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YPG impresses at Second Spirit of Yuma Festival



by Mark Schauer

It is difficult to imagine the city of Yuma without any military presence.

For this reason the community paid tribute to the military with the second annual Spirit of Yuma

Performing at the Spirit of Yuma Festival was the brass quintet of the 62nd Army Band. The musical entertainment proved quite popular. (Photo by Mark Schauer)

Military Festival. Over one thousand people attended the three-day event in downtown Yuma, and YPG was front and center from the opening ceremony onward.

“It’s really fascinating to see a city that feels compelled to stage a celebration of military contributions to the local community,” said Col. Reed Young, YPG commander, who delivered opening remarks at the event. “The Army has been

in Yuma since 1850, with a military presence that predates even that. There has been a tremendous amount of activity in this area.”

Whereas last year’s event was held outdoors on the grounds of the Yuma Quartermaster Depot, this year’s festivities were held in the Yuma Art Center and Historic Yuma Theater. Instead of static displays of equipment Soldiers use, like

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Indeed, an honor to visit YPG

By Yolanda Canales

Maj. Gen. Jimmie Wells, commanding general of the 75th Training Division, visited YPG earlier this month and said, upon departing, that he was

honored to have been given the opportunity.

Aside from participating in a number of briefings, visiting proving ground facilities and going on an over flight, a highlight was going to Gun Position 2 on the Kofa Firing

Range. In addition to getting an “up close and personal” view of the crew preparing to fire, he pulled the lanyard of the 155mm M777 howitzer, causing it to fire.

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Maj. Gen. Jimmie Wells takes a close-up look at the M777 howitzer as Jered Ford, test engineer from Yuma Test Center’s Munitions & Weapons Division, explains the operation of the equipment. Listening in the background is Lt. Col. Chad Harris, YTC commander. (Photo by Yolie Canales)

Anti-terrorism exercise slated for February 15

An anti-terrorism exercise will take place February 15. Temporary traffic interruptions may occur. Further information will be provided by e-mail messages before and during the exercise. If you have questions, call ext. 2409. Additionally, testing of the giant voice system will be conducted from January 23 through the 25th.

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the howitzers and mortars erected last year, YPG exhibited 40 high-quality prints of evocative paintings and sketches rendered by Soldiers during every conflict since World War II. From two Soldiers sitting with feet dangling out the cargo door of a transport plane flying over the jungles of Vietnam to a Humvee fording a mountain stream as an Afghani with a pack mule looks on, the paintings captured not only the looks, but also the complex feelings of serving thousands of miles from home. The artwork was selected from the extensive archives of the Center of Military History by YPG Heritage Center curator Bill Heidner, and printed and framed by YPG personnel especially for the event.

“This display is meant to tie equipment we’ve tested at YPG to real world situations,” said Heidner. “The art suits our theme very well. The response from the public was tremendous.”

Visitors to YPG’s exhibit also saw photo displays of current test activities at the proving ground, the busiest in the Army, as well as a Silver Fox unmanned aircraft that has undergone extensive testing at the proving ground. Another popular attraction was a display of Army

helmets from World War I to the present day that were available to touch, hold and try on.

“Throughout the weekend you could see veterans of different eras lingering in front of the paintings that depicted scenes from the era they served in,” said Chuck Wullenjohn, YPG public affairs officer. “It was also neat to see children try on one of the vintage helmets accompanied by a parent or grandparent who wore that same type of headgear when they served. That’s a memory kids might always remember.”

Event visitors also had the opportunity to hear Heidner give a lecture on Camp Laguna, YPG’s World War II-era predecessor, as well as an overview of current events at the proving ground given by Wullenjohn. Large audiences were also treated to several daily shows by the brass quintet of the 62nd Army Band playing rousing patriotic marches and jazz standards from the Big Band era.

“There is a phenomenal relationship between the Yuma community and YPG,” said Young. “It is their support along with the thousands of Soldiers and civilians who served and worked at Yuma Test Station and Yuma Proving Ground for over sixty years that has made it what it is today. I’m glad we had the opportunity to have this exhibition.”



