

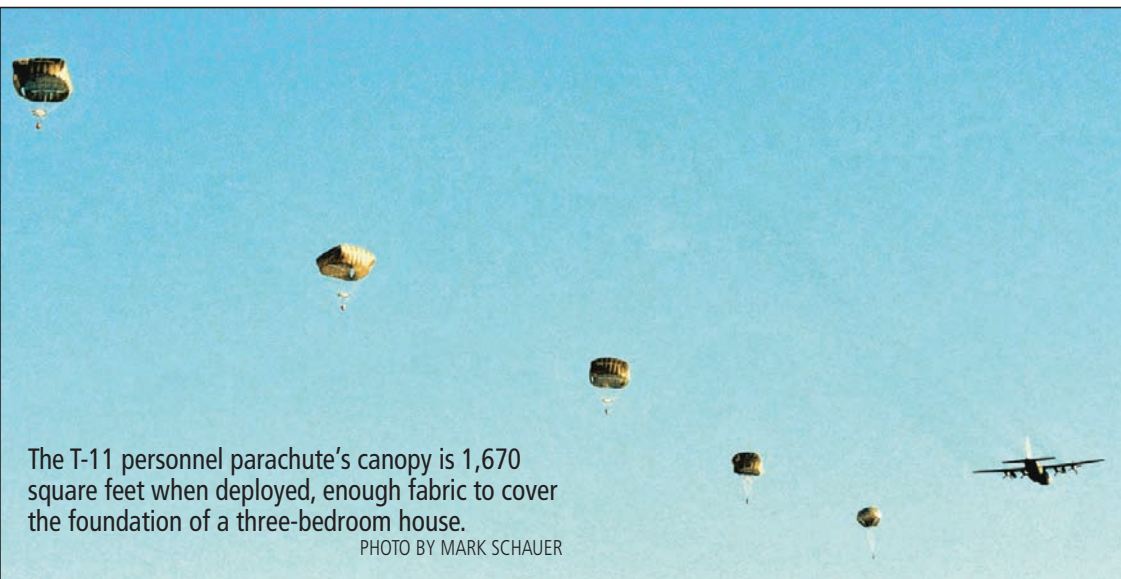
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New parachute prevents injuries



The T-11 personnel parachute's canopy is 1,670 square feet when deployed, enough fabric to cover the foundation of a three-bedroom house.

PHOTO BY MARK SCHAUER

By Mark Schauer

Though the evolution of Army doctrine and tactics has made mass combat jumps less frequent, they have taken place in virtually every large-scale deployment of American forces since World War II. The tactic is particularly useful for seizing isolated air fields deep behind enemy lines, which can then be used to receive and deploy more troops and armaments. This has been done by American forces in both Iraq

and Afghanistan.

Yet the paratroopers who participated in these operations early in the last decade jumped into combat with the same personnel parachutes used since the 1950s, the T-10. Possessing a larger, differently shaped canopy, the successor T-11 model that is currently being fielded offers jumpers a slower descent and is significantly more stable, especially in high winds. It can also support more

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Sen. McCain views YPG firsthand

By Chuck Wullenjohn

Engaged in a whirlwind tour of his home state, Senator John McCain (R-AZ) stopped by Yuma Proving Ground Wednesday afternoon to see firsthand the many activities that are making 2011 the busiest year in the proving ground's nearly 70 year history. He well remembers his skillfully organized early 2010 visit to YPG and made a point of stopping by again this year.

A massive display of military equipment

tested at the proving ground awaited him as his plane touched down at YPG's Laguna Army Airfield. Technical experts stood beside aircraft systems like the current version of the Apache helicopter, the cargo-carrying K-Max helicopter that can be operated either by an on-board pilot or as an unmanned aircraft, and ground systems like the M777 155mm howitzer, several armored vehicles, and technologies used to defeat the threat of improvised explosive devices.

