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Judge Advocate finds life at Yuma Proving Ground 'unique'

By Yolie Canales

Hailing from the lush tropical island of Hawaii where she was the chief of civil law, Lt. Col. Kary Reed, Yuma Proving Ground's Command Judge Advocate General (JAG), finds the proving ground a unique place of work. "The mission is what makes YPG unique," said Reed. "It is so different from what you see in most installations, everyone goes 'wow.' Being here is a great experience."

As chief counsel for the commander of YPG, her responsibilities are to ensure that all actions are within legal regulations. In addition, she helps provide general common sense in doing smart things for the installation.

Reed, a 21 year veteran, practiced law in the private sector for three years before entering the Army as a direct commission officer. Accompanied to YPG by her husband, Warren Otsuka, a retired Army veteran, Reed says the JAG Corps offers people the opportunity to experience many different aspects of the law.

"Ever since I was a young girl, I knew I wanted to be either a doctor



PHOTO BY YOLIE CANALES

Lt. Col. Kary Reed, like many who visit Yuma Proving Ground, has been 'wowed,' by the uniqueness of this installation.

or an attorney," she said. "I used to love to see the Perry Mason television programs because you always wanted to find out what happened at the end. In the JAG field, you are not pigeon-

holed in a particular job or field, for we generally touch more than one field, like here at YPG."

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Enhanced 911 system now in use

Submitted by Angelia Pinto
Director of Emergency Services

The Yuma Proving Ground Director of Emergency Services (DES) is pleased to announce the recent upgrade of the Enhanced 9-1-1, or E911, system on YPG.

Effective immediately, all emergency service agencies, police, fire and EMS can be contacted by dialing a single FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY number 9-1-1. The 328-2117 Fire/EMS emergency number is to be abolished, but will remain for a brief two to three month period to ease the transition. The 328-2117 number, if dialed, will transfer automatically to the new 9-1-1 system. During this transition, the YPG Fire Department asks that all 328-2117 stickers be removed from phones and emergency see **911** page 11

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October Go-Getters



Congratulations to Tiara Ramos (left) and Kayli Bolinger, both 1st grade students from Miss Wiecekowski's class, for being selected Price Elementary School "Go-Getters" for the month of October.

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Army Family Covenant: The commitment endures

By Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch

Four years ago this month, the Army announced the Army Family Covenant (AFC), which promised to provide Soldiers and Families a quality of life commensurate with their service.

To help Soldiers and Families stressed by years of war, the Army substantially increased funding for programs in areas such as Soldier and Family services, behavioral health, housing, child care, education, and employment.

Today, headlines about defense budget cuts are prompting people to ask whether the Army is going to keep its promises.

The short answer is yes. Leaders change and situations change, but the Army's commitment to Soldiers and Families endures.

Under the AFC, the Army developed and enhanced a range of programs that build Soldier and Family strength, resilience and readiness. These programs include Survivor Outreach Services, Child, Youth and School Services, New Parent Support, the Military Spouse Employment Program, Strong Bonds, and the Wounded Warriors Sports Program.

Under the AFC, the Army has provided new and renovated housing for thousands of families and single Soldiers, and constructed more than 150 new child care and youth centers. The Army has increased the number of military family life consultants, who provide confidential non-medical counseling for Soldiers and families, and the number of behavioral health care providers, who provide behavioral health services before, during and after deployment.

Under the AFC, the Army has worked hard to reach the whole Army

family, including geographically dispersed Soldiers and family members. Toward that end, the Army supports a number of services away from installations, such as community-based child care and Army National Guard Family Assistance Centers, and provides Army OneSource, which enables 24/7 access to information and services regardless of location.

At a time when the Army is restoring its balance, the AFC has been the catalyst for enhancing and standardizing the quality of support for Soldiers and families. And now it is time to ensure our investment has made a difference in the lives of Soldiers and families.

Program review has been built into the Army Family Covenant from day one. It has always been part of the AFC plan to assess program effectiveness, consolidate, and make adjustments, to ensure there is no overlap or gaps between programs.

So the current fiscal situation does not change our course but it does put more gas in our tank.