Over 1,000 people visited the Yuma Proving Ground artwork display. A Silver Fox unmanned aircraft that has undergone extensive testing at YPG and an exhibit of current YPG photos were also on display. (Photo by Mark Schauer)

Voluntary leave transfer program update

The Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (VLTP) is a way to donate annual leave to co-workers who are experiencing a medical emergency (their own or a family member’s emergency) and do not have enough leave to cover their absences. These employees have used or will use all sick and annual leave before being eligible to receive donations.

YPG currently has several employees on the VLTP recipient list:

- Joel Burgess, YTC, exacerbation of medical condition
- Tom Cimins, Garrison, kidney transplant
- Audra Lemme, RM, maternity leave following C-section
- Melissa Marquez, Contracting, maternity
- Alysha Miller, Plans & Ops, maternity
- Heather Pakkala, maternity

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- Robert "Smokee" Trujillo, motorcycle accident and subsequent surgeries

- Jesse White, cancer surgery
Any donation will be appreciated by the recipient. You can donate as little as one hour of annual leave or as much as one half of what you accrue in a leave year, although you must be able to use "use or lose" annual leave before the end of the leave year.

If you are interested in donating annual leave to your co-worker, just complete Optional Form 630-A and forward it back to the CPAC.

The CPAC will see the donation gets to the appropriate recipient. Please note, CPAC can only accept donations that indicate to whom the hours are to be given - please indicate this information in your submission. You can split the donations, as long as donations are in full-hour increments.

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NEXT OUTPOST DEADLINE

is noon January 26th

Sexual Assault Hotline:

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Army eliminates vehicle decals

By Angelia Pinto, Director

Army Provost Marshal Maj. Gen. David E. Quantock has authorized post and garrison commanders to do away with motor vehicle registration and decals. Like most other installations around the world, Yuma Proving Ground will cease issuing decals and registering vehicles this coming April.

While the requirement to register vehicles on base will disappear, all privately owned vehicles must continue to be licensed, registered, inspected and insured according to state and local laws. Rental vehicles are considered POVs for purposes of post entry and rental contracts serve as proof of proper licensing, registration and insurance.

The move to eliminate the

registration and decal display, known as DD Form 2220, came about because decals offer a false sense of security and are redundant to the information technology systems in place. "Vehicles change hands and many times those decals go from owner to owner to owner," Quantock said. "If all security counted on was a decal to give access to a post, a serious vulnerability would be created of which an adversary could take advantage."

The elimination of the decal program is a cost saving measure that will not impact security considerations in any way, he went on to say.

The requirement remains to show a Common Access Card, military ID, or other government-issued or approved photo identification for access to

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"I was once a young artillery officer," Wells said with a smile. "I'm proud of the heritage as a branch, yet, as a senior officer, my opportunities to get a true 'on-line' are limited today. I was elated when I was told I could pull the lanyard." He went on to explain that it brought up memories of his early days firing larger caliber (and some smaller) howitzers in the Republic of Korea, Germany, Panama and Grenada.

Wells found his ability to witness the challenges engineers are overcoming on the M777 breach and firing mechanism particularly valuable. "It was tremendous," he said. He also visited YPG's forward operating base (FOB) and Airborne Test Force facilities

In the four years Wells has been a commanding general, he has visited numerous places and spoken with many Soldiers. At YPG, however, he saw and took part in what could be several memorable events for him and his career. "From dogs to balloons, from

Yuma Proving Ground. All vehicles are subject to search at any time, which has always been true. Anyone entering YPG must also have a valid reason to do so. Existing stickers can remain on vehicles until such time that they expire. Motorists are advised to remove the stickers upon expiration.

Frequently-Asked Questions

Q -- Why is Yuma Proving Ground no longer using DoD decals/vehicle registration?

