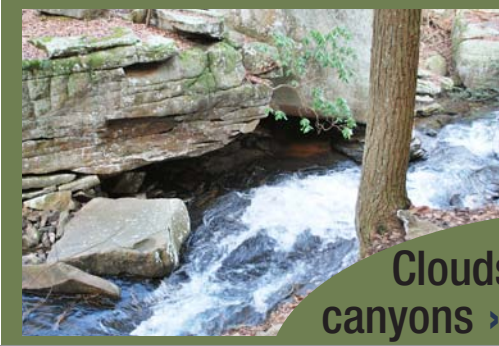




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## GI benefits can transfer to child, spouse



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The Post-9/11 GI Bill allows Soldiers who meet the necessary criteria to transfer educational benefits to their spouse or child. Here, Sgt. Brandon Bregel prepares to clear a bridge in Zabul province, Afghanistan.

### Option open to Soldiers eligible for GI Bill

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While Soldiers are provided with a variety of benefits during their military career, educational benefits may be among the most well known and often used.

However, some Soldiers may not be aware that educational benefits provided by a Post-9/11 GI Bill allow Soldiers who meet certain criteria to transfer their educational benefits to their spouse or children.

In order to qualify for the benefits transfer, a Soldier must first qualify for the GI Bill itself.

Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility requires that Soldiers have 90 days of qualifying service after Sept. 10, 2001, to receive

#### TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Currently on active duty or a member of the selected reserve
- Have no adverse or negative actions pending
- Agree to serve the prescribed additional service obligation based on time the individual had in service as of Aug. 1, 2009

#### ADDITIONAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

If the Soldier has the following total time in service as of Aug. 1, 2009	Then the service remaining requirement will start on the date of submission to transfer benefits on the TEB website and will be:
20 or more years	No additional service
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17 years	3 years
Less than 17 years	4 years

Effective Aug. 1, 2013, personnel will incur a four-year additional service obligation in order to transfer educational benefits.

40 percent of the GI Bill benefits and 36 months or more of qualifying service after Sept. 10, 2001, to receive 100 percent of the

benefits. Non-qualified service is defined as the first five years of active-duty service » **GI BILL, A3**



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Former Staff Sgt. Clinton Romesha was awarded the Medal of Honor Monday for his bravery Oct. 3, 2009, at Combat Outpost Keating.

## Former Scout awarded Army's highest honor

By C. TODD LOPEZ  
Army News Service

President Barack Obama placed the Medal of Honor around the neck of former Army Staff Sgt. Clinton Romesha during a ceremony Monday in the East Room

of the White House.

Romesha is the fourth living service member to receive the medal for service in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. The former Soldier earned the

Medal of Honor for actions Oct. 3, 2009, at Combat Outpost Keating, Kamdesh District, Nuristan Province, Afghanistan.

On that morning, Combat Outpost Keating, manned » **HONOR, A6**

## DA extends benefits for same-sex partners

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Calling it “a matter of fundamental equity,” Defense Secretary Leon Panetta signed Monday a memorandum to the service secretaries and the Pentagon’s top personnel official extending benefits to same-sex partners of service members.

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## Exchange takes steps to stop shoplifters

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While the Exchange and other on-post shopping options are here to serve Soldiers and their Families, some people try to take advantage of these businesses through shoplifting and theft.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service combats attempted thefts through its loss prevention division, which is led at Fort Benning by Bill Dixon, area loss prevention manager.

Dixon said while many may think of military installations as crime-free, that is not the case.

“There’s a misconception that the military installation is safe and perfect and there’s no crime, but the reality is that it’s a city just like any other city,” Dixon said. “There are the same things going on on-post as there are off-post. We just have a different way of dealing with it on-post.”

» **CRIME, A4**

RIGHT: Two Stryker Infantry Carrier Vehicles fire downrange during a training exercise viewed by employees from Anniston Army Depot. BELOW: Sgt. Jeremy Tonkin, C Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, demonstrates the position of a Stryker vehicle commander.



## SBCTs showcase capabilities

By CHERYL RODEWIG  
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Envisioned in the late '90s and developed a few years later, the Stryker Brigade Combat Team combines maneuverability with functional firepower, serving as an effective tool in the fight to gain overmatch against the enemy.

But more than just Soldiers go into this formation, the only one of its kind to feature three maneuver battalions.

» **SBCT, A4**

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# AROUND THE ARMY

## Panetta talks 2014 defense budgetary request

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta revealed that the proposed military pay raise for 2014 is 1 percent, and that the department is proceeding in a logical, careful way to do its part to cut the deficit and preserve military capabilities.

Panetta and Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spoke at the Pentagon during a reporters roundtable about what the 2014 budget proposal would look like and what the threat of budget uncertainty, including the looming threat of sequestration, would mean to it.

In a normal year, defense officials would be discussing the fiscal 2014 DOD budget request now. But this year is far from normal, and officials do not expect the budget to even go to Congress until late in March.

The budget the secretary outlined includes the \$487 billion in cuts that were proposed in 2011. The budget also is based on the defense strategy unveiled in January 2012. It “really does set a framework for what the force of the 21st century should look like,” Panetta said.

What’s most important is the budget proposal would “protect the strongest military on Earth,” he said.

The fiscal 2014 budget proposal also requests a military pay raise of 1 percent.

“No one is getting a pay cut, but we will provide a pay raise that’s smaller than we’ve seen in past years in order to achieve some savings by virtue of what we confront in the compensation area,” Panetta said.

## Charging smart phone can increase cyber threat

YONGSAN, South Korea — Smart phone owners with access to government computers in South Korea have rapidly become the number one group of cyber security violators in the country.

Over a recent seven-day period, the Korea Theater Network Operations Center detected 129 cyber violations caused by smart phones alone. Most of the perpetrators did not realize they had done anything wrong.

“The main problem is that people are using their government computers to charge their phones with USB cables,” said Lt. Col Mary M. Rezendes, 1st Signal Brigade operations officer-in-charge.

Violators don’t realize that computers recognize their phones as USB devices and that their software puts the network at risk.

The Army’s information assurance policies, found in Army Regulation 25-2, prohibit the use of USB devices on its networks. Before being granted access to Army networks, users are required to take cyber security training. They also sign a user agreement that states that they will not use USB devices on government computers.

“Cyber security is at the top of the list of our priorities and we must hold those accountable for violating the Army’s policies,” Rezendes said.

Service members who violate the policy are subject to punishment under military law. Civilians may be reprimanded.

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# TRADOC CG talks budget cuts

By ANTHONY O'BRYANT  
TRADOC

FORT EUSTIS, Va. — With the daily drumbeat of news and rumors surrounding uncertainty of Army funding levels, Gen. Robert W. Cone, commanding general of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, hosted a town hall forum to share information directly with the TRADOC civilian workforce Feb. 7 at Jacob's Theater on Fort Eustis.

“I have learned during my time in the Army that communication is critical when you are going through a tough situation or are dealing with a lot of uncertainty,” Cone said. “I may not have all of the information you want at this time, but I want to make sure that we all have a shared view of the situation.”

The uncertainty for the Army’s budget is created by a one-two punch of operating under a continuing resolution with funding levels locked at the 2012 fiscal year rate, and the potential cuts, or sequestration, that are set to take effect March 1.

Cone told the standing-room-only crowd of TRADOC civilians and their supervisors that the command’s potential share of the Army’s budget reduction



SGT. 1ST CLASS KELLY BRIDGWATER

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is about 20 percent of the total budget for fiscal year 2013. TRADOC is following the secretary of defense’s guidance to take immediate actions to reduce spending and conduct necessary planning in preparation for potential funding reductions.

TRADOC’s commanding general also said he believes that the command’s proactive measures to cut costs such as limiting temporary duty travel, curtailing conferences and finding other efficiencies have helped to dampen the magnitude of potential budget cuts.

“Because of the great work you have done and the reputations you have in your organizations,

our budget is actually smaller in 2013 than it was in 2001,” Cone said. “You have done a great job. A lot of the things we can do to save money have already been done. You have ‘paid the piper’ in the past, and while the projected cut is not good, it is better than what it could be.”

Cone reiterated the need to protect what he believes is the “seed corn” for the future — the command’s nearly 19,600-strong civilian workforce — which includes temps, terms and permanent employees throughout the United States.

Cone cautioned that although current guidance is to not extend term employees past their

appointments and release temp employees by Feb. 22, “some of the most innovative work in this command is being done by temps and terms.”

To that end, a deliberate review to validate mission-essential temp and term positions is being conducted across the command.

The furloughing of permanent civilian employees will be a tool of last resort, but is being considered as a potential measure to meet the Army’s fiscal requirements.

“For the last year and a half, we have been very disciplined in our personnel decisions,” Helmersen said. “We have made some innovative changes to try and protect our permanent workforce.”

After taking questions from the audience, TRADOC leaders emphasized that every effort to protect the workforce will be made and updates will be provided in a timely manner through senior leader engagements like this town hall.

The TRADOC Public Affairs Office will post an information page to the TRADOC website, [www.tradoc.army.mil](http://www.tradoc.army.mil), to provide information about potential impacts to TRADOC’s workforce.

# 198th Infantry gathers for worship

By LT. COL. A. GERALD DUBOSE JR.  
198th Infantry Brigade

More than 19,000 trainees passed through the footprint of the “Brave and Bold,” 198th Infantry Brigade, one station unit training on Sand Hill. Depending upon their military occupation speciality, their training will last 12 to 14 weeks.