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Jered Ford, test officer, (left) discusses the value of the M777 155mm howitzer on the battlefield with Senator John McCain

PHOTO BY YOLIE CANALES

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Support of civilians an intricate part of the Airborne Test Force mission

By Mary F. Flores

With over 3,000 employees working at Yuma Proving Ground, supporting the war fighter seems to be done effortlessly by the many professional men and women who make up the workforce, the majority being civilians. To meet daily demands of the mission, the men and women who support the mission at the Airborne Test Force (ATF), work closely and harmoniously with the Soldier, forming 'one Army, one YPG.' The entire test operation at ATF is overseen by CW4 Peter Lautzenheiser who has been at YPG for nearly three years.

For many employees like Chris Brewer, airdrop officer and Ruey Morris, airdrop inspector for Aerial Delivery Section, serving in the Army prior to becoming civilian workforce members is common. Brewer who works diligently to lead the civilian workforce at ATF, oversees; the load inspector's, section leads for parachute packing, an air drop equipment specialist, supply chief and assistant, oxygen equipment and life support specialist, riggers and maintenance trade helpers.

Since 2006, Brewer has been overseeing 16 employees, and has his hands full with supervising and coordinating the execution of test plans, preparing loads for test air drops and providing technical support and coordination for every airdrop activity.

Once Soldier's and now civilian's, has given both Brewer and Morris an inside edge working in ATF, for they have worked on both sides of the mission, providing expertise in the development and testing of equipment for the Soldier.



PHOTO BY MARY FLORES

Ruey Morris, (left) airdrop inspector, and Chris Brewer, airdrop officer, conduct a quality assurance check on a double 28 ft. extraction package utilized for the NASA Orion program that took place late last month.

"Every aspect of my job can be challenging, however, I overcome these situations by ensuring proper planning. In addition, I have a great team of people working to support the mission," Brewer said. "From the section leads to the supply chief, riggers and maintenance trade workers, these men and women know the importance of the mission and are highly skilled and motivated to do a good job."

Brewer, who served in the Army for eight years, was stationed at Yuma Proving Ground from 1995 to 1999, working as parachute rigger and test jumper. These days, as a supervisor, he attributes his 15 years of experience in ATF to aiding him as an advisor to the chief of Airborne Test Force, numerous test officers and customers who come to YPG to test equipment.

"I really like my job because it allows me to bend time and make things fit into outrageous schedules

which are constantly changing workloads with many last minute test plans. This is what makes my job interesting and exciting," Brewer said with a smile.

Brewer added he gets great job satisfaction from the accomplishment of each and every test mission; because he knows all the hard work put forth by his team, will provide the Soldier with the latest technology and best equipment.

Working alongside Brewer to ensure the ATF operation is running smoothly is right-hand man, Ruey Morris, airdrop inspector for Aerial Delivery. Morris, who has been working in the aerial delivery section for the past four years, serves as back-up to Brewer and is ultimately in charge of scheduling tests for air drops.

Prior to becoming a civilian, Morris served nearly 23 years in the Army as a parachute rigger and was the noncommissioned officer in charge

for the rigger section at the Military Free Fall School for four years.

Keeping the day-to-day mission moving along, Morris works closely with test officers to determine test drop mission weeks, which includes determining the number and types of loads, compiling information to designate various types of aircraft to be used for each test drop, and figuring out a timeline to formulate a test drop schedule.

"Whenever a test officer makes a request for an air drop mission, he/she will go into an online program, fill out the request form with the date of the drop, indicate the type of item(s) to be dropped, the weight of each item and types of parachutes to be utilized," Morris said. "In addition, the tester must indicate how much each load will weigh and indicate the number of lifts required per day, meaning how many times the aircraft goes up and lands equal one lift."

With everyone working in ATF to contribute to the air drop test mission, no job goes unnoticed. For example; the supply personnel play a vital role by ordering all necessary equipment to complete a test. From ordering various types of parachutes, cotton webbing used to tie bundles, large platforms used for heavy cargo air drops and every single item needed to conduct a test.

"Things stay busy around here. On an average week there could be five to six test officers making requests for test missions," Morris said. "However, everyone remains busy in between tests with recovery from previous drops by rebuilding loads for the next test drop."

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Morris explained in between test drop missions, preparations for the next air drop include, preparing container delivery systems capable of holding 2,200 pounds, packing parachutes, inspecting them and di-rigging loads. Di-rigging entails equipment being cleaned, inspected, and returned to storage, a process that take up to three to four days to complete.