For the programs under the AFC umbrella, the majority of which are run by Installation Management Command, customer feedback is a critical part of our ongoing evaluation. We gather customer feedback partly by looking at which services are used often and partly by asking customers about their experiences, through garrison focus groups and surveys such as the Army OneSource Army Family Covenant survey, just completed Sept. 1.

We will be asking for feedback again in January, when Soldiers, family members, civilians and retirees receive a survey on their needs, usage and satisfaction with Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs.

Interesting Veterans Day facts

Learn about the origins and observance of Veterans Day

On Veterans Day, Americans honor all living military veterans, including the many working moms who are veterans of military service. Indeed, the 1.5 million female veterans are more likely to work full-time than their civilian counterparts. Here are other Veterans Day facts you may not know.

How Veterans Day began

Veterans Day is always observed on Nov. 11 with speeches and parades across the U.S. The holiday began as Armistice Day on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I.

- In 1926, Congress passed a resolution for an annual observance.
- In 1938, Nov. 11 became a national holiday.
- In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation changing the name to Veterans Day in order to honor veterans of all American wars.

Veterans by the numbers

There were 21.9 million military veterans in the U.S. in 2009. Of

those:

- 1.5 million were female.
- 2.3 million were black.
- 1.1 million were Hispanic.
- 9.2 million were 65 and older, according to 2008 figures.
- 1.9 million were younger than 35, in 2008.

Veterans by the war

Thirty-five percent of all living veterans served during the Vietnam War. In 2009, there were:

- 7.6 million Vietnam-era veterans. (1964-1975)
- 4.5 million Gulf War veterans. (August 1990 to present)
- 2.3 million World War II veterans. (1941-1945)
- 2.7 million veterans of the Korean War. (1950-1953)
- 47,000 veterans of both the Vietnam and Gulf War eras.

Veterans in the workforce

- 9.8 million veterans were in the civilian labor force in 2009.
- Women veterans earned \$32,217 in 2005, more than the \$27,272 earned by female civilians with no

military experience.

- Male veterans earned \$42,128 in 2005, more than the \$39,880 earned by male civilians with no military service.
 - Female veterans were more likely to work 35 hours or more each week and more than three times as likely to work in public administration, compared with non-veterans.
 - Veterans owned 2.4 million (9 percent) of the 27.1 million businesses the Census Bureau surveyed in 2007.
- ### Veterans' Income, Education and Disability
- Veterans earned a median income of \$35,402 in 2009. But in 2008, figures showed 5.7 percent of

veterans lived in poverty.

- A quarter of veterans 25 and older held at least a bachelor's degree. 92 percent of that age group held at least a high school diploma, compared with 85 percent of the general population.
- 5.5 million veterans had a disability when surveyed in 2009.

Veterans more likely to vote

- 15.8 million veterans voted in the 2008 presidential election. That's 71 percent of all veterans, compared with 63 percent of non-veterans.
- 14 million veterans voted in the 2006 congressional election. That's 61 percent of all veterans, compared with only 46 percent of civilians with no military service.

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Erik Reta stands proud by paintings that have won him numerous ribbons in many art festivals and competitions.

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Best of both worlds: Employee an accomplished painter

By Mark Schauer

The jurist Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "Life is painting a picture, not doing a sum." Erik Reta is a man adept at both.

A six year veteran of YPG's contracting office, Reta has pursued art since early childhood. His efforts have produced lasting public art pieces around Yuma and have been recognized with a variety of awards. One painting was even displayed in the halls of Congress.

"I can look at a scene, memorize it, and put it on canvas hours later," Reta said. "I wish I could remember books like that."

From earliest childhood, Reta was constantly drawing. He recalls falling asleep watching videos of the noted

public television painter Bob Ross, and took advantage of every art class he could by the time he entered school.

"I drew and painted on my own as a kid and thought I wanted to paint murals," Reta said. "I took a course at Gila Vista Junior High and had a great teacher who showed me shade, shape and shadow, from that class on, I took off on my own."

Reta taught himself how to work with other mediums such as airbrushing and pastels. At Yuma High School he learned ceramics for sculpting and making pottery. Among other things, he made a decorative fountain of the school's Criminal mascot that still stands in the school's triangle. As a senior, he joined 6,000 see **PAINTER** page 5

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Other high school students nationwide in a National Merit of Fine Arts competition, and took first place in Arizona. The honor took him and his painting to Capitol Hill to meet Yuma's then-congressman Ed Pastor, and received coverage in both the local media and on NBC's Today show. His artwork stood in the halls of the capitol building for three years.