Even though both cadre and trainees spend enormous hours training, on Sunday morning, however, the trainees hit the road for the nearest chapel on Sand Hill to worship and reinforce their spiritual resilience. Those who travel to Soldiers Chapel arrive by a variety of methods including bus, van or marching formations.

The 198th Infantry Brigade unit ministry teams have the awesome responsibility to ensure every trainee is given the opportunity to practice their religious beliefs via worship or by religious studies. Within the brigade, there are currently three Protestant chaplains, one Catholic priest, one Jewish rabbi and five chaplain assistants, even though it’s almost unheard of to have chaplains of such distinct religious backgrounds within one brigade at the same time. Having chaplains with diverse religious denominations allows trainees a broader choice of worship services to attend.

On a weekly basis, about 1,200 Protestant trainees and 425 Catholic trainees attend worship at Soldiers Chapel on Sand Hill. There are three Sunday morning time slots designated for trainees of Protestant faith and time is allocated Sunday afternoon for Catholic Mass. In order to accomplish this weekly mission, several essential factors align to provide a quality worshipping experience for trainees. The brigade UMT plays a significant role in this task, which consists of a chaplain, OIC, a chaplain assistant and NCOIC. The OIC and the NCOIC’s primary mission are twofold: oversee



COURTESY PHOTO

Soldiers from the 198th Infantry Brigade pray during a worship service Sunday at Soldiers Chapel.

daily operations of the chapel and provide support to all battalion UMTs.

Each Sunday, a chaplain and a chaplain assistant from one of the battalions are in charge of services with provided support from a musician and two volunteers.

Ultimately, the chaplain is responsible for conducting worship service, leading the congregation in Scripture readings, prayer and allowing the trainees to express their faith through giving of offering.

In addition, the chaplain also delivers a sermon generally focusing on encouragement, hope, peace and challenging trainees to pursue their spiritual development in God. Occasionally, between worship, he will also perform brief counseling sessions with trainees.

Chaplain assistants are other key personnel involved in the worship experience.

He or she opens the chapel every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. and remains until 4 p.m. to secure the building and recover the chapel for the next the event.

On Communion Sundays, Spc. Ashley Ard is responsible for preparing the necessary items prior to the beginning of worship, while the chaplain administers communion during service.

Still another valuable portion of the

worship service includes our musical staff consisting of one pianist, Rachel Thorne, and two volunteers, Bob and Becky Ingram. They start their day each Sunday at Soldiers Chapel from 8 a.m. to noon. Occasionally, trainees take additional parts in worship by playing various musical instruments and singing during service. Members on the musical staff encourage trainees to use their talents in all musical facets of worship. Believe it or not, there are many gifted future Infantrymen attending worship that are very talented in the music sector.

By and large, worship on Sunday for the 198th Infantry Brigade UMTs is an exhilarating time of the week.

Moreover, it is an unparalleled site to observe over 1,200 young men coming and going from Soldiers Chapel weekly. These men take full advantage of their First Amendment right to free exercise of religion.

As a result of their determination to include a spiritual dimension to their training, they will certainly be better prepared to face life’s many challenges. Additionally, sustaining a spiritual balance will enable these future warriors to become further equipped for the rigorous military environment. Trainees today are the U.S. Army’s Soldiers of tomorrow.

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# Government vehicle misuse 'costly'

Inappropriate use should be reported to post Transportation Office

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Government vehicles are being used in inappropriate ways and it has to stop, transportation office officials said.

"If you're using a vehicle to carry out the mission, then more than likely you're using the vehicle properly, but if you're not, you need to stop and question if it's the right thing to do," said Derrick Candler, installation transportation officer for the Directorate of Logistics.

An example of proper use includes driving to a meeting for work or going to a nearby restaurant while on TDY. Improper use includes activities such as running personal errands or transporting friends around post.

That kind of improper use becomes especially significant during lean economic times, Candler said, when funds are low.

"At least a few times a week we get reports of government vehicles parked in unauthorized places, and that's becoming a huge problem," he said. "If we allow government vehicles to be misused, we are contributing to the waste of resources. As public stewards, we are entrusted to ensure the proper use of and exercise positive control over government vehicles. When a government vehicle is used for reasons other than official government business, it is costly as well as illegal. Misuse of government vehicles continues to chip away at the core of our support base — vehicles and money — and violates Army Regulation 58-1."

Another aspect to consider is the increase in the probability of a car wreck, however minor.

"The more vehicles are driven for unofficial purposes, the more the potential for inexcusable accidents," Candler said, "thereby adversely affecting our ability to function effectively and efficiently."

While misuse adds unnecessary miles to already old vehicles and compounds fuel expenses, using them correctly and taking care of them helps save the Army money that can ultimately be put to better use, he said.



## EXAMPLES OF HOW TO USE (AND NOT USE) A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE

### Permissible uses

- Official business (e.g., making rounds of area work sites, attending a meeting, officially participating in a public ceremony).
- Traveling from place of duty to after-hours official functions. Vehicle must return to place of duty.
- Going to the dry cleaners, barber, drugstore, or a local restaurant while on TDY.
- When in doubt, consult legal counsel.

### Impermissible uses

- Driving vehicles to the dining facility, barracks or off-post restaurants while not TDY.
- Going to a private social function (e.g., unofficial birthday ball, hail and farewell, private dinner party).
- Doing personal errands or business (e.g., going to the bank or a drive-through).
- Transporting dependents/visitors (e.g., girlfriend, boyfriend, children, parents) other than the spouse or non-spouse escort in a GOV with the employee.
- Going to the movies or bowling alley while on TDY.

Candler suggested military and DA civilians to assess their use of government vehicles and advised leaders to maintain the appropriate oversight over the government vehicles under their care.

"Leaders are ultimately responsible for the proper use of all non-tactical vehicles assigned to them," he said.

People can report misuse of government vehicles through their chain of command or by calling the transportation office at 706-545-3018.

## GI Bill | From A1

obligation for service academy commissioning, the first four years of ADSO from an ROTC scholarship and the first three years of ADSO from a student loan repayment program election.

Once a Soldier meets the Post-9/11 GI Bill requirements, they then must meet transfer eligibility criteria in order to initiate the transfer of any benefits.

In order to transfer benefits, the Soldier must be currently on active duty or a member of the selected reserve, have at least six years of eligible service, have no adverse or negative actions pending and agree to serve an additional service obligation based on the time the Soldier had in service as of Aug. 1, 2009.

If a Soldier had 20 or more years of service as of August 2009, then there is no additional service requirement; 19 years of service as of August 2009 carries an additional service requirement of one year, while 18 years of service would require an additional two-year service requirement and 17 years requires an additional three years of service.

If a Soldier has less than 17 years of service, then four additional years of service are required in order to qualify for the benefits transfer.

However, beginning Aug. 1, 2013, all personnel who wish to transfer educational benefits will incur a four-year additional service requirement or service remaining requirement.

With the change impending and the economy still on shaky ground, Master Sgt. Gregg Curry, a reserve component career counselor, said Soldiers interested in transferring their benefits should do so as soon as possible.

"If you can transfer your benefits and take care of it now, that would be my recommendation," Curry said. "With the economic climate today, it's probably a good idea to go ahead and do it sooner rather than later."

In order to begin the transfer process, Soldiers should visit the MilConnect website at [www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect).

Curry said he recommends initially transferring one month of benefits to all Family members that might need benefits in the future, as a one-month transfer will activate them in the system now, rather than after Aug. 1.

"As long as you enter one month of benefits for each person, then they become active in the system and you can transfer benefits to them freely," Curry said. "If you have a child who drops out of school or something like that, you can take whatever benefits you had transferred to them and transfer them to another family member or dependent. You're able to move them around, so long as

### Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility criteria

- 90 days of qualifying service after Sept. 10, 2001, earns 40 percent of benefits.
- 36 months or more of qualifying service after Sept. 10, 2001, earns full benefits.

### Non-qualifying service

- First five years of active duty service obligation for service academy commissioning.
- First four years of ADSO from an ROTC scholarship.
- First three years of ADSO from a student loan repayment program election.

they're entered into the system initially with one month of benefits. After that, you have the flexibility to move them around."

Soldiers should contact their servicing career counselor once they have requested the transfer, as the counselor will serve as the approving official for the process.

After requesting the transfer, Soldiers should return to the website at a later date to ensure the transfer was accepted.

Once a request is approved, the recipient of the benefits must go to the Veterans InLine Application website at [vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp](http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp) and submit Form 22-1990e.

Upon completion of the form, the benefit recipient will receive the certificate of eligibility that schools require when enrolling students who are using transferred benefits.

Dependents may use their transferred benefits to attend any VA-approved institution of higher learning, including two-year or four-year public or private colleges and universities, including online schools.

They may pursue any degree permitted by the Post-9/11 GI Bill, including associate's degrees, bachelor's degrees, master's or first professional degrees or doctorate degrees.

The VA will play tuition and eligible fees directly to the school, up to the in-state maximum, which varies by state.

A monthly housing allowance is also provided to full-time students, which depends upon the ZIP code of the school.

If the student is taking all online courses, the housing allowance will not be authorized. However, taking at least one traditional class in a classroom setting can cause the housing allowance to be authorized.

