposed to look like.

A 2004 study published in “Appetite” found that people who were given larger blocks of chips ate more, and people who were given the same chips in a smaller package. This supports the theory that as portion size increases, so does consumption.

As Americans, we love a good deal, but this finger-lingenuity doesn’t always work to our advantage today. Today’s value pricing gives us a lot more food or drink for just a little more money, makes some economics, but is terrible for our health.

A 2007 report published in the Journal of Public Health Policy stated that portion sizes constantly offered by fast food chains are two to five times larger than what then introduced. In 1935, McDonald’s first hamburger only weighed 1/8 of a pound, today, the average burger weighs 8 ounces. A hamburger 20 years ago would have contained 333 calories. A burger today contains 590 calories. Those extra 257 calories, if consumed once a week, would cause a weight gain of 3.8 pounds per year.

Although the 12-ounce can of soda used to be the most common option, many stores have now replaced the 20-ounce plastic bottle, which contains 2.5 servings of soda. An original 8-ounce bottle of soda contained 115 calories. A 20-ounce bottle of soda today contains 250 calories. Those extra 135 calories, if consumed daily, would cause a weight gain of 5 pounds per year.

Although the other lakes on the installation that permit powerboats, taking any boats out on the lake, he added. The lake is home to bream, catfish and crappie. The limit on bream at Beaver Lake are two to five times larger than 16 inches. Beaver Lake is located on 3rd Avenue, directly across from the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center’s football field. There are also a few lakes that are relatively unknown to most on the installation, but the fishing they provide is as enjoyable as their more well-known counterparts, said Schotter.

Lake Tholocco is the only lake on Fort Rucker that is open to all ages for fishing. On Fort Rucker must be self-propelled. People can catch largemouth bass, bream, catfish and crappie in Lake Tholocco’s waters, and something many people don’t know is that night fishing is allowed on the lake.

Fishing at Lake Tholocco is the only authorized activity after sunset,” said Schotter. At Lake Tholocco, for largemouth bass, there is a limit of five for less than 14 inches in length and only one for more than 14 inches. Any largemouth bass caught between the sizes of 14-18 inches must be thrown back, he said.

Beaver Lake is a 7.7-acre lake that is open to all ages for fishing from sun up to sun down, and houses largemouth bass, bream, catfish and crappie. The limit on Beaver Lake is two largemouth bass larger than 16 inches. Beaver Lake is located on 3rd Avenue, directly across from the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center’s football field. There are also a few lakes that are relatively unknown to most on the installation, but the fishing they provide is as enjoyable as their more well-known counterparts, said Schotter.

People 16 and older must have a state fishing license and pass fishing permit to fish on Fort Rucker, and everyone operating a boat, motorized or self propelled, must have a state boating safety course, and tend to eat the entire portion. Most of us are familiar with the idea that a serving of meat should be the size of a deck of cards or that a piece of fruit should be the size of a tennis ball. However, most restaurants do not take this into account when deciding their portion sizes.

Lyster Army Health Clinic offers many classes to help further educate the Fort Rucker community on nutrition and health. Some of these include Move your weight class, diabetes information classes, and healthy heart classes. Lyster also hosts a healthy eating class that started Monday, which is a four-part series teaching basic nutrition. Cooking demonstration classes will begin April 17. Anyone interested in participating in any class can call 255-7986 or stop by Lyster’s new Lifespace Center to schedule an appointment. The increase in portion sizes over the years has encouraged people to overeat and distorted our perception of appropriate serving sizes. That, also, only means we need to continue our sub-
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Army Health Experts Advocate Nutrition

By Bob Reinert

WASHINGTON — During National Nutrition Month in March, "we encourage each of you to recommit to achieving your personal Performance Triad goals," said Maj. Bethany A. Belanger, PhD and registered dietician. She serves as the nutrition lead for the System for Health and Performance Triad at the Army Army Research Institute.

The reason nutrition is part of Performance Triad is that there is a proven interaction among sleep, activity, and nutrition, meaning a healthy or unhealthy choice in one impacts the others, she said.

For soldiers looking to improve their physical fitness, cognitive performance or manage their weight, those three factors should be considered simultaneously, she added.

Belanger said, lack of sleep can result in a person's tendency to crave unhealthy foods like sweets and fats." It is also important to stay within one's calorie limits. To limit one's nutritional needs and calorie limits, visit the installation's registered dietician or nutritionist, usually located at the medical treatment facility.

Unit master fitness trainers are also schooled on nutrition basics and are another resource, she added.