"When I got back to Yuma, I had so many people come up to me and say, 'We saw you on the news, can you do a painting for us?'" Reta recalled. "It is amazing what a little publicity can do. It was inspiring and I was grateful for the experience."

The most notable local success, however, was being hired by the Yuma Private Industry Council to teach at-risk teens to draw and paint murals.

"The program I was involved with tried to gear high-risk students toward taking their artistic talents and using

them in a way that was productive to society," Reta explained.

The class' major project Reta designed was to paint two murals at Yuma's Carver Park: one of sand dunes at sunset, and the other of the four corners of Arizona, with the mural of the dunes was produced solely by Reta. The class was fun, Reta recalled, and word of mouth soon increased the number of participants.

"I started out with a class of 15," Reta recalled. "By the time the course was over, I had 45 students."

The program ended, but the murals remain along with the lives they touched. Meanwhile, it was time to make a decision about college. His father and mother discussed with him the importance of a college education and how a business degree might be a good idea. Reta felt it would be a gamble to take on a professional career in art over pursuing business and the prospect of a stable career path.

"I realized I didn't live in

Hollywood," Reta said. "I haven't disregarded my art in anyway. I just decided I needed a good plan."

He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a Master's in Public Management at Northern Arizona University's Yuma campus. He also served as the student body's vice president of finance. While in school, though, he took elective classes in art and photography. At one point he entered a school-wide talent show to display his artistic abilities.

"I completed a painting in five minutes," Reta recalled. "It was an ocean painting produced only by hand brushes."

Even after starting work at YPG six years ago, Reta continued to paint and enter his artwork into local competitions. He is a perennial winner at the Yuma County Fair's annual art competition, boasting more than a dozen ribbons for outstanding achievement and several grand champion ribbons. Reta says he participates for fun and doesn't

consciously plan to produce award-winning canvasses.

"Sometimes when I'm drawing it doesn't feel like it's my hand drawing, because honestly it never turns out quite the way I picture it" he said.

Today, he uses a spare bedroom in his house as a studio and continues to produce paintings with acrylic, pastels, and water colors, along with charcoal and pen-and-ink drawings and ceramics. He occasionally sells his output, and is often asked if he has gel prints of his work available.

"I will open a gallery someday," Reta said. "It'll be either online or in a building here in Yuma. It is just a question of when and how much."

Though his love of painting is as strong as ever, Reta enjoys his work at YPG and plans to stay for many years to come.

"I'd like to have the best of both worlds—pursuing art and having a good job," Reta said. "I think I've done pretty well. I like it at YPG and plan on staying where I'm at."

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Yuma Proving Ground continues to be the Army's busiest test center

By Mark Schauer

U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground was once again the Army's busiest test center in fiscal year 2011, racking up 2.77 million direct labor hours in the conduct of tests in Yuma and other locations around the globe.

"It's a testament to the appreciation customers have for Yuma Proving Ground and the quality of the product we provide," said Col. Reed Young, YPG commander. "It's pretty easy to draw a direct correlation between our labor hours and the quality of the people we have. They're the reason why we continue to be a record-setter."

The proving ground accounted for 30 percent of the Army's total test workload with individual tests conducted in Yuma, Alaska, Panama, and Suriname. The labor hour feat was largely driven by a record-breaking year of vehicle testing in the proving ground's Combat Automotive Division, which accumulated over one million labor hours, a 6 percent increase over the previous year.

"Before the war, artillery testing accounted for roughly half of YPG's workload," said Julio Dominguez,

technical director. "YPG consistently performed between 1.2 million and 1.4 million total direct labor hours per year prior to combat operations in Southwest Asia."

"We don't know if we'll continue to see these workload levels in the future, but the workforce continues to impress me with their hard work, diligence, and professionalism," added Lt. Col. Chad Harris, Yuma Test Center commander. "Our customers think the same thing and that is why they keep coming back to Yuma."

Ground Combat

Though the Combat Automotive Division led the directorate in direct labor hours, the Munitions and Weapons Division's workload grew at a more substantial rate, ending fiscal year 2011 with a 10 percent increase to nearly 700,000 direct labor hours.