Spouses are not eligible for the housing allowance if the Soldier is still serving on active duty, but dependent children will receive the allowance regardless if they are living at home or not.

If a Soldier encounters problems during the transfer process, they should contact their career counselor at the battalion or brigade level.

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- » A Stryker's service life is about 20 years with an ideal fleet age of 10 years or less.
- » Recent underbelly protection improvements to the Strykers (double V hull) have saved lives.
- » SBCTs will remain a large part of the force for next 30-plus years.

# SBCT

From A1

Col. Elmer Speights Jr., director of TRADOC Capabilities Manager – Stryker, invited more than a dozen personnel from Anniston Army Depot, Ala., to Fort Benning last week for an in-depth look at the Stryker Brigade Combat Team — its capabilities and what it looks like in action.

While the professionals at Anniston are responsible for the Stryker when it's out of combat, most have never even seen one fire, Speights said.

"You see the dedication on their faces. They actually love what they do," said Speights, who toured the Alabama facility last fall. "Outside of Anniston, they really had no idea of how their vehicle was being used. They're all excited. This is the real thing for them."

Wednesday's schedule included a brief on the past use and future plans of the SBCT. Afterward, Anniston employees viewed a training exercise conducted by C Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, on Red Cloud Range.

While also a way to say thank you, the visit allowed the visitors to gain new information on the SBCT.

"They get the chance to talk to Soldiers who've actually been to combat with their vehicle," Speights said. "They get to hear a Soldier talk about the good and bad aspects of the vehicle."

The training was as real-world as possible. It included two Bradleys and two Stryker Infantry Carrier Vehicles, both conducting live fires.

Speights said the simulated combat scenario would be a first for most of the Anniston employees, who typically see only the aftermath of real encounters downrange.

"They see the devastating damage that comes back from war," he said. "They fix it like brand new, push it back out, but they don't know anything about how that vehicle was blown up, what happened to the troops who were in there."

"Then they have these new things called double V hulls that they hear are saving hundreds of lives in theater from IED strikes. They see this devastated vehicle come back in and say, 'Did this whole crew walk away?' And we come back and tell them, 'Yes, they did, and this is why.'"

When Strykers were first developed, they were flat-bottomed vehicles. In 2011, the first double V hull Strykers were fielded to Afghanistan.

## STRYKER

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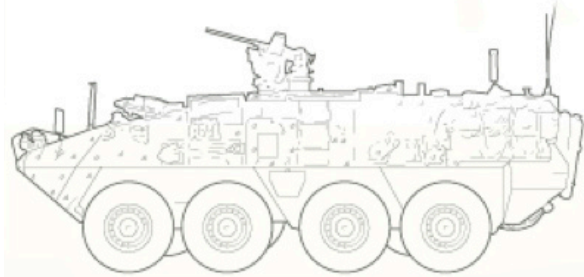
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Performance highlights include C-130 transportability; internetted C41SR capability; integral all-around ground fired medium caliber ballistic projectiles; artillery high-explosive munitions bursting above or around the vehicle, and IED incidents; crew-installable add-on armor kit that provides 360-degree RPG protection. Additional capabilities include the following: an internal recoil-mounted 120mm mortar system; embedded training capability; self-deployment and self-recovery capability; reduced vehicle acoustic signature; ability to carry a nine-man infantry or engineer squad; bunker and wall breaching capability. These highlights provide a force which moves rapidly as a cohesive combined arms combat team.

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The new design provides additional protection against IEDs, and has literally saved Soldiers' lives, said Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Marcon, Anniston Army Depot sergeant major.

Speights said the additional armor adds to the weight of the vehicle, so developers are looking to add a 450 horsepower engine.

The new engine is one of the many Engineer Change Proposals currently on the table — "small improvements that make a big update in the system," Speights said. After the updates are approved, the Anniston employees will be the first to see and input the changes. It's part of a reset program Strykers are currently undergoing to prepare them for the future battlefield. The Stryker vehicle is expected to last at

least another 30 years in the Army, Speights said, and Anniston Army Depot will be part of that future. He said he hopes to continue hosting groups from Anniston Army Depot. The Anniston employees are both Department of Defense civilians and General Dynamics Land Systems contractors.

Ultimately, Marcon said, the visit strengthens the partnership between TCM Stryker and Anniston Army Depot and benefits both.

"It's just a great opportunity," he said. "We'll take back a lot of information, a lot of insight. In the long run, it will help us. They get to see their work and what it does. It's going to give them more pride in the work they do."

## SBCT decisions pending

- » Engineer Change Proposal — Addresses the diminishing electrical power margin and mechanical improvements
- » Final approval of BCT 2020 Force Design pending for all three maneuver formations
- » Fielding Double V Hull Strykers to units after Operation Enduring Freedom
- » Exchange of flat bottom hull to create additional double V hull Strykers

# Crime

From A1

In 2012, 95 individuals were arrested for shoplifting at Fort Benning, including 38 spouses of active-duty Soldiers, 23 unauthorized civilians, 20 active-duty Soldiers, eight civilians and six juveniles.

In the past, loss prevention efforts have focused on juveniles, which has led to a steady decline in instances of juvenile theft on-post. However, spouses of Soldiers have now become the largest area of concern for AAFES.

"The issue with the spouses is something that's kind of new to us," Dixon said. "Recently, I went to a meeting and spoke specifically to the spouses about shoplifting. We just wanted to educate them on what happens."

AAFES routinely focuses on educating the younger members of the community on the dangers of shoplifting, an effort that Dixon said is key to curtailing the problem in the long-term.

"The more we educate the younger people, the more difference we can make," Dixon said. "The people who are older than 30 and are still stealing are the ones I don't think too much can be done about. But, if we can catch those who are 18 to 25 and just show them what can happen to them, I think we can cut down on shoplifting."

There are several consequences for shoplifting on post, which can include the potential for arrest or a \$200 civil recovery fine. Soldiers caught stealing can be demoted or face a court-martial, and family members caught stealing could be

barred from Fort Benning.

Dixon said the loss prevention team uses a variety of tools to catch shoplifters, not the least of which is the surveillance camera system in place at all AAFES locations.

The cameras, which have the ability to rotate 360 degrees and zoom 300-400 yards, can be controlled remotely from a central control room, and can be used to identify suspects after a theft has occurred.

"If a Soldier steals something of value, we're going to collect that amount if we identify them," Dixon said. "Once we identify the Soldier and send the commander a notification of the damages, generally the commander will order the Soldier to pay the damages owed. After 90 days, the complaint will go to a collections department at headquarters, and if the Soldier is active duty, then it will go to the Treasury office, who will just automatically take it out of their wages."

Outside of Soldiers and their Families, AAFES has also seen a growth in thefts by unauthorized civilian shoppers.

"I think that's because it's a little easier to get on post now," Dixon said. "But that isn't the entire reason. Sometimes authorized shoppers will bring unauthorized shoppers in, and they'll do some things they shouldn't be doing. The thing that hurts us is when an unauthorized person comes in and steals, it's harder to recover it, and if there's damage to the merchandise, we generally lose that investment instead of getting the money back."

The loss prevention team keeps an eye on trends in retail theft, helping it to identify those products that might be targeted more



AAFES loss prevention detective Pat Maynor uses the camera surveillance system at the Exchange to monitor suspicious activity.

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frequently.

"We don't watch people, we watch merchandise," Dixon said. "Whatever the popular item is on the street right now, we know that. We have access to those statistics. When people pick that merchandise up, generally if they don't throw it into a shopping cart, we keep a close eye on it."

Once those frequently stolen products are identified, steps can be taken to limit the opportunity for theft.

Video game thefts, for example, were once an area of concern for AAFES, but have now been almost entirely eliminated.

"Just last year, we put what we call game keepers, which are thick plastic boxes with a magnetic strip, on the video games," Dixon said. "We went from losing \$800-900 worth of games per month to losing nothing. The boxes cost \$10 each, but they've already paid for themselves."

Loss prevention is not the only department concerned with preventing shoplifting.

Vincent James, general manager of the

local Exchange, said employees are trained to engage customers verbally, something that helps to not only provide quality customer service, but also to serve as a shoplifting deterrent.

"We have a 10-foot rule, where when a customer comes within 10 feet of an associate, the associate is supposed to acknowledge the customer," James said. "That helps prevent shoplifting because if someone is thinking about shoplifting, it helps to plant the idea that we're watching them."

While shoplifting is a concern for AAFES, it is not the only loss prevention issue that it faces. Employee theft and fraud have also been problems in the past, Dixon said.

"We've had some bad apples that we've hired, but we've always made it right with our customers as soon as we discovered something was going on," he said. "There's not a company out there that hasn't had a bad employee, but we do whatever we can to make it right when that does happen."

# Benefits From A1

Here is the secretary's announcement of the policy change:

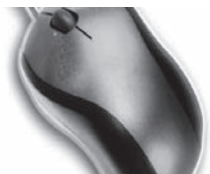
"Seventeen months ago, the United States military ended the policy of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell.' We have implemented the repeal of that policy and made clear that discrimination based on sexual orientation has no place in the Department of Defense.

"At the time of repeal, I committed to reviewing benefits that had not previously been available to same-sex partners based on existing law and policy. It is a matter of fundamental equity that we provide similar benefits to all of those men and women in uniform who serve their country.