Belanger said she and many other dietitians, food service managers, and FoodCorps, which provides a food service program for schools, are nutrition guides. For instance, a food label might be read to D or F if it is highly processed and loaded with sugars and unhealthy fats. The app also provide similar valuable health information and works by scanning a food or beverage barcode or finding a product using the food database. Food and beverage limitations are not found in the database and can be manually entered.

A number of researchers are using personal readiness devices to track soldier's nutrition. For example, they are using a tool to use, called "FoodTrak," which logs food intake and gives nutritional feedback.

Belanger said it is also important to stay within one's calorie limits, and to use the military's color-coding system.

The Army is also working to improve nutrition through joint Culinary Center of Excellence and Army Quartermaster Corps, both at Fort Lee, Virginia, as well as through the Go for Green movement. The Army is working to "make choices easy and convenient for the Soldier and Army communities."

Lin pointed out that it will take input from all study partners to make this a successful effort. "We see each other all the time," she said. "Kristin is bringing logical information that Kristin is bringing with us with information as to how we might be able to more easily, more efficiently, differentiate between post-traumatic stress disorder and mild traumatic brain injury. Lin said. "We're the number crunchers," she said. "In terms of what we can do to improve nutrition for our troops, we think that right now is the time to do it, especially in combat." For more information on the study, visit http://bit.ly/bwh_study.
Youth Extreme Fitness

Youth can sign up now through May 18 for Fort Rucker Child, Youth and School Services' Youth Extreme Fitness sessions that will be held Tuesday and Thursday, May 19-28, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the youth sports football field. CYSS officials said their fitness program will be both challenging and entertaining, adding that parents should keep in mind that the program is aimed to push children beyond their normal comfort zones – mentally and physically.

The cost is $28 and it is open to youth ages 6-18. A current sports physical and valid CYSS membership are required for participation. Parents can sign up at youth central services, 255-8034. For more information, call 255-2135.

2-Man Buddy Bass Tournament

Outdoor recreation will host a Two-Man Buddy Bass Tournament on Saturday, April 11, starting at 6 a.m. at Lake Tholocco. Prizes will be awarded, including cash prizes for the top three weigh-in totals, a special prize for the biggest fish, and door prizes. Participants must have a valid Alabama State Fishing License, a Fort Rucker Post Fishing Permit and a Fort Rucker Boating Safety Completion Card. The event is open to the public and costs $100 per team. There are 25 slots available for the tournament, so people are encouraged to register early.

For more information or to register, call 255-2296 or 255-3794.

April Fool’s Prankstation

April Fool’s Prankstation will host in April Fool Prankstation Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The event features games and door prizes for 10 cents each. For more information, call 255-9703.

SHARP 5K run

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center will host the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention 5K race April 4 as a part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The campaign slogan this year is “Eliminate sexual assault: Know your part.” The race will begin at 8:15 a.m. at Fort Rucker High School. For more information, call 255-2296 or 255-3794.

Trophies will be awarded in various categories. Refreshments will be provided. The race is open to the public. Participants are encouraged to pre-register at either PFC. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. at the Fort Rucker PFC or MWR Central. For more information, call 255-2296 or 255-3794.

Spring Boot Camp

The Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center will host a Spring Boot Camp April 13-May 22. PFC officials said the program is a challenging and entertaining fitness camp packed full of creative activities to deliver a significant increase to people's fitness levels and leave them feeling refreshed, rejuvenated and motivated to maintain their transformed fitness levels into the heat of the Alabama summer. Each session has been developed to ensure people get maximum benefits and results from every activity. All sessions take into account varying fitness levels and abilities. The program includes training with certified personal trainers and group exercise leaders, access to all group fitness classes during the six-weeks, a 2015 Spring Boot Camp T-shirt, and weekly nutritional tips and information. Orientation will be held April 13 at 8:30 a.m. at the Fort Rucker PFC. Each participant who pre-register will be contacted and people will be contacted if a doctor's release is needed before orientation.

For more information or to register, call 255-2296 or 255-3794.

Gobbler Classic Turkey Hunt

Fort Rucker Outdoor Recreation will host its Gobbler Classic Turkey Hunt now through April 30. The cost to participate is $25. Prizes will be awarded. Participants must have a valid Alabama State All Game License, Fort Rucker Post Hunting Permit and a Montana Education Completion Card. Alabama state regulations and Fort Rucker Regulation 215-1 apply. The turkey must be harvested on Fort Rucker in order to qualify. This hunting event is open to the public.

For more information or to register, call 255-4065.