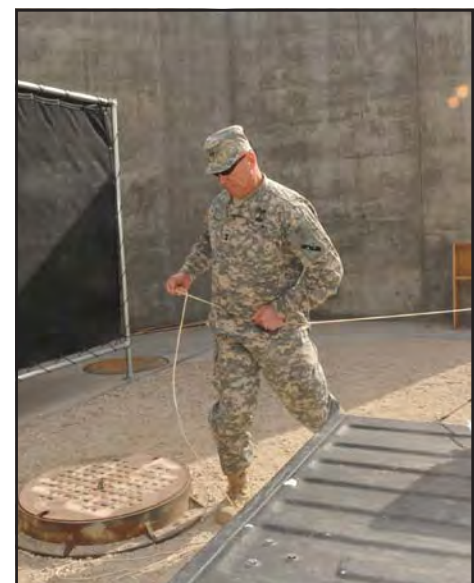
A - Recent instructions have eliminated vehicle registration and DoD decals as a mandatory requirement for access to military installations. The decal/registration process is redundant and does not further security.

Q -- Should personnel scrape the decals from their vehicles or leave them on?

A -- There is no mandate to remove them. If you visit other military installations you may wish to keep

FOBs to howitzers, YPG represents what is great in our nation," he said. "Its focus on providing quality testing with credible results gives our nation's warriors top flight equipment and capabilities. It was my honor to meet great men and women who serve in a unique way for our warriors' success."

Pulling on the lanyard at Kofa Firing Range Gun Position 2 is Maj. Gen. Wells. This was an opportunity he will not soon forget. (Photo by Yolie Canales)



your current decal on your vehicle. However, they should be removed once expired or upon transfer of vehicle ownership.

Q -- With no decals, will all vehicles entering YPG have to go through a vehicle search?

A -- No. Holders of valid DoD-issued ID cards will not be required to undergo a search. All vehicles must continue to be licensed, registered, inspected and insured in accordance with state and local laws, and are subject to checks at the gates by law enforcement or security personnel.

Q -- What if I am driving a rental car?

A -- If the driver has a valid DoD-issued ID card along with a valid rental car contract, they will not be required to undergo a search.

Q -- How are installations supplementing the security measure?

A -- Identification vetting, just as we do now, will continue. Law

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Winter driving safety tips

Submitted by Command Sgt. Maj. Forbes Daniels

No one wants to break down, but especially not in blustery winter weather. Start the season off right by ensuring your vehicle is in optimal driving condition.

The Yuma Proving Ground Auto Craft Shop is a great place to visit to assure your vehicle is ready for the rigors of winter driving. At the auto shop, you can check and rotate your tires, change the oil and perform other routine maintenance. You may:

- Conduct a tune-up.
- Check your vehicle for leaks, bad hoses, or other needed repairs or replacements.
- Check your tires to ensure they're properly inflated (as recommended by your vehicle manufacturer) and ensure the tread is sufficient with no uneven wear. Rubber begins to degrade after several years and tires may need replacement even if they have not seen much wear.
- Check the battery for sufficient voltage. When the temperature drops, so does battery power.
- Have your charging system and belts inspected.

Did you know that when coolant freezes, it expands? Such expansion can damage the vehicle's engine

beyond repair.

- Make sure you have enough coolant in your vehicle and that it's designed to withstand the temperatures you might experience.
- A 50/50 mix of coolant to water is sufficient for most regions of the country.

- Thoroughly check the cooling system for leaks or have your mechanic do it.

- If your system hasn't been flushed for several years, have it done now. Over time, rust inhibitors in anti-freeze break down and become ineffective. Coolant also needs to be refreshed periodically to remove dirt and rust particles that can clog the cooling system and cause it to fail.

During the winter season, drivers can go through a lot of windshield wiper fluid. Be prepared for whatever "mother nature" might send your way.

- Completely fill your vehicle's reservoir and check the fill level bi-weekly.

- Use high-quality, "no-freeze" fluid.

- Purchase extra to keep on hand in your vehicle.

Safe winter driving depends on achieving and maintaining the best visibility possible.