For the past 27 years, Morris has been qualified to perform test jumps, to include static and high altitude, low-opening jumps, making him a

valuable player on the ATF team.

“This type of work is all I know, and I get great job satisfaction by setting goals, completing them and knowing we are part of producing and developing equipment to be used by Soldiers, enabling them to do a more proficient and safer job,” Morris said. “When I was in the Army, I said if I had the opportunity to help improve equipment for the Soldier, I would do that. Being able to test and develop equipment and provide my input is great job satisfaction. The air drop mission could not be accomplished without the expertise and professionalism of everyone in this shop. This is truly a team effort.”

New update from CPAC

Starting October 1, the Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) Employee Benefits Information System (EBIS) will be accessible only from a computer with a Common Access Card (CAC) reader. This will affect users who currently access EBIS from their home computers. Benefit transactions can still be made from home through the Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS), an automated self-service program accessible 24 hours a day from a touch-tone telephone. The toll-free number is 1-877-ARMYCTR (1-877-276-9287).

For questions, contact the Civilian Personnel Office at 328-2538.

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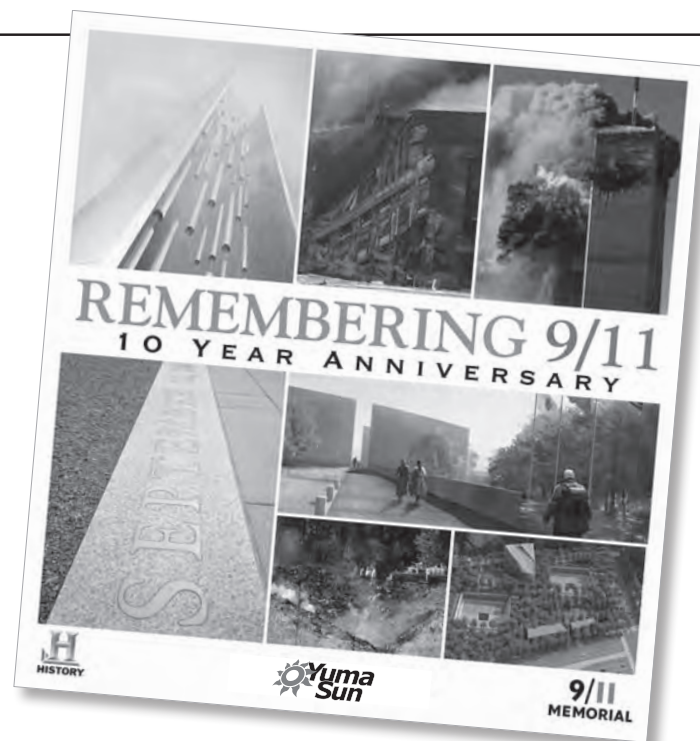
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Where were you?

September 11, 2001...
the day our world changed forever.

Don't miss our special edition remembering all of the tragic events for 9/11 along with stunning photos and survivors' accounts. Plans for the memorial will also be featured.

In addition, we'll share stories from Yumans whose lives were forever changed, impact on military sites, and more.

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Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Michaels Community Center in the
Main Administrative Area, YPG.

Demo will begin right on time so come early!!

McCain

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McCain asked numerous questions about each item but particularly enjoyed talking with Soldiers and civilians making up the proving ground workforce. He pleasantly shook hands and bantered with various workers, who he profusely thanked for performing serious work that both protects American from

injury or death and helps our forces achieve battlefield success.

Following his examination of the various displays, he received detailed briefings from YPG Commander Col. Reed Young, who provided an overview of proving ground activities, and MCAS Yuma Commander Col. Robert Kuckuk, who described base activities and preparations for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

Dealing with stress

Submitted by Paul Kilanski

Family Advocacy Program Manager

Stress is a psychological or physical tension created by an action or situation like:

Visiting the dentist; getting married; job deadlines; wanting best golf score.

Stress is a perspective not an activity. It can be caused by any experience, because stress itself is neutral.