"The automotive workload is high, and so is the indirect fire workload," said Larry Bracamonte, director of the Ground Combat System Directorate. "The consistently high workload is largely tied to our support of the war effort. YPG's ability to handle the work well reflects the attitude and focus of

our people. Everyone knows we are supporting the Warfighters by helping ensure that they have effective, safe, and reliable equipment."

Bracamonte said the increase in munitions and weapons work hours was driven by work substantially similar to the year before, such as lot acceptance testing of mortar and artillery munitions and acceptance testing of M777A2 and M119A2 howitzers. The division was also busy with accelerated programs like the Advanced Precision Mortar Initiative (APMI), a guided 120mm mortar fielded overseas earlier this year, and continued testing of the Precision Guidance Kit (PGK), which improves the accuracy of conventional artillery rounds.

Similarly, the Combat Automotive Division's record-setting workload was heavily focused on urgent requirements for ongoing combat operations. Important projects included testing of the Stryker Combat Vehicle with a V-shaped hull similar to that of the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle, which makes the Stryker more resistant to explosives. Also accounting for significant workload was the robust evaluation schedule for MRAP variants. The division's work ran the gamut from technology development testing on the Joint Lightweight Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) to operational testing of vehicles like the MRAP with Soldier participation.

The Paladin Integrated Management Program that is integrating new components to the venerable self-propelled howitzer claimed significant attention from both the Combat Automotive and Munitions and Weapons Divisions.

"We were able to accommodate all customers with the testing they needed," said Zack El-Ansari, chief of the Combat Automotive Division. "Whatever they asked us to test,



PHOTOS BY MARK SCHAUER

The number of airdrops conducted at YPG was down from its record high in fiscal year 2010, but was still an important part of testing. YPG personnel tested cutting-edge guided parachutes like the Joint Precision Air Drop System, as well as the world's largest rocket parachute for NASA. Here, test officer Keith Allen recovers a T-11 personnel parachute undergoing a sleeve test.

we did it. Our emphasis was on providing quality testing done right, without shortcuts.

Air Combat

Combat helicopters and unmanned aircraft have been vitally important in Afghanistan, and both types of aircraft continue to undergo extensive testing at YPG. The Air Combat Systems Test Directorate racked up 485,000 direct labor hours in fiscal year 2011, a nearly 20 percent jump over the previous year.

"This has been our busiest year ever," said Mike Diehl, chief of the Aviation and Air Delivery Division.

The increase was the result of additional workload in all sectors of

the directorate except the number of parachute drops, which was down from last year's record high. Important projects included ongoing testing of the Block III Apache attack helicopter, a variety of unmanned aerial systems (UAS), and a significant increase in sensor testing. The directorate was also heavily involved in both the testing of and training troops for the Persistent Ground Surveillance System (PGSS) and Persistent Threat Detection System (PTDS), large aerostat balloons that loft cutting edge detection sensors high above forward operating bases in Afghanistan. The hosting of operational as well as

developmental testing has been a growing part of the YPG workload in Air Combat and across the command.

"Operational test isn't our core charter, but we've got a lot of real estate that is very appropriate for that type of activity, along with a test force that is very knowledgeable about the test item that a project manager can tap into," said Young. "The PTDS aerostat is just one example of a test customer who also wants to bring all training to YPG because they are so happy with the support they get here."

NACCITEC

Though the National Counterterrorism Counterinsurgency

Test and Evaluation Center (NACCITEC) remains the only place in the Department of Defense boasting realistic electromagnetic environments for the testing of technology to defeat roadside bombs, the directorate's labor hours declined from last year's total of nearly 675,000 hours.

"We saw a slight decrease in some areas, but a sustained workload in our core counter-IED business," said Greg Mitchell, NACCITEC director.

Mitchell added that project managers are impressed not only with YPG's infrastructure and flexibility, but the ability to conduct multiple tests in one location.

"If they're coming here for test on a vehicle, they know that counter-IED integration can be done on the exact same range," Mitchell said. "The same is true with an unmanned aircraft. YPG is a one-stop shop, and that doesn't exist anywhere else."

"That is what makes YPG such a great return on the investment for a project manager," added Harris. "The ability to conduct durability and integration testing in the same place reduces shipping and scheduling costs, and shortens the time between tests."