"The department already provides a group of benefits that are member-designated. Today, I am pleased to announce that after a thorough and deliberate review, the department will extend additional benefits to same-sex partners of service members.

"Taking care of our service members and honoring the sacrifices of all military families are two core values of this nation. Extending these benefits is an appropriate next step under current law to ensure that all service members receive equal support for what they do to protect this nation.

"One of the legal limitations to providing all benefits at



## ONLINE

For the history of Don't Ask Don't Tell, including its repeal, visit [www.army.mil/dadt/faq.html](http://www.army.mil/dadt/faq.html).

this time is the Defense of Marriage Act, which is still the law of the land.

"There are certain benefits that can only be provided to spouses as defined by that law, which is now being reviewed by the United States Supreme Court. While it will not change during my tenure as secretary of defense, I foresee a time when the law will allow the department to grant full benefits to service members and their dependents, irrespective of sexual orientation.

Until then, the department will continue to comply with current law while doing all we can to take care of all Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and their Families.

"While the implementation of additional benefits will require substantial policy revisions and training, it is my expectation that these benefits will be made available as expeditiously as possible.

"One of the great successes at the Department of Defense has been the implementation of DADT repeal. It has been highly professional and has strengthened our military community. I am confident in the military services' ability to effectively implement these changes over the coming months."

## GRADUATION

**C Company, 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment**

**STAFF SGT JACOB HURT**  
Drill Sgt. of the Cycle

Hurt is from Indianapolis. In his spare time, he enjoys the outdoors and listening to music.



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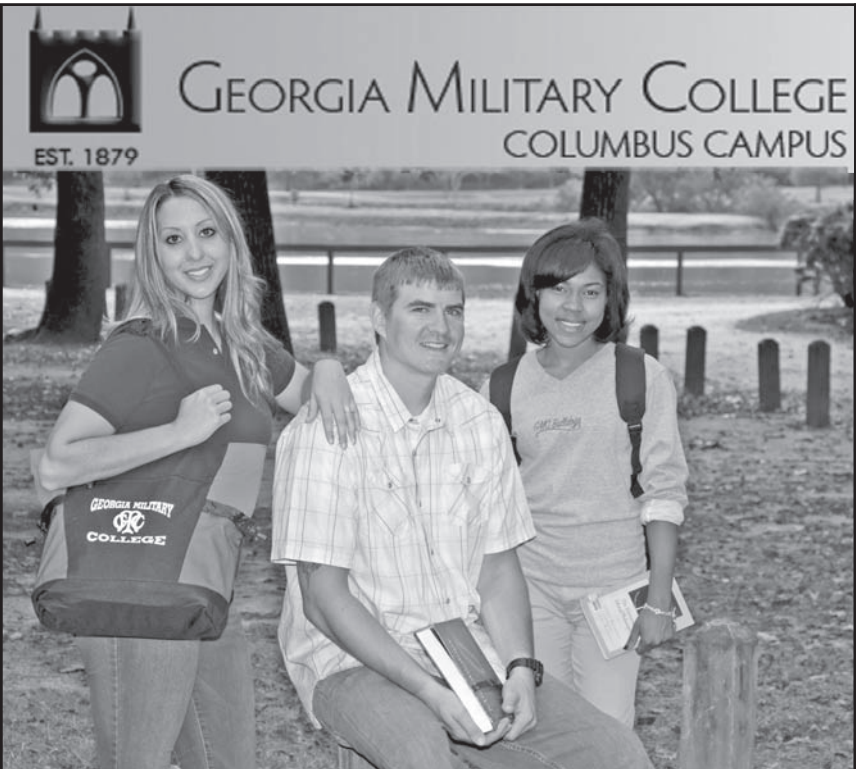
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# Army continues to explore 'human dimension'

By DAVID VERGUN  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army realized in the early years of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan that in addition to conventional warfare, Soldiers were asked to perform a lot of nontraditional functions, some of which they were often ill-equipped to do.

These included negotiating with tribal leaders and helping develop infrastructure and services for local populations, said Col. Thomas Meyer, chief of the Human Dimension Task Force at U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

In 2006, Gen. William Wallace, who was the commander of TRADOC, realized that since more was being asked of Soldiers, they must improve performance, Meyer said.

Wallace concluded that "tanks, trucks and guns were not the primary reason for battlefield success. Rather, it was the Soldiers on the ground," Meyer said.

TRADOC responded by adding the "Human Dimension" to its six other dimensions of study: Mission Command, Movement and Maneuver, Protection, Fires, Intelligence and Sustainment. Since then, human performance has moved toward the forefront of Army research.

The goals of Human Dimension research are to create a more resilient, knowledgeable



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Researchers used cognitive, performance and psychological studies to place Soldiers in MOSs where they'd have a better chance of succeeding. Here, trainees in-process during basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

and adaptive force through improved selection, talent management and training, Meyer said.

Because those goals are so broad, TRADOC enlisted the assistance of business and industry, academia and science — since each of these sectors had already been doing a lot of human performance studies. Army research labs, G-1 personnel and Army medicine were also consulted and information was shared across the services.

Researchers used cognitive, performance and psychological studies and surveys to better place Soldiers in MOSs where they'd have a better chance of succeeding.

Placement is critically important, Meyer

said. He provided an example of a 68W, or combat medic, whose training is extensive: 13 months. To succeed, that person should have the right mix of knowledge and skills.

Also, the chemistry of the brain and personality factors could determine who succeeds and who doesn't.

The ultimate test, Meyer said, might be when they experience their first casualty on the battlefield. Some individuals can't function in that traumatic environment.

"Through research into how the mind and body works, we are learning more about those individual characteristics that will enable us to better place that person," he said, resulting in lower rates of attrition.

In addition to better placement, Human Dimension is looking at ways to deliver improved training methods that are also more cost effective.

Some individuals respond better to different learning methods, Meyer said. So the Army is adding virtual training, online courses and simulations, so Soldiers learn at their own pace and get quick feedback.

A traditional method of training involves creating a mockup of a village in a particular country, hiring actors to play the parts of locals and then sending Soldiers on orders to remote training centers. All of this costs time and money, he said.

Now, a lot of this type of training can be run through simulations, he said, adding that a visit to a training center might still take place, but by the time the Soldier arrives, he or she would have already become familiar with the training through virtual means.

Human Dimension is working on ways to optimize Soldiers' physical and cognitive abilities and increase their resilience to hardships. TRADOC is including Families and Army civilians in its scope of study.

TRADOC's studies, while relevant for the Army today, are focused on looking ahead to 2020 and even 2030 and beyond.

And as America and its Army face an uncertain fiscal future, investing in the Soldier is paramount, Meyer said.

## Honor

From A1

by only 53 Soldiers and situated at the bottom of a valley, came under attack by as many as 300 Taliban fighters.

During the fight, the perimeter of COP Keating was breached by the enemy. Romesha, who was injured in the battle, led the fight to protect the bodies of fallen Soldiers, provide cover to those Soldiers seeking medical assistance, and reclaim the American outpost that would later be deemed "tactically indefensible."

"Throughout history, the question has often been asked, why? Why do those in uniform take such extraordinary risks? And what compels them to such courage?" Obama said. "You ask Clint and any of these Soldiers who are here today, and they'll tell you. Yes, they fight for their country, and they fight for our freedom. Yes, they fight to come home to their families. But most of all, they fight for each other, to keep each other safe and to have each other's backs."

The White House ceremony was attended by several hundred, including lawmakers, defense leaders, Romesha's family, and team members from Romesha's own Bravo Troop, 3rd Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division. Also there was Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta, Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Ray Odierno and Sgt. Maj. of the Army

Raymond F. Chandler III.

The president said that upon learning he would receive the Medal of Honor, Romesha displayed the brand of humbleness typical of many Soldiers.

"When I called Clint to tell him that he would receive this medal, he said he was honored, but he also said, 'it wasn't just me out there, it was a team effort,'" the president said. "And so today we also honor this American team, including those who made the ultimate sacrifice."

Included among those who died in the fighting that day in Afghanistan were Staff Sgt. Justin Gallegos, Sgt. Christopher Griffin, Sgt. Joshua Hardt, Sgt. Joshua Kirk, Spc. Stephan Mace, Staff Sgt. Vernon Martin, Sgt. Michael Scusa and Pfc. Kevin Thomson.

"Each of these patriots gave their lives looking out for each other," the president said. "In a battle that raged all day, that brand of selflessness was displayed again and again and again, Soldiers exposing themselves to enemy fire to pull a comrade to safety, tending to each other's wounds, (and) performing 'buddy transfusions,' giving each other their own blood."

The president said on that day, it wasn't just Romesha who earned recognition for his actions, it was dozens of Soldiers. From that battle, Soldiers earned 37 Army Commendation Medals, 27 Purple Hearts, 18 Bronze Stars and nine Silver Stars, the president said.



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President Barack Obama awards the Medal of Honor to former Staff Sgt. Clinton Romesha during a ceremony Monday at the White House.

"These men were outnumbered, outgunned and almost overrun," Obama said. "Looking back, one of them said, 'I'm surprised any of us made it out.' But they are here today. And I would ask these Soldiers, this band of brothers, to stand and accept the gratitude of our entire nation. God bless you, Clint Romesha, and all of your team. God bless all who serve. And God bless the United States of America."

The president then asked that the Medal of Honor Citation be read, and following that, he placed the medal around Romesha's neck.