When your body is under stress a number of things occur. Electrochemical messengers race to its various parts. The heart beats faster. Breathing quickens. The liver releases stored nutrients. Blood pressure rises. Pupils dilate. Muscles tense. On a limited basis, stress-or the body's state of "red Alert"-can help you respond to a special challenge. But your health will begin to break down if the body's "red alert" becomes chronic or you don't allow sufficient time to relax or regroup.

According to Dr. Peter Hanson, "The best way to deal with one kind of stress is to get more of another kind."

Learn how to handle stress in your life:

Reconsider how you view stress, stop trying to get rid of it all, make your life more interesting, take up a new challenge and give your life

some excitement in sports, hobbies or other leisure activities.

The entire body operates on a 90-minute rhythm of activity followed by rest. Try to work along with your body and take breaks or switch job activities every hour and a half, even if it's just for a few minutes.

Your body's 24-hour "Circadian Cycle" governs sleep, heart rate, body temperature and elimination. This natural internal clock is mainly regulated by light and dark. In other words, your body naturally wants to be awake during the day and asleep at night.

However, if shiftwork is part of your job, consider these hints:

Try to sleep at the same time each day, don't sleep on a full stomach, use blackout shades or an eye mask if you must sleep during the day; wake up with bright lights, lively music, brisk exercise and a cool shower, relax by soaking in a warm bath

Paying attention to what you eat:

Eat three balanced meals a day and eat a wide variety of foods. You'll get extra stamina from complex carbohydrates which can be found in cereals, grains, beans, fruits and vegetables. Eat fresh food, avoid processed food and stay away from fat-laden snack foods.

It's important to drink plenty

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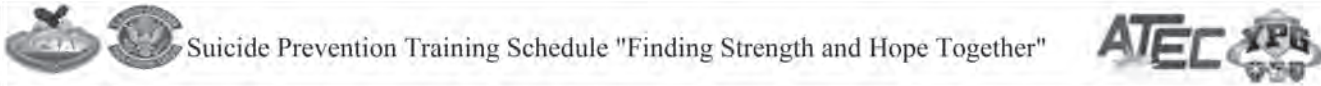
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September training for Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

This Year the Army's Suicide Prevention Awareness Campaign is "Finding Strength and Hope Together."

In support of the Army's effort to reduce the stigma and raise awareness on factors which could lead to Suicide, the YPG Suicide Prevention Program and Army Community Services, Military Family Life Consultant, have partnered to conduct various suicide prevention trainings focusing on building resiliency, building resiliency in children, suicide prevention for Department of Defense civilians, coping strategies for uncertainties of life, stress management, coping with job uncertainty, and more during the month of September.

Editor's Note: See page 7 for Proclamation Letter and training schedule. For more information, call Juanita Saez, 328-2249.

|  Suicide Prevention Training Schedule "Finding Strength and Hope Together" | | | | | | |
|---|------|-----------|---|--------------------|--|--|
| DATE | DAY | TIME | TRAININGS | LOCATION | PRESENTER | DESCRIPTION OF TRAINING |
| 9/7/2011 | WED | 1000-1100 | Suicide Prevention for DOD Civilians | Palm Gardens | Juanita Saez | Department of Army Annual Suicide Prevention Training Module. "Shoulder to Shoulder: Finding Strength and Hope Together" (Same Training Module on the YPG Intranet) |
| 9/7/2011 | WED | 1400-1500 | Building Resiliency | Palm Gardens | Military Family Life Consultant & Juanita Saez | The presentation will explore the characteristics of resilient people as well as methods for becoming more resilient. Participants will learn how to cope and maintain a sense of stability in the midst of change and loss. |
| 9/8/2011 | TH | 1000-1100 | Building Resiliency in Children | Post Chapel | Military Family Life Consultant & Juanita Saez | The presentation will explore the how to recognize characteristics of resilient children as well as methods for building resilience children by teaching coping skills, optimism, character building and more. |
| 9/8/2011 | TH | 1330-1430 | Suicide Prevention for DOD Civilians | Palm Gardens | Juanita Saez | Department of Army Annual Suicide Prevention Training Module. "Shoulder to Shoulder: Finding Strength and Hope Together" (Same Training Module on the YPG Intranet) |
| 9/20/2011 | TUES | 1000-1100 | Coping Strategies for Uncertainties of Life | Ed Center, 2nd Fl. | Military Family Life Consultant & Juanita Saez | This presentation explores the difficulties of failed expectations and explores effective coping strategies and how to employ them. |
| 9/21/2011 | WED | 1000-1100 | Stress Management | Ed Center, 2nd Fl. | Military Family Life Consultant & Juanita Saez | The presentation defines stress and its effects; helps participants recognize signs and symptoms in themselves and explores stress management strategies for limiting the negative effects of stress. |
| 9/21/2011 | WED | 1400-1500 | Coping with Job Uncertainty | Ed Center, 2nd Fl. | Military Family Life Consultant & Juanita Saez | This presentation explores ways to deal with potential organizational restructuring and job loss; how to handle the emotional challenges that can accompany these uncertainties and how to manage change. |
| Note: Attendees will receive 1 hour Suicide Prevention Training Credit for each class. Dept of Army requires 1 hour of Mandatory Suicide Prevention Training per Fiscal Year. POC: Juanita Saez, Army Substance Abuse Program, 928-328-2249 | | | | | | |