- Ensure windshield wipers work effectively and replace worn blades.

- Ensure window defrosters (front and rear) work properly.

Regardless of season, you should inspect your tires at least once a month before embarking on a long trip.

- Check the pressure of each tire.

- Keep a tire pressure gauge in your vehicle at all times and check pressure when tires are cold.

- Check tire tread and replace when necessary. Tread should be at least 1/16 of an inch or greater on all tires.

Keep yourself and others safe by planning ahead before venturing into bad weather.

- Check the weather, road conditions and traffic; plan to leave early if necessary.

- Don't rush! Allow plenty of time to get to your destination. Familiarize yourself with directions before you go, and let others know your route and anticipated arrival time.

- If road conditions are hazardous, avoid driving if possible. Wait until

road and weather conditions improve.

- Carry items in your vehicle to handle common winter driving tasks, such as cleaning your windshield, as well as any supplies you might need in an emergency.

"DON'T SPEED ON POST" obey speed limits (15 MPH in the housing and school area).

Keep the following on hand:

- Jumper cables, flashlight and warning devices, such as flares and markers.

- Blankets for protection from cold.

- A cell phone, water, food, and any necessary medicine

- If traveling in snowy areas, bring a snow shovel, an ice scraper, and abrasive material, such as sand or kitty litter, in case your vehicle gets stuck in the snow.

NEW HOURS OF OPERATION FOR JUDGE ADVOCATE OFFICE

The Office of the Command Judge Advocate has changed its public hours of operation.

Effective January 17 through April 19, the new hours are as follows:

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enforcement and security guards will continue vehicle safety checks, random searches and inspections at all gates. As in civilian communities, drivers on post are subject to citations for failing to ensure proper registration, inspection and insurance on vehicles.

Q -- Will there still be temporary passes?

A -- Yes. Temporary vehicle passes will continue to be issued using the same process we currently use.

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Fort Sherman boasts long and illustrious history in training exercises

By Mark Schauer

It was the late 1990s, and Capt. John Cavedo, commander of a Special Forces Operational Detachment, already had extensive experience in the tropics. He had been stationed at Panama's Fort Clayton for nearly two years, and also in Thailand. He had even traveled multiple times to Panama's Fort Sherman to participate in training exercises, but the one he was participating in now was the most intense.

"It was a three-day trek through dense jungle that culminated in a live fire exercise," recalled Cavedo, who is now a lieutenant colonel and commander of U.S. Army Cold Regions Test Center. "We crossed multiple streams with fairly large caiman swimming around us, and our patrol bases were amidst howler monkeys and other animals that kept us very alert at night."

The effects of the extreme jungle environment, however, weren't concluded. After conducting a small arms ambush on a moving target, an eight-man team rendezvoused for an extraction by an MH-60 Black Hawk helicopter dangling a Special Patrol Insertion Extraction (SPIE) rope from high above. The men hooked themselves and their gear to the rope, but the helicopter couldn't ascend vertically fast enough to spare them a bumpy ride.

"The last four at the end of the rope were dragged through trees for a considerable distance, resulting in minor scrapes and bruises," Cavedo said.

Worse, the SPIE rope began to oscillate in mid-flight. The severe spinning caused one of the Soldiers to pass out in his harness and the Black Hawk pilots considered lowering



Once a spick-and-span permanent coast artillery battery manned by a crew of trained gunnery professionals, Battery Kilpatrick is slowly being reclaimed by the jungle. Nearly all coast artillery batteries in the United States were decommissioned after World War II, victims of a new age of rockets and missiles. (Photos by Mark Schauer)

their dizzied passengers into the surf off the beach. They finally stabilized the rope and set the men down atop a disused concrete coastal artillery battery as originally planned.

"It was realistic training done in peace time with lots of lessons learned," said Cavedo.