### PRE-SEPARATION BRIEFING

Soldiers separating from the Army are required to attend a pre-separation briefing. Soldiers may attend up to 12 months prior to their ETS or approved unqualified resignation (officers only). School drops and chapters are not required to attend this briefing.

The pre-separation briefing is conducted at 9:30 a.m. the third Thursday of each month in Building 2635's Conference Room in Soldiers Plaza. Soldiers may start signing in at 0915. No appointment is required and family members are not authorized to attend this briefing. Soldiers must be in uniform. No exceptions! Soldiers with approved transition leave should bring a copy to the briefing.

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# Guardisman claims top small arms honors

By MICHAEL MOLINARO  
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A California National Guardsman needed an extra suitcase to haul away the hardware he collected at this year's U.S. Army Small Arms Championship.

Sgt. 1st Class Geoffrey Applegate won the overall individual championship, ending the reign of the competition's four-time defending champion and putting an exclamation point on an outstanding two-week run at the All-Army.

"I am still a bit overwhelmed," said Applegate, an infantryman with the 184th Infantry Regiment. "I love this competition. I have a competitive spirit — it's what I love to do and to win here at the All-Army is awesome."

A railroad conductor/engineer who lives in Weed, Calif., this was Applegate's third time at the All-Army.

He improved on his 17th-place finish in 2012 to get his name engraved on the champion's trophy.

In addition to Applegate's overall championship, he and members of Team California claimed the overall team championship.

He also earned the coveted Distinguished Rifleman's Badge, the open class title and was the combined arms match individual winner.

Among the items he was awarded for his strong showing was a Secretary of the Army M-1 Garand Trophy Rifle.

Army Reservists Sgt. 1st Class John Buol and Master Sgt. Russell Moore



Soldiers from across the force compete Feb. 1 in the excellence-in-competition rifle match, one of four rifle matches they competed in during the U.S. Army Small Arms Championships. The training event consisted of rifle, pistol and combined arms matches, testing Soldiers' marksmanship ability against their peers and providing them the tools to take back to their units to enhance overall combat readiness throughout the Army.

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL MOLINARO

took second and third place, respectively. Moore came into the match as the reigning four-time champion. He won the overall pistol individual championship.

"It doesn't matter how many times I come here I always learn a lot," Applegate said. "When you get to train and shoot against Soldiers like (Master) Sgt. Moore, whose name is on those trophies since he was a staff sergeant and is an amazing shot, you are going to learn something."

Spc. Nicholas Girardin, Maine National Guard, won the novice class overall individual championship.

More than half of the field competed in the novice class



Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Robert Szkutnik fires during a combined arms stage Feb. 6 during the 2013 U.S. Army Small Arms Championships.

of shooters.

The competition was originally structured to influence novice shooters the chance to gain invaluable marksmanship training in an effort to enhance the overall combat readiness of

loved the combined arms match since we never get to do that sort of thing. I met a lot of people who gave me advice. My marksmanship got a lot better in just these two weeks."

The matches at the championship were designed to raise the shooting proficiency of Soldiers and units across the Army by teaching advanced combat marksmanship techniques using issue rifles and pistols. Soldiers shot in several pistol, rifle matches and a combined arms match to test their capabilities against their peers.

Weather played into the event, as Soldiers dealt with cold mornings, unseasonably warm days

the Army, which still holds true today.

"I learned so much in these two weeks and had a lot of fun," Girardin said, a computer detection systems repairman with the 152nd Maintenance Company. "I

## Individual awards

- Overall champion: Sgt. 1st Class Geoffrey Applegate
- Rifle champion: Sgt. Evan Messer
- Pistol champion: Master Sgt. Russell Moore
- Combined Arms champion: Sgt. 1st Class Geoffrey Applegate
- High Drill Sergeant: Sgt. 1st Class Nuel Allee
- High Active duty (E1-E4): Spc. John Rummage
- High Reservist (E1-E4): Spc. Sean McDaniel
- High Guardsman (E1-E4): Spc. Nicholas Girardin
- Col. Ralph Puckett Trophy: Sgt. Chauncey Reed
- Pistol EIC: Staff Sgt. Eric Lawrence
- Rifle EIC: Staff Sgt. Kyle Bartman

## Team awards

- Overall champions: Team California
- Rifle champions: Maine National Guard
- Pistol champions: Maine National Guard
- Combined Arms champions: Team California

and one day when Mother Nature tested everyone's mettle with a torrential rain storm.

"It rains in wars, so it just made things realistic," Applegate said.

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People attend a resume writing workshop Jan. 30 at the Army Career and Alumni Center.

ADRIENNE ANDERSON

## Transitioning Soldiers get earlier start with ACAP

By ADRIENNE ANDERSON  
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Gone are the days when transitioning Soldiers elected to go through the Army Career and Alumni Program 90 days before their separation from service. The now mandatory program, which includes a five-day Transition Assistance Program workshop, reaches out to Soldiers 12 to 18 months before their ETS date in order to give them better preparation for transitioning successfully to a civilian life.

Changes to ACAP came about because of the Veterans Opportunity to Work to Hire Heroes Act, a law passed in 2011 and that went into effect in November 2012.

“Our goal on Fort Benning is to help the Soldier to transition successfully, whatever that is —

either going to school or opening up their own business, starting a franchise or getting a new career,” said Eddie Perez, transition services manager for Fort Benning’s ACAP. “And we’ve been very successful at doing that but (starting early) is key. We don’t want the Soldier to wait too late because then the stress of separating with the Family and all, it makes it too difficult for them to concentrate on one thing or the other. So we try to get them very early.”

He said support from senior leadership was also important.

Transitioning Soldiers at the beginning of the ACAP process do an Military Occupational Specialty Crosswalk to help them decide what they want to do and how to get there.

During the five-day workshop, Soldiers will learn how to write a resume, dress for success, do a job

interview and set goals.

“There’s no military jargon when we finish the resume,” Perez said about the resume writing workshops. “Unless, the specific employers are looking for Soldiers with specific backgrounds then yes, we will have that particular jargon but for the most part we teach them how to write it so that if you read it, you wouldn’t know that he was a Soldier unless you go down to the bottom and you read ‘prior military.’”

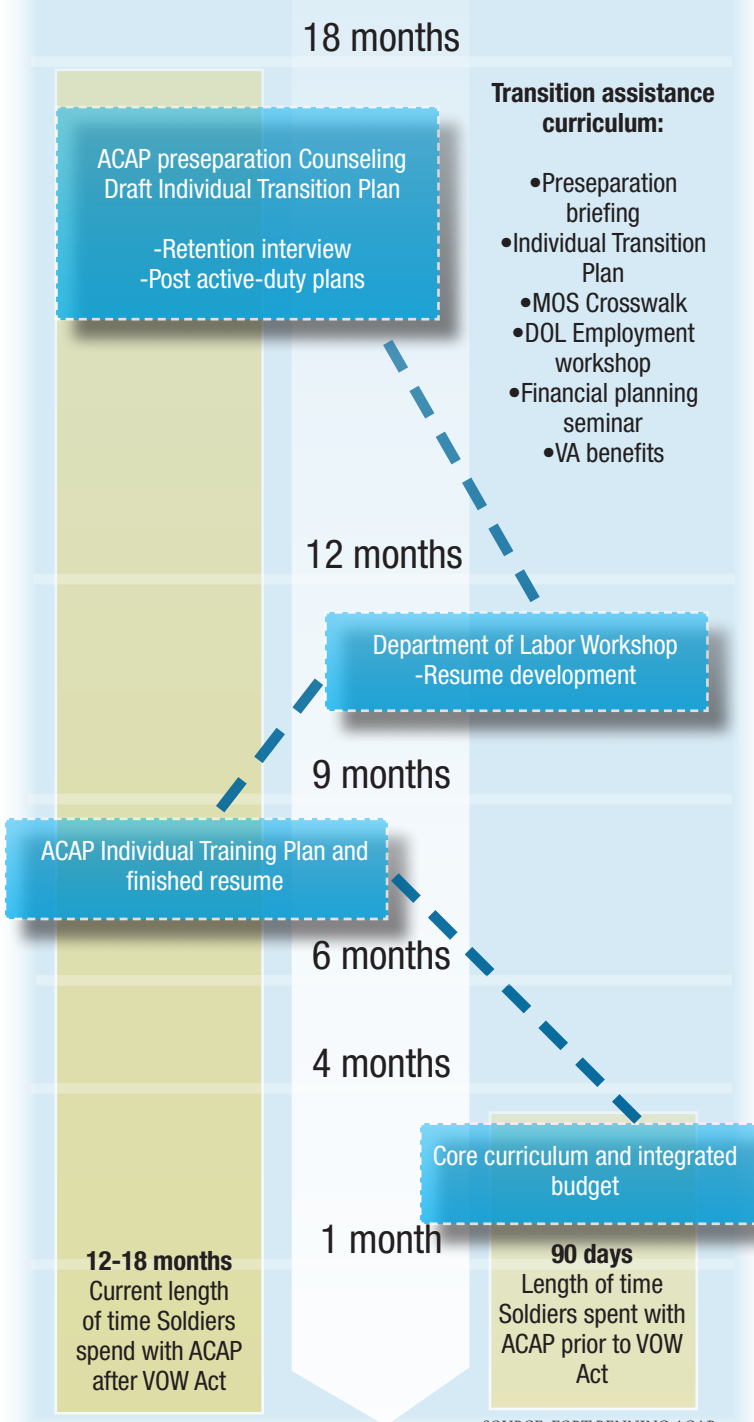
Soldiers also take a seminar on budget planning, which helps them develop a financial plan for the next 12 months after their separation, Perez said.