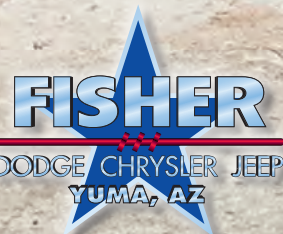
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9/11: Reflecting a decade later

One of the nation's most tragic events



Emergency personnel assess the destruction of the catastrophe which will scar America forever.



Workers take a break in front of Burger King, which became the New York Police Department headquarters during the attack.

PHOTOS BY JONNA PITTMAN



PHOTO BY MARY F. FLORES

Jonna Pittman, equipment specialist at YPG's Geodictics Branch, provided supplies for emergency personnel working on the pile of rubble of the fallen towers in New York. Pittman was sergeant major for the 353rd Civil Affairs Command at the time. The beanie baby she's holding was found on the roof of a building while searching through the rubble.

— VIEWPOINTS —

On the 10th anniversary of 9/11, we asked the YPG workforce, "Do you remember where you were and your memories of that fateful day?"



Rocio Fernandez
Engineering technician

I was three weeks from giving birth. When I got to work, everyone was asking me if I was okay. My husband was in the military at the time. My boss had a television in his office which he had turned on and this is when I caught the news. I began to panic because they started to talk about "war" and this possibly meant my husband would be sent out. I was a ball of nerves by the time my husband called

me. No one in the office could concentrate on work because we were glued to the news. The commotion in the office went silent. It was the most horrific feeling for all of us. Now, I go back and think, my day was not even close to being as horrific as it was for all those people who lost their loved ones to this most terrifying event.

Ron Basolet
Supply technician



I was working for Yuma schools at the time this happened. I was devastated. What I found surprising, was how easy it was for the terrorists to take over the airplanes, not to mention the training they received from the United States beforehand. It seems we should have seen this coming.

Steve Greeley
Museum specialist



I was in Baumholder, Germany, working in the museum of the 1st Armored Division when a Soldier came in and said that a large airliner crashed into a giant building in New York City. At first, we did not take him seriously and thought he was pulling a "gotcha." Since he had pulled this kind of stuff on us before, we didn't believe him. He insisted that it was true. So we turned on the television and sure enough it was true.



LOANED PHOTO

Rocks laid out during World War II have never been disturbed. The rocks were used to outline tents and company streets.

Recent Camp Laguna archaeological survey brings history into focus

By Mark Schauer

Shortly after World War II broke out, as many as 15,000 Soldiers came to Camp Laguna, part of modern-day Yuma Proving Ground, on six month rotations for intense training to prepare for combat overseas.

The camp was part of the California-Arizona Maneuver Area, a huge swath of land commandeered for simulated missions of mechanized forces that spanned from Yuma to Searchlight, Nev. in the north, and was bordered on the east and west by Phoenix, Ariz. and Palm Desert, Calif. Conditions were intentionally harsh in an effort to toughen up the recruits—food rations were nothing to write home about and the men had to endure intense summer heat with limited water supplies. Soldiers trained at Camp Laguna served with

distinction in many theaters of the war. Of the 20 divisions that trained in the desert maneuver area, 10 went on to liberate Nazi concentration camps in Europe.