Stories similar to Cavedo's are shared by thousands of other current and former American Soldiers who came to Fort Sherman from the early 1960s through the late 90's to attend the

the school taught an average of 7,000 soldiers per year the basics of jungle survival

Jungle Operations Training Center (JOTC). Originally created to train men for service in Vietnam, the school taught an average of 7,000 Soldiers per year the basics of jungle survival, and utilized another 1,000 annually to serve as mock opposing forces. In addition to the Jungle Warfare Course, JOTC also conducted jungle survival training for a variety of military occupational specialties, from combat engineers

to air crews. The school even provided instruction to Soldiers from

friendly foreign nations.

Construction of Fort Sherman, located near Colon on the Atlantic Ocean side of the Isthmus of Panama, commenced in 1911, and was conceived as a coastal artillery battery along with Fort Amador, which protected the Pacific side of the isthmus, as bulwarks against a naval attack on the Panama Canal, then under construction. These days, Fort Sherman is used as a training facility by the Panamanian National Air-Naval Service, but bunkers for the batteries remain, and like more modern infrastructure aboard the installation, are available for test purposes to evaluators of the U.S. Army Tropic Regions Test Center (TRTC). Permission to use the installation is secured by TRTC from the Panamanian government through coordination with the U.S. Embassy.



Personnel from the Panamanian National Air-Naval Service use Fort Sherman's facilities throughout the year, as do testers from the Tropic Regions Test Center.

"Since 2001, every test we brought to Panama through the U.S. Embassy has been accepted by the Panamanian government," said Ernest Hugh, TRTC director. "We have an excellent working relationship with the Panamanians."

The weapons bunkers, well preserved and maintained even after a century of being buffeted by what is considered the saltiest sea spray in the world, host storage testing for customers interested in studying the effects of extreme natural salinity and humidity. A well-maintained airstrip from the latter half of the 20th century makes Fort Sherman an ideal spot for testing moderately-sized unmanned aerial systems, which TRTC evaluators have done on several occasions.

Though Colon is the closest major city to Fort Sherman, Panama City is less than an hour away by a scenic highway that passes over the Chagres River, which feeds Gatun Lake that make the Panama Canal possible.

Even a century after the completion of the canal, the country remains one of the world's premier transit centers, a fact that greatly benefits the Army's efforts to conduct tropical testing.

"The advantage of Panama is that the capital is a major hub, a modern city less than an hour away from a triple canopy jungle, as well as other unique tropical microclimates," said Hugh. "In the event of a system malfunction, you can have replacement parts sent overnight delivery from the United States to Panama City. In Panama you have the best of all worlds."

Panama is conveniently located to the United States, too: Air travelers from Washington, D.C., to Los Angeles spend more time in flight than those going to Panama City, and at least two daily direct flights are available from American cities like Houston, Atlanta, Miami, Newark, and Los Angeles.

"As operations in Southwest Asia wind down, the armed forces are realizing the necessity of testing items in tropic environments," said Hugh. "It is critical that the equipment Soldiers depend on works as expected wherever in the world they are deployed. TRTC is well poised to test a variety of systems in this extreme and unforgiving environment."



Many of Fort Sherman's buildings have decayed over the years as activity declined. However, the necessity of being prepared for military operations in tropical areas remains as important today as ever.



Once a training facility for thousands of Soldiers each year, Fort Sherman consists of more buildings than currently needed for military purposes. The fort originally contained a number of coast artillery batteries operating huge seacoast cannons to protect the Panama Canal.

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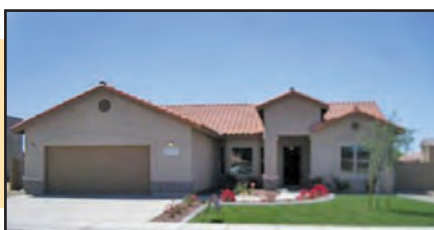
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PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS TO US 95 NORTH OF YUMA

Delays possible North of Yuma Proving Ground Main Gate; allow extra travel time

Motorists traveling between Yuma and Quartzsite need to be aware of possible delays and allow extra travel time due to a paving project to improve US 95 north of the Yuma Proving Ground Main Gate, according to the Arizona Department of Transportation.