CRTC

Personnel at the YPG-managed Cold Regions Test Center entered the fiscal year expecting their busiest season in at least five years, and the workload proved every bit as robust as expected.

"We were much busier in FY11 than FY 10," said Greg Netardus, chief of CRTC's test operations division. "We had more tests going on the whole season that kept everyone busy."

Important tests included rigorous cold weather testing of four MRAP variants, as well as variants of the Stryker and M1200 combat vehicles. Soldier systems like thermal weapons

sights and lightweight laser radar detectors were also put through their paces. Additionally, the test center conducted two commercial automotive tests for Ford and Goodyear Tire on its high speed performance track.

TRTC

Though the Tropic Regions Test Center's labor hours were about the same as the previous fiscal year, 2011 was a year of superlatives. The test center conducted its first-ever test in Australia, an evaluation of an electronic positioning unit used in military vehicles, as well as two tests in Hawaii. At the tail end of the fiscal year, labor hours spiked dramatically in preparation of a large MRAP test in the South American nation of Suriname, its first test in that country since 2008, involving more than 20 personnel from all three YPG test centers.

Future

Though funding levels for this fiscal year are still unknown, most observers expect the test workload to decrease across the Department of Defense as budgets decline in the years to come. However, YPG is poised to remain the Army's test leader.

"As a ratio, I expect that YPG will continue to be the test center of choice," said Young. "Additionally, there are a lot of non-Department of Defense customers we can tap into, be they international customers from friendly foreign nations or private companies. I'm very hopeful and working hard to ensure we maintain a high workload."

"I don't expect we'll see any drop-off in customer commitment to Yuma," added Mitchell. "The funding our customer will have is yet to be determined, but our commitment to quality testing done on time will continue. We'll accommodate as much as the customer brings to us."

Vehicle testing accounted for nearly 40 percent of YPG's total workload in fiscal year 2011. Vehicles that underwent durability testing at the proving ground often stayed for integration testing of counter-improvised explosive device technologies.



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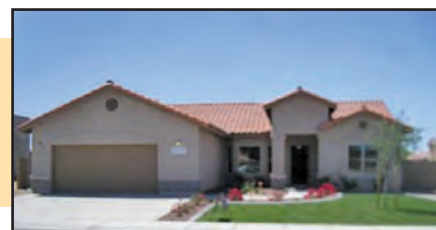
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VIEWPOINTS

Now that fall is here, what do you look forward to?



Kelyee Ledezma
Field technician

I look forward to the cool weather and sunshine. When I resided in Los Angeles, Calif., I wasn't healthy because of all the smog. I really appreciate the Yuma weather in the fall and my husband and daughter look forward to getting out and finding things to do.



Brian Marshall
Electronics technician

I have two teen boys ages 13 and 14, and we like to ride our dirt bikes in the foothills and in the desert near San Luis, Ariz. In addition, my wife likes to stay physically fit so she drags me along to go mountain biking near Telegraph Pass.

Sgt. 1st Class Israel Santiago
Fort Belvoir, Va

I look forward to site-seeing and visiting Tombstone and the Grand Canyon someday in the future. It would be great to see one of the Seven Wonders of the World, too.



Frank Filliam
Electronics technician

I look forward to cooler temperatures. This allows me to get out and enjoy quality time with my grandkids. During the fall, I don't have to mow the lawn, which is a nice break.



Billy Gomez
Engineering technician

I look forward to watching my kids roast marshmallows, hot dogs and just sitting around a fire in the backyard making S'mores. This is definitely a fun thing to do in the fall.

Chris Martin
Senior staff scientist

I look forward to Halloween. I enjoy going to different haunted houses which are fun, even at my age. I also enjoy visiting the haunted trails at Balboa Park and visiting the Gas Lamp District in San Diego. It's great to see people dressed in costumes during Halloween. Even though Halloween is for children, the big kids enjoy this time of year as well.



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Chaplain's Corner

Reading this column is good for your heart

By Chaplain Douglas Ball

It seems that there is a plethora of things that are bad for your heart. And if there is something that isn't bad for your heart, a study will come out next year that shows it is bad for your heart. Even if it used to be bad for your heart, but now it is okay, a study will come out next year that shows it is bad for your heart again. Eggs? Bad for your heart. Salt? Bad for your heart. Stress? Sitting on an airplane? How about sitting on an

airplane, stressed, eating eggs with salt on them? All bad for your heart.