"Camp Laguna was very important in its contributing role to the Desert Training Center, one of the most important training centers in the United States," said Matthew Bischoff, a California State Park historian with extensive expertise on the maneuver area. "The Desert Training Center provided them with unique training experience, even though they never saw desert combat."

Most of the isolated camps of the desert maneuver area have long been deactivated and reverted to public land, making them easy prey to damage from off-road vehicles, souvenir hunters, and vandals. Thanks to its location within the modern borders of YPG, Camp Laguna served with

Hassle-free counseling offered to veterans

By Mark Schauer

All good things come to an end. Even a successful career serving one's country in the military must eventually close with retirement. Yet America's debt doesn't end when veterans transition back to civilian life. A variety of government benefits and programs are available to honorably discharged veterans making this major transition. "These are benefits that veterans have earned from their service," said Rosa Dayton, transition assistance manager for YPG's Army Community Service office. "They're not something they should feel uncomfortable seeking."

Still, many veterans and soon-to-be separated Soldiers may cringe at the thought of bureaucratic hurdles and endless red tape in getting the

benefits military service entitles them to. Soldiers and veterans at YPG, however, have access to the helping hand of Milton "Hawk" Hawkins, disabled veterans outreach specialist for the Arizona Department of Economic Security.

"We provide a broad spectrum of services not only to active duty personnel, but primarily to veterans," said Hawkins. "Our main goal is to get veterans employed in a retainable position or career."

A veteran himself, Hawkins has been coming to YPG since January to assist veterans and Soldiers close to retirement. His visits have become so popular that he now visits the Army Community Service office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every other Wednesday. Hawkins stresses that he can assist any retiring Soldier, even if they are not Arizona natives.

QUICK VETERAN FACTS

- Projected Veteran Population: 22,658,000
- Veteran Community Based Outpatient Clinics: 798
 - Veteran Centers: 278
 - Veteran Hospitals: 152
- Veteran National Cemeteries: 131
- Veteran Benefit Administration Regional Offices: 58

Editor's Note: This information was taken from The National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics (NCVAS).

"We can help if the separating Soldier is planning to return home to a different state," he said. "We have colleagues throughout the nation we can put them in contact with."

Hawkins adds that the help he offers goes beyond helping retiring Soldiers and veterans find jobs. An employed veteran may need assistance enrolling in the Veterans Administration (VA) health system, for example, or obtaining education

or disability benefits. For separating Soldiers in need of employment, he not only has information about job opportunities in both the public and private sector, but offers advice on creating a resume, engaging in a successful job interview, and developing marketing skills.

"Many employers look for leadership and time management skills that veterans possess," said Hawkins. "Our resume and interview workshops help veterans sell themselves and the valuable skills they possess to a civilian employer."

Hawkins encourages YPG's veterans and family members to inquire about services available to them, even if they have had negative experiences in years past.

"The VA is constantly trying to provide better and more efficient service to veterans and families," he said. "There are new programs and opportunities. Anyone can feel free to come in and ask questions."

"No question is too small," added Dayton. "Perhaps the law has changed in ways that can benefit veterans. Don't hesitate to come in and find out about what is available to help improve your life."

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STRESS

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of water, especially during times of stress. Experts recommend eight glasses a day. Drinking water will help in preventing heart attacks, strokes and blood clots; keeping your skin smooth, regulating your body temperature, helping your digestive system run smoothly.

When it comes to battling stress, exercise delivers the one-two punch. Serving as a stress-proofer, exercise gives your body the energy required to draw on in times of stress.

Exercise also dissolves muscle tension and releases your body's natural pain-killers to give you a general sense of well-being. With your doctor's approval, try walking, jogging, running or swimming. Any activity that vigorously and continually moves your large muscles for at least 20 minutes will do. Try to exercise three times a week, warm up before and cool down after exercising and include gentle stretching in your routine. If your schedule is jammed and you can't find time for a formal exercise program, don't stress out.