The center brings employers on post to look for Soldiers interested in going to work immediately.

“Most Soldiers don’t know who they want to work with, they

» ACAP, B5

## ARMY TRANSITION TIMELINE



## Scholarships deadline for military children nears

By TAMMY L. REED  
DeCA

FORT LEE, Va. – In today’s economy, it’s hard to find the money for what many could consider the luxury of a higher education. Getting a scholarship to help pay for your investment can really help. That’s why the Defense Commissary Agency wants to remind you that the Feb. 22 deadline for students to apply for this year’s Scholarships for Military Children Program is fast approaching.

All students interested and eligible to apply are encouraged to gather their materials and submit their applications as soon as possible including an essay on the following topic: “Please discuss in detail how one of the first ladies (since 1933) has made an impact on a social issue in the United States.”

Scholarship awards will be based on funds available, but the scholarship program awards at least \$1,500 at each commissary. If there are no eligible applicants from a particular commissary, the funds designated for that commissary will be awarded as an additional scholarship at another store.

The Scholarships for Military Children Program was created in 2001 to recognize the contributions of military Families to the readiness of the fighting force and to celebrate the role of the commissary in the military Family community.

Applications are available in commissaries worldwide and online at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>. Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 22. Commissaries can be found at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com), then click the link Locations at the top of the page.

To apply for a scholarship, the student must be a dependent, unmarried child, younger than 21 — or 23, if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university — of a service member

» CHILD, B2

## Black History Month observance set for Feb. 21

By CAROLINE KEYSER  
MCOE Public Affairs

The Fort Benning community will commemorate the anniversaries of two civil rights milestones during the annual Black History Month observance at 11 a.m. Feb. 21 in Derby Auditorium, McGinnis-Wickam Hall.

This year is the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and the 50th anniversary of the 1963 march on Washington, during which Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous “I Have a Dream” speech.

The theme for this year’s observance is “At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality.”

The observance will be an opportunity for the community to learn about other cultures, said Sgt. 1st Class Shane Krukenberg, Equal Opportunity advisor for the 194th Armored Brigade, which is sponsoring the event along with the Fort

**Black History Month observance**

**When: 11 a.m. Feb. 21**  
**Where: Derby Auditorium, McGinnis-Wickam Hall**  
**Guest speaker: Isaiah Hugley, Columbus city manager**

Benning Equal Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity offices.

“It’s important that we have this commemoration so that we don’t forget the past,” Krukenberg said.

The guest speakers will be Isaiah Hugley, Columbus City manager, and Col. Jeffrey Fletcher, Garrison commander.

Hugley has worked for the Columbus Consolidated Government since 1984, and was the first African-American in several of the posts he held before becoming city manager in 2005.

He is active in numerous community

and charitable organizations.

Fletcher has been Fort Benning’s Garrison commander since June 2011. A Columbus native, he is the first African-American in his position at Fort Benning.

The observance will also feature a musical performance by students of Pinehurst Christian School and the unveiling of a portrait of Staff Sgt. Ruben Rivers, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in 1997 for his actions while serving with the segregated 761st Tank Battalion during World War II.



ADRIENNE ANDERSON

## PIE partners teach students the art of communication, public speaking

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This year Loyd’s leadership academy is led by the school’s three Partners in Education — the 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, WRBL News 3 and TIC Credit Union. On Feb. 6, Phil Scoggins, WRBL news anchor, and Jessica Johnson, TIC Credit Union marketing manager, spoke to the 14 selected students in the leadership academy about communication and public speaking.

Julita Martinez, Loyd principal, said the

fourth- and fifth-grade students are taught to be positive and productive citizens.

“We are trying to make them see and mirror people like the partners that have been productive citizens and they need to emulate and learn from them,” she said.

Fifth-grader Abigail Hunderman said being in the Leadership Academy allowed the students participating to lead by example. She enjoys learning about the Army values, as well.

Each Wednesday, a partner meets with the

» LOYD, B5



ADRIENNE ANDERSON

Wooden cars entered into Pack 27’s Pinewood Derby race Saturday are lined up and ready to start.

## Cub Scout pack holds annual Pinewood Derby

By ADRIENNE ANDERSON  
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Thirty-five Cub Scouts from Pack 27 and their parents came out Saturday for the annual Pinewood Derby at White Elementary School.

Sgt. 1st Class Mike McIroy of Fairfax, Okla., and Pack 27 leader, said the Pinewood Derby allowed children to spend time with parents, as well as teach them to work with tools and “how to turn something from a block of wood into a car.”

“It’s all about the kids,” he said. “We try

» DERBY, B2

# Columbus Botanical Garden opens birding area

By **NORMAN WINTER**  
Special to *The Bayonet*

As the birds darted and swooped into the feeders like aerial acrobats, the excitement showed on the children's faces, and I knew I had just been presented my reward. The Columbus Botanical Garden has opened a new bird-feeding area, and the birds and children are proving they love it.



We first designed our area with a 3-foot thicket on the outer perimeter. This serves as a wonderful shelter for little birds needing some protection. We have installed three shallow water stations comprised of hand-made glazed clay saucers attached to 4-foot, log-like posts. The water is changed daily, but will soon have a continuous drip. Water is an absolute in creating your backyard feeding station.

All of our feeders are attached to 8-foot, tree-like posts. We have black-oiled sunflower feeders that are drawing finches in epic proportions, as well as chickadees. The peanut butter logs are doing their part too. They are bringing in warblers, woodpeckers, tufted titmice and more. It seems everyday new birds are finding our feeding area.

Everyone has their favorite recipes, including straight peanut butter, crunchy or smooth. If you are like most, you'll gravitate to whatever peanut butter is on sale. We have chosen to mix ours with cornmeal, and it has certainly proven to be a blend equal to the task.

Our peanut butter logs vary in size but are generally about 24-inches in length. Six three-fourths of an inch wide holes were drilled a little less than an inch deep. These holes will later be filled with your peanut butter blend. Some of our feeders have also had little quarter-inch holes drilled below the large ones so that branch like pieces of wood could be inserted for perches.

While we have added a feeding station and expanded the world of birding to our area, we are a garden and first began by planting native plants that produce berries loved by birds. Native yaupon



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Columbus Botanical Garden's bird-feeding area is now open.

hollies, American hollies, dogwoods and beautyberry are found throughout our 25 acres, as is my favorite, the southern wax myrtle that has been documented to feed 40 species of birds.

The Columbus Botanical Garden is hosting a class called Birding Basics: The Great Backyard Bird Count. Kids ages 5-10 can create bird feeders while learning fun bird facts. Register early: \$20 or 15 for



members, \$5 per child. Call 706-327-8400 to register.

*Editor's note:* Norman Winter is the executive director of the Columbus Botanical Garden and the author of *Tough-as-Nails Flowers for the South* and *Captivating Combinations Color and Style in the Garden*.

## Child | From B1

on active duty, reservist, guardsman, retiree or survivor of a military member who died while on active duty or survivor of a retiree. Eligibility is determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database.

Applicants should ensure that they, as well

as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current military ID card.

The applicant must also be planning to attend or already attending an accredited college or university, full time, in the fall of 2013 or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

The scholarship program is administered by Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit

organization that provides assistance to service members and their families. Scholarship Managers, a national, nonprofit, scholarship-management services organization, manages and awards these military scholarships. If students have questions about the scholarship program application, call Scholarship Managers at 856-616-9311 or email them at [militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com](mailto:militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com).

No government funds are used to support the Scholarships for Military Children Program. Commissary vendors, manufacturers, brokers, suppliers and the general public donate money to fund the program.

Every dollar donated goes directly to funding the scholarships. Since its inception, the program has awarded more than \$10 million in scholarships to almost 7,000 children of service members.

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What if you had a bad toothache in the middle of the night and couldn't get to the dentist until the next day?

Knowing what to do can lessen the pain and save a tooth that might otherwise be lost.

Keep your dental office phone number and an emergency number where the dentist can be reached after hours with other emergency numbers, such as your family doctor and fire and police departments.

Some families post these numbers on the refrigerator or inside a kitchen cabinet door near the phone. Call the dentist immediately for instructions on how to handle a dental emergency.



### Toothache

Rinse the mouth with warm water to clean it out. Gently use dental floss or an interdental cleaner to remove any food or other debris that may be caught between the teeth.

Never put aspirin or any other painkiller against the gums near the aching tooth. This could burn gum tissue. If the toothache

persists, try to see the dentist.

Don't rely on painkillers. They may temporarily relieve pain, but your dentist should evaluate the condition.

### Knocked-out (avulsed) tooth

Try to find the tooth. This may not be as easy as you think if the injury took place on a playground, basketball court or while skateboarding, so try to stay calm. Hold the tooth by the crown and rinse the root in water if the tooth is dirty.

Don't scrub it or remove any attached tissue fragments.

If it's possible, gently insert and hold the tooth in its socket while you head to the dentist.

If that's not possible, put the tooth in a cup of milk and bring it to the dentist.