Fortunately, I'm not here to give you medical advice. You'll need to talk to your doctor about your physical heart. However, I do know that there are things that are bad for your spiritual heart, and I am qualified to dispense spiritual prescriptions.

'Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourself

treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.' (Matthew 5:19-20)

The point of this passage is pretty clear: too much focus on the stuff of this world is bad for your heart. (NOTE: please don't worry that this will devolve into a 'send your checks and money orders to' type of thing - God owns the cattle on a thousand hills and I'm paid by the government, we don't need your money!) God is concerned about where your heart is

for your own good. If your heart is focused on temporary treasure that gets moldy and falls apart, then your heart will get moldy and fall apart. If your heart is focused on eternal treasure that never fades, that your heart will never fade.

That's the goal of the God-oriented life - a heart that is focused not on the things of this world, but on the world to come. If our heart is there, it will remain healthy and incorruptible, and will continue to grow strong in love for God and love for neighbor.

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During a recent Hail and Farewell ceremony, Yuma Proving Ground hailed 36 new employees and said goodbye to two: Ken Wilson, meteorological technician, a 23 year veteran of YPG along with Dean Weingarten, chief of the MET team who also has a total of 22 years at YPG. In this photo, Tony Brockington, director of Safety, introduces five employees to his directorate.

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have been numerous. One of her most rewarding and enjoyable jobs was when she was chief of operational law in Korea and when she was a trial counsel at Fort Stewart, Ga. "What I mean by rewarding is having a sense of developing good strong skills and structuring yourself beyond what you thought you were," she explained.

Reed said much of her background doesn't directly apply to what goes on at YPG, making her new position a challenge. "YPG is a unique environment, a unique command — so it's making me focus my general knowledge into more narrow aspects I didn't need to explore in the past," she said. "Much of my recent time has been spent researching the area

and the history, in addition to doing a lot of talking with people in my office who are great resources and have seen it all."

Reed believes the services offered by the JAG Office are vital to YPG mission accomplishment. "Everything YPG does must be within the parameters of law and regulations. YPG performs essential national defense functions and contributes to the Army's overall mission."

A native of Minnesota, Reed traveled the country quite a bit with her father who worked in the U.S. Forest Service. She looks up to him with great respect. "At an early age, my parents instilled in me the message to 'do the job and do it the best you can,'" she said. "This is the work ethic within me and I practice it in all I do."

911

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plans. DES will soon provide new 9-1-1 phone stickers.

Again, the new emergency number for any emergency on YPG is now 9-1-1. The primary emergency number while on the ranges remains 328-5111, but 9-1-1 can be used if necessary.

An added feature of the new E911 System is that housing and other non 328 prefix phones will now be received directly at the YPG dispatch center when 9-1-1 is dialed. Previously, 9-1-1 dialed on a non 328 prefix line went to an off-post dispatch center and had to be transferred back to YPG. This caused a delay in the caller getting help.

Now, the YPG dispatch center will receive the call with a phone number and address of the calling party immediately, regardless of where they are on YPG.

It must be understood, that all

cell phone users who dial 9-1-1 will not be received by the YPG dispatchers. Cell phone 9-1-1 dialers will be connected with the Yuma County Sheriff's Office (YCSO), or the nearest free 9-1-1 dispatch center if the YCSO line is busy. It is imperative that any cell phone 9-1-1 caller on YPG specifically tells the dispatcher that they are on Yuma Proving Ground and need the "YPG Police" or "YPG Fire Department." The dispatcher will then transfer the call to the YPG dispatch center.

E911 provides the YPG Emergency Services Dispatch Center with the caller's phone number and location, saving valuable time and can get emergency services enroute even if the line is cut or the caller loses consciousness. Remember, 9-1-1 should only be used during emergencies. The normal business line available for YPG Police is 328-2720. For Fire or EMS Services, the normal business numbers to use are 328-2316 or 328-2949.

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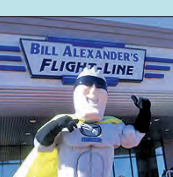
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