TEST

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weight, a crucial advantage for warfighters who carry far more gear than their forebears a half century ago. The T-11 underwent extensive developmental testing at YPG that proved it extraordinarily robust.

“We rigged many, many malfunctions into these canopies during developmental testing and we literally could not make it fail,” recalled Keith Allen, test officer in the Air Delivery Division who has also served as a paratrooper. “We tied the hem shut, and it still inflated through corner vents. We put different reefing lines throughout the canopy and tried to restrict airflow inside, and it still inflated.”

There is always room for improvement, however, and the T-11 is back at YPG for testing of an improved deployment sleeve, a long cotton encasement for the parachute’s 1,670 square foot canopy and controls its opening during a static line drop: when a paratrooper jumps from an airplane, the static line the jumper is attached to pulls the deployment bag from the container and elongates the canopy. The sleeve is then pulled off of the canopy, which inflates and stabilizes. An intact sleeve controls the inflation of the canopy and reduces the opening shock on the jumper, which makes for a safer deployment and descent. One of the main goals of this test is determining whether a lighter sleeve will perform to the same standards of the current one.

“Currently, the sleeves are constructed to 80 pounds,” said Tashfiq Salam, an aerospace engineer with Product Manager Soldier Clothing and Individual Equipment at U.S. Army Natick Soldier Systems Center in Massachusetts. “We’re trying to see how it performs at lower strengths.”

In addition to reducing costs, a



To ensure parachute damage doesn't occur on the ground, testers must recover the parachutes as soon as the final drop is complete. "Most damage to personnel parachutes is not due to the deployment process, but to recovery on the ground," said Keith Allen, test officer.

PHOTO BY MARK SCHAUER

lighter sleeve would further reduce the weight and bulk of the parachute pack, which is always enticing to heavily-laden paratroopers. Another important function of the cotton sleeve is to buffer and absorb the friction of a nylon deployment bag rubbing against a nylon canopy during jumps. It is not unusual for paratroopers to find friction burns on the deployment sleeve after a jump.

“Having burns on a cheap, easy-to-repair sleeve is better than on a very expensive, hard-to-repair canopy,” said Allen.

Most of the personnel parachute tests are conducted by harnessing the parachute under evaluation to a torso mannequin with stubs for arms. The mannequins are ballasted with however much weight the test calls for, then loaded onto an aluminum deployment rack specially designed and constructed by YPG engineers that is loaded into the cargo bay

of a C-17 or C-130 cargo plane. Whether dropped out of the aircraft's troop doors or off the ramp, the mannequins stay oriented vertically from the very beginning of the drop, just as a live jumper would. In this test, 20 mannequins of equal weight are harnessed with parachutes contained in a 40-, 60-, or 80 pound-strength sleeve. The mannequins are then dropped several at a time from the troop doors on successive passes over the isolated drop zone. Video data is collected during descent at this time, and the testers keep a keen eye on the impact locations. To ensure the sleeves aren't damaged before they can be examined, testers must recover the parachutes as soon as the final drop is complete.

“Most damage to personnel parachutes is not due to the deployment process, but to recovery on the ground,” said Allen. “Soldiers can get dragged on the ground by the

wind keeping their canopies inflated if they don't release canopies from their harnesses. With mannequins, the drop zone crew has to physically release the canopy soon after landing.”

After each drop, the testers examine the sleeves for rips, friction burns and broken strands of thread, and meticulously record any finding of each. The testers and recovery crew then fold and pack the parachutes into kit bags, which are loaded with the heavy mannequins onto the backs of large trucks. Back at the air delivery building, they are prepared for another drop.

YPG is home to all manner of parachute testing, with spacious and instrumented ranges large enough to accommodate even the world's largest cargo parachutes.

“We do most of our testing here,” said Salam. “The support we get from YPG personnel is outstanding.”

LAGUNA

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Laguna has largely escaped this fate. As a significant historic site protected by law, YPG is compelled to not only preserve the site, but to coordinate potential encroachments and impacts upon it with the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office. YPG's Environmental Sciences Division recently sponsored a detailed survey of the remains of Camp Laguna to streamline this process.