The project, which began Tuesday, Jan. 17, consists of repaving the roadway, roadside pipe repairs and shoulder improvements along US 95. Although no immediate lane closures are scheduled, there will be times when workers intermittently will

have to stop traffic along US 95 north of Aberdeen Road.

What to expect during construction:

- * Crews will work weekdays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- * Delays are likely to occur during the paving portion of the project.

- * Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) will advise the public in advance to help motorists plan ahead.

- * Speed limit in the work zone will be reduced.

- * Law enforcement will be on-site to monitor speeds.

- * Signs and message boards will be displayed to inform drivers of restrictions.

This \$2.4 million project is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2012.

ADOT works to inform the public about planned highway restrictions, but there is a possibility that unscheduled closures or restrictions may occur. Weather can also affect a project schedule. To stay up-to-date with the latest highway conditions

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VIEWPOINTS

Our readers were asked the following question: When you go to the movies, what is the favorite snack you enjoy from the snack bar?



Troy Guerra
Test Officer

I like to get a large popcorn with layered butter. Basically, I fill the bag half way with popcorn, then add a generous helping of butter, then fill it up with popcorn and another helping of butter. Sometimes, I will top that off with some jalapenos! I also like candy during a movie but will only have some if I'm successful sneaking it into the theater. Who can afford \$5 for a pack of skittles these days?



Julio Dominguez
Technical Director

No other snack then "popcorn." Why? Because that's what I got when I was a kid and my parents took all my family to the drive-in theater (remember those days?).

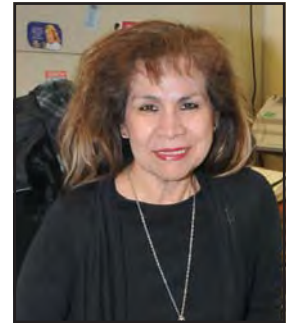
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Zumba Instructor

We buy the theater's movie cup each year, so I like to get Diet Dr. Pepper for \$1 in our movie cup. I like it because it's only \$1 and nice to sip on during the flick. And sometimes, I'll sneak in our own snack, like a pack of M&M's. Shhhh, don't tell...



Teresa Marchuck
Administrative Assistant

My favorite snacks are the salty pretzels and popcorn. They taste so good. I don't eat much popcorn, except for when I go to the movies. It's more of a tradition. I especially like the variety of condiments that you can add to make it tastier and the pretzel's are so fresh and tender. This all goes well with a nice cold soda!



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Rudy Rodriguez
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I'm a creature of habit. Once I have associated a place with a certain kind of food, like popcorn at the movie theater, I keep eating it-- even if it's stale. I think my brain came to associate popcorn with the theater environment and the rest is history.

Maritza Smuda
Housing Counselor

My favorite snack when I go to the movies is a pretzel with cheese! I love the warm buttery lightly salted bread dipped in the Nacho cheese. It's cool to also select the different varieties they have at the theater. But pretzels with cheese all the way for me!!!



2011 tax season new changes

Due to a shortage in manpower, the YPG Tax Center has one tax preparer this year, therefore, few changes have been made to continue our services to you:

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Congratulations to the following personnel that are recognized for their excellent customer service at Yuma Proving Ground. YPG customers were so impressed with their service, they submitted ICE comments to tell us what an exceptional job they did. If you would like to comment on one of our Service Providers go to <http://ice.disa.mil>

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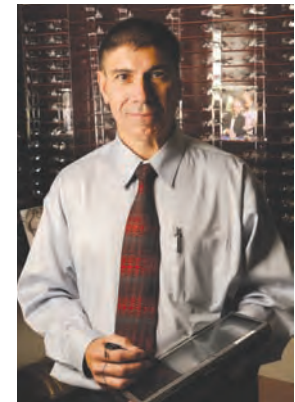
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About Dr. Aiello



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.

Having performed more than 15,000 surgeries, he is regarded as one of the state's leading eye surgeons.

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