Time is critical for successful reimplantation, so try to get to your dentist immediately.

### Broken tooth

Rinse your mouth with warm water to clean the area. Use cold compresses on the outside of the cheek to help reduce the swelling.

### Tongue or lip bites or wounds

Clean the area gently with a clean cloth and apply cold compresses to reduce any swelling.

If the bleeding can't be controlled, go to a hospital emergency room or clinic. You may be able to reduce bleeding from the tongue by pulling it forward and using gauze to put pressure on the wound.

### Objects caught between teeth

Try to gently remove the object with dental floss. Never use a sharp instrument to remove any object that is stuck between your teeth.

If you can't dislodge the object with floss, contact your dentist.

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Janice Johnson, left, G-8 director, and Col. Robert Choppa, Maneuver Center of Excellence chief of staff, present Barbara Powell, G-8 Manpower and Equipment Division chief, with a Superior Civilian Service Award. Powell entered civilian service March 1993, because of a reduction in force she lost her position in 1998. She then applied for an intern position with DRM, graduating from the program as management analyst in 2011. Powell accepted a position with Training and Doctrine Command's G-8 in Fort Eustis, Va. "It's bittersweet leaving the MCoE, but I'm only a phone call away," she said after accepting the award Feb. 11.

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## Around Post

### Tax center

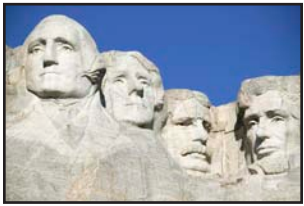
The Fort Benning tax center is now open and offers free tax preparation services to active-duty Soldiers, retirees and eligible dependents.

Each customer must bring a military ID, social security card and W-2 forms for the taxpayer and all dependents.

The center will be open through April 15. Hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Early commissary closing

In observance of Presidents Day, the Fort Benning commissary will open at 7 a.m. Feb. 18 and will close early at 5 p.m. The commissary will reopen Feb. 19 for early-bird shopping.



### Campaign kickoff

The Fort Benning 2013 AER Campaign will kickoff at 10 a.m. March 8 at in Derby Auditorium, McGinnis-Wickam Hall.

### Troops to Trucks

Active-duty military personnel with a Military 348 License interested in getting a CDL license through the Troops to Trucks Program should visit the Army Career and Alumni Office in Building 2652 off of Dixie Road to pick up necessary materials and set a test date.

The program, run by the Governor's Office and Columbus/Midland DDS Customer Service Center, is also open to veterans, including National Guard and reserve members.

Test dates are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every Monday at the Columbus/Midland DDS Customer Service Center in Midland, Ga. For more information, contact ACAP at 706-545-2308 or 706-545-2309.



### European pet fee

As of Feb. 1, DoD passengers will incur a 55 euro per pet examination fee upon entry to the European Union.

The importation fee will be assessed if country of origin is outside the EU.

The fee is non-reimbursable and does not exempt any airline fees for transportation of pets or other country-entry requirements.



## SCHOOL LUNCH Feb. 13-19

**WEDNESDAY:** Chicken noodle soup, half of a ham and cheese sandwich, salad with tomato wedges, carrot sticks with ranch cup, apple

**THURSDAY:** Chicken casserole with whole wheat roll, sweet potatoes, green peas, applesauce

**FRIDAY:** Chili and cheese with oyster crackers, kidney beans, celery sticks with ranch cup, jello with whipped topping, orange wedges

**MONDAY:** Presidents' Day holiday

**TUESDAY:** Chicken tenders, crispy oven fries, broccoli with cheese, banana

All lunches include choice of milk

## In the Community

### Tillman Military Scholars

Applications for the Tillman Military Scholars program are being accepted until Feb. 15.

The program supports active and veteran service members and their spouses by removing financial barriers to completing a degree program of choice.

The scholarship funds cover not only direct study-related expenses such as tuition and fees, but also other needs, including housing and child care.

Go to [bit.ly/VrROpe](http://bit.ly/VrROpe) to learn more about the criteria and application.

### Black History breakfast

The Black History Observance Committee will host its annual breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 18 at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center.

This year's guest speaker will be the Honorable Andrew Young. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at the Tammy Segura Insurance Agency, 2 Bradley Park Court, Columbus, or from any committee member.

### President's Day in Plains

The Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in Plains, Ga., will celebrate Presidents Day Feb. 18 with a variety of activities.

The day will begin with a lecture on presidential memorabilia by Dr. Laurence Cook at 11 a.m.

The event will also feature Joe Wiegand, a Theodore Roosevelt impersonator and storyteller. For more information, call 229-824-4104.



### Karaoke and Gong Show

All are welcome for karaoke at VFW 665, located at 1824 Victory Drive, in Columbus every Friday night at 7 p.m. On Feb. 15, the VFW will hold its "Gong Show" fundraiser. Attendees will be able to pay \$1 to sing and \$2 to stop the singer. Dinner will be available from 6 to 8 p.m. There is no cover charge.



### Prayer breakfast

Fort Benning's observance of the National Prayer Breakfast has been postponed. Date to be announced.

### Founder's Day dinner

West Point graduates will celebrate Founder's Day with a dinner at 6 p.m. March 9 at the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center. For more information, call Pat Sleem with the West Point Society of Columbus at 706-761-8542 or email [sleempg@aol.com](mailto:sleempg@aol.com).

### Stand down

The 6th annual Homeless Veterans Stand Down and Veterans Resource Fair will be held from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 27 at the Columbus Convention & Trade Center, 801 Front Ave., Columbus.

The event will be free, and will offer resume assistance, counselors, medical screenings, legal services, assistance with claims and benefits, clothing, information on insurance and housing, food and entertainment to all veterans free of charge.

### Tickets & Travel

Tickets & Travel in the commissary mall offers discounts to NASCAR races at the Daytona Motor Speedway, including the Budweiser Shootout Feb. 16, Gatorade Duels Feb. 21, Drive 4COPD 300 Feb. 23, and the Daytona 500 Feb. 24.

The average savings on a ticket price is more than \$60. Call 706-626-7644.

## Classes, Seminars & Groups

### Hunter education

The Georgia Hunter Education Courses will be taught at Fort Benning March 13, May 8 and July 7. The classes will be held in classroom E101, McGinnis-Wickam Hall. All classes will be from 6-8 p.m.

These classes will be review and test classes only. Pre-registration is available by visiting [www.gohuntgeorgia.com](http://www.gohuntgeorgia.com) or [www.georgiawildlife.com](http://www.georgiawildlife.com).

Classes held at Fort Benning are listed under Chattahoochee County. Online registration will close five days before the scheduled class date.

Students must complete the online Georgia Hunter Education Course and answer the questions in each chapter. A printed copy of the test results must be brought to the classes offered at Fort Benning. Walk-ins are also welcome and must bring the affidavit/test results to the class. There is no charge for this class.

### Support group

A caregiver support group will meet from 6-7 p.m. Feb. 26 at Fountain City Care and Rehabilitation Center, 5131 Warm Springs

Road in Columbus.

The meeting will be held in the activity room and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Angie Wagoner at 706-561-1371.

### Cooking clinic

Learn to cook in the great outdoors during the Camp Cooking Clinic at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at Outdoor Recreation on Gillespie Street. Participants younger than 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. This event is free, but space is limited. To register, call 706-545-7978.



### Mini camp

The National Infantry Museum will hold its Presidents Day Birthday Bash Mini Camp from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 18.

Children ages 6-11 are welcome and will enjoy hands-on activities, refreshments and a tour. The cost is \$5 per camper. To register, contact the National Infantry Foundation Education Department at 706-685-5814.



### Hit the slopes

DFMWR will host a trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn., for snowboarding and skiing Feb. 15-17. The cost, (\$189 to \$199, with a \$50 discount for single Soldiers) covers snowboarding or skiing, transportation, two nights stay, with double-occupancy. Space is limited. Call 706-545-9636.



### Give hockey a try

The Columbus Ice Rink will hold Try Hockey for Free Day Feb. 16 as part of Hockey Weekend Across America. The event will be at 11:30 a.m. at the ice rink and will allow children to try hockey at no charge.

### Spring sports registration

Register your children for CYSS youth spring sports at Parent Central, Building 104 on Marchant Ave. A current sports physical is needed at time of registration. For more information, call 706-545-2079.

Soccer and baseball registration for ages 4-13 is open now through March 1 at a cost of \$40 for soccer and \$45 for baseball.

Swimming registration for ages 10-18 is open now through March 15. The cost for competitive is \$95. Non-competitive is \$65.

### Paintball tournaments

Outdoor Recreation will host paintball tournaments on training holidays from 1-4 p.m. Feb. 15 and March 29, at the Paintball Field off Dixie and Dublinsky, across from Soldiers Plaza. These events are free.

Participants can use their own gear or rent it at Outdoor Recreation for \$25. For more information, call 706-545-9636.

### Golf scramble

Test your golf game in the Fort Benning Golf Scramble Feb. 28 at the Fort Benning Golf Course.

Register your team of four today by calling 706-687-1940. Entry fee is \$30 in advance and \$35 the day of the event. Starts at noon.

### Fallen Heroes races

The Fallen Heroes of Georgia 10K, 5K and 1K will be held March 16 at Lake Lanier Islands Resort in Buford, Ga. Entry fees through March 5 are \$18 for the 1K, \$25 for the 5K and \$30 for the 10K.