"One of the biggest reasons we're doing this is to develop a plan to improve management of the site and better plan how we do activities around the site," said Meg McDonald, YPG's cultural resources manager. "This is a well preserved camp and an important example of a World War II-era divisional camp."

Over 11 days this spring, an eight person cultural resources crew searched nearly 1,850 acres, traversing areas of the land at 20-meter intervals and recording what was visible above the sand and

desert pavement. The surveyors identified 31 unique areas of activity in the once-bustling camp.

"We documented everything that was there, from old razor blades to nails, bottles, and tent stakes," said Victor Gibbs of Zia Engineering and Environmental Consultants who conducted the survey. "We were updating surveys done in the middle 1990s."

During the meticulous search, the surveyors found a variety of artifacts, from common detritus of a World War II Army camp like empty Coca-Cola bottles and 1940s-era pennies to less likely things such as a marble, a hat pin, and a 1930s coin from the island nation of Fiji. Some of the items dated back to the 1880s. Amazingly, some of the finds were personally identifiable even after nearly 70 years in the sand.

"We found a 1942-43 chauffer's pin with a serial number we traced back to a man named Barnie Brewer," said Gibbs. "We're trying to track down his family to learn more about him."

Bischoff feels the study nicely



LOANED PHOTO

An aerial view of a company area established at World War II's Camp Laguna shows its outlines, pretty much intact after nearly 70 years.

complements existing unit data and more than 100 oral history reports from veterans of Camp Laguna.

"Camp Laguna is a great representation of U.S. military history and its commitment to

winning World War II," said Bischoff. "YPG's modern activities are on the same continuum of military preparedness. I hope we can continue to preserve the site and educate the public."

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Highway 95: A potential nightmare

Submitted by Yvonne Kennedy

Just a quick story that may save you some grief in the near future.

On Tuesday, August 23, I had been practicing our dance routine for the upcoming Hispanic Heritage luncheon with some girlfriends here on post after work. We had finished our practice at about 7 p.m. and were on the road heading home.

I was driving behind my friend Rocio Fernandez, who works at Ammo Logistics. She was driving her Jeep. Just as the new passing lane ends and before MM 41 near the Dome Valley turnoff, I see a brown streak moving from

east to west on the highway. It took a second before it registered that the brown streak was actually two deer darting across the road very quickly. A split second later, they both collided with my friend's Jeep! One hit the driver's side, front bumper and the other, hit the driver's side, back bumper.

The deer that hit the back end, rolled twice, stood up, looked straight at me (literally, deer in the headlights), then ran off.

I had to swerve into the opposite lane to avoid hitting the one that rolled in front of me. There was a car coming, but luckily he had been paying attention, slowed down, and

moved over to give me room.

Thank God, no one was hurt ... other than the poor deer ... it was pretty sad to see them get hit.

Fortunately, Fernandez was in a big sturdy vehicle. Had it been me who had hit the deer, my little car would have been crushed, and the front deer would have most likely gone through my windshield.

Her vehicle was covered with deer hair ... it was very bizarre to see the deer hair basically wrapped around three sides of her vehicle.

We were lucky! My message to all, friends, pay attention when you're on the road ... stay off your cell phones and focus on driving ... this occurred and was over in seconds!

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Hutton visit a 'wow' experience



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Keith Allen, test officer and team leader, explains recent air delivery testing to U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee staffer Church Hutton during his mid-August visit. Hutton witnessed a wide variety of activity and gathered a great deal of information over the course of a "packed" several hour schedule. Before his plane departed Yuma International Airport at the end of the day, he expressed gratitude to the YPG workforce for a most worthwhile, informational visit.

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Patrick D. Aiello, MD

Dr. Aiello received his MD degree from the University of Michigan. After completing both an Internship and Residency in Internal Medicine at the University of North Carolina, he finished a Residency in Ophthalmology at the world renowned Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. He is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Ophthalmology.

In addition to caring for his patients at the Aiello Eye Institute, he is an examiner for the American Board of Ophthalmology, and a clinical instructor for the Midwestern School of Osteopathic Medicine in Phoenix. He is a Senior Flight Surgeon and State Air Surgeon for the Arizona National Guard.

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