Entry fees March 6-10 will be \$20, \$30 and \$35. Race day entry fees will be \$23, \$35 and \$40. To register, visit [www.active.com/running/buford-ga/fallen-heroes-of-georgia-10k5k1k-2013](http://www.active.com/running/buford-ga/fallen-heroes-of-georgia-10k5k1k-2013).

### The Benning Report

The Benning Report, Fort Benning's broadcast news program, airs on WRBL Channel 3 Saturdays at 11 p.m. The program is available also through Charter, MediaCom, Knology and Windjammer Cable on Channel 4.



## Hiring heroes

The goal of the **VOW to Hire Heroes Act** is to lower the rate of unemployment among veterans:

• **Expanding education and training:** The VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 provides nearly 100,000 unemployed veterans of past eras and wars with up to one year of additional Montgomery GI Bill benefits to qualify for jobs in high-demand sectors, from trucking to technology.

It also provides disabled veterans who have exhausted their unemployment benefits up to one year of additional VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment benefits.

• **Improving the Transition Assistance Program:** The VOW to Hire Heroes Act makes TAP mandatory for most service members transitioning to civilian status, upgrades career counseling options and job hunting skills, as well as ensures the program is tailored to individuals and the 21st Century job market.

• **Facilitating seamless transition:** Getting a civil service job can often take months, which often forces a veteran to seek unemployment benefits. To shorten the time to start a federal job after discharge, this bill allows service members to begin the federal employment process by acquiring veterans preference status prior to separation.

• **Translating military skills and training:** This bill requires the Department of Labor to take a look at how to translate military skills and training to civilian sector jobs, and will work to make it easier to get the licenses and certification veterans need.

• **Veterans tax credits:** The VOW to Hire Heroes Act provides tax credits for hiring veterans and disabled veterans who are out of work.

SOURCE: [HTTP://VETERANS.HOUSE.GOV](http://veterans.house.gov)



Children wait for the cars in Pack 27's annual Pinewood Derby race to go down the ramp Saturday at White Elementary School. The top three winners from each den will go on to compete in the district competition.

## Derby

From B1

to make it the best environment for our kids so they can enjoy it. And that's what makes it the best. I really enjoy interacting with everybody, but the kids have such a good time doing this — they learn so much and they get to make new friends.”

The top three from each den are able to compete in the district level, McLroy said. They will then compete against all of the other packs in the Columbus area.

Seven-year-old Jayden Barnes of the Wolf Den said he was excited about his win for first place against the other 34 children.

“I was very glad my car was the best,” he said, adding that his uncle helped him since his father is currently deployed.

Ten-year-old James Koyn, won first prize out of the Webelo Scout group. He said he's been undefeated in his group since he was a Tiger. Although he said he found his design on the Internet, there was another piece that helped give his car the extra push it needed.

“My dad said to put the weight in the back (of the car),” he said.

But winning wasn't the most important to James.

“It's not really about winning, it's about having fun,” he said.

## ACAP

From B1

don't necessarily want to do what they did in the Army — they want to do something different,” he said.

“And not knowing who they want to work for then makes it easier to bring a ton of employers out here and then the Soldiers have a myriad of employers to choose from.”

Transitioning Soldiers get help on tweaking their resumes and practicing

job interviews through mock panels or with their peers, he said.

Perez said Soldiers should understand their benefits they've earned.

“They've earned this — no one is giving them anything, so take advantage of it,” he said. “And we want you to take advantage of us and ask us questions so that we can help you make a good decision moving forward.”

For more information, visit ACAP in building 2652 off of Dixie Road on Main Post or call 706-545-2308 or 706-545-2309.

## Loyd

From B1

students to help them develop leadership skills, Martinez said. The 2nd Bn., 58th Inf. Regt., focuses on the Army values and leadership skills.

TIC Credit Union and WRBL News 3 taught the children about public speaking Wednesday.

Scoggins said that good communication is essential to being a leader.

“You're going to be up in front of people — trying to inspire them,” he said.

It's tough to lead if you can't communicate

well, he said. And that was fundamental to his career in broadcast journalism.

He shared his career experiences before Johnson took over to give the students tips on public speaking and help them overcome nervousness.

She had the students give a speech and then their peers would critique the speaker based on what they had learned about the do's and don'ts in public speaking.

These skills Johnson teaches, Scoggins said, help students later in life, as well with scholarship or job interviews.

Martinez said she was grateful to the amount of time the partners spend with the students.

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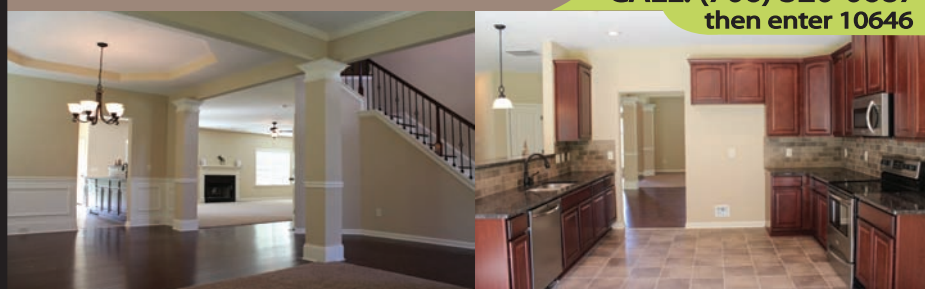


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**2** MINUTE WARNING



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**NASCAR Challenge still open for registration**

There is still room open for the 2013 NASCAR Challenge. *The Bayonet* is looking for NASCAR fans on Fort Benning to participate in this yearly contest that will begin at Daytona and end at Homestead. Active-duty military personnel, Department of Defense civilians and Family members can demonstrate their NASCAR knowledge by selecting a driver each week.

The contest uses the same points system as the Sprint Cup Series and the contestant with the most points at the end of the year will be declared champion. Contestants will have their name and picture in the paper until the end of the season. If interested in participating, please email me by Feb. 17.

**It's all about March**

It doesn't matter how you're playing in February. All that matters is how you're playing in March. That's the beauty of college basketball. One team can slide in January, get hot in February and ride that momentum to the Final Four.

The great thing about this season is that there is a handful of very, very good teams, but not one dominant team. Four weeks went by with a new No. 1 team in the Associated Press poll until somehow Indiana managed to stay on top for the second week in a row, despite losing to unranked Illinois. That's only because six other top 10 teams lost last week as well – Florida, Michigan, Kansas State, Arizona and Ohio State.

Florida was riding a 10-game winning streak and ranked No. 2 behind Indiana before being upset 80-69 by Arkansas. Before the upset, the discussion was who would win between the Hoosiers and the Gators, which is about as premature of a conservation as you can have.

Many were talking about Indiana as if it were the 1980s, and when the Gators lost, most cast them aside, saying they were overrated. Two days later, Indiana went down as well.

It just goes to show my theory is correct. It's unusual these days to see one team completely dominate the game like Indiana did under Bob Knight or UCLA under John Wooden.

Very good teams still lose a game once in a while. There is no reason to write them off early. The only question is: Which one will be winning this time next month?

# Closing the deal



PHOTOS BY NATHAN DEEN

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Davion Thomas, Marcus Bevelry and Jeremy Floyd each got airborne Feb. 5 as the Northside Patriots routed the Harris County Tigers, 68-35.

## Northside captures region crown with win over Tigers

By NATHAN DEEN  
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R.J. Sessions scored 25 points in his final home game Feb. 5 on senior night and the Northside High School basketball team thumped Harris County 68-35 at Northside to win the Region

1-A regular season title outright.

The run to the title was set up perfectly over the weekend as Hardaway defeated Bainbridge, who was tied with Northside (19-4, 8-2) in the region before Friday, while the Patriots own three wins this season over the third-place Hawks. Now Northside has the luxury of the No. 1 seed in the region tournament, which began Tuesday at Bainbridge.

"That was one of our goals," head coach Kenneth Lawrence said about winning the

regular season. "The second was to win the region tournament. We still have some work to do."

The Tigers hung around early and only trailed by 10 at halftime, but Sessions erupted with 14 points in the third quarter, which helped spark a 21-5 run by the Patriots.

"We ended the season very well at home," Sessions said. "Hopefully we can transition that into the playoffs."

» SENIOR NIGHT, C2

## HOCKEY



NATHAN DEEN

Kathleen Hedges defends the goal for the Fort Benning hockey team Feb. 2 against the Auburn Tigers club team at the Columbus Ice Rink. Hedges is the only female on the team.

## Fort Benning goalie 'old school' in technique

Staff Sergeant comfortable being only female on team

By NATHAN DEEN  
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On the ice, Staff Sgt. Kathleen Hedges sees herself as one of the guys.

That's the way she grew up — a hockey family in Rochester, Mass., with two older brothers and a sister who played the sport — and that's what she's always been accustomed to.

The 34-year-old, the only female on the Fort Benning hockey team, has played goalie since she was 8 and learned almost everything about the position from her goalie brother, Josh.

When Hedges geared up for the Fort Benning tryouts in the fall, it had been six years since she competed in the sport she grew up loving.

*It's mentally tough. You want the same expectations of yourself with no learning curve to get back into the game.*

— Staff Sgt. Kathleen Hedges  
Fort Benning goalie

"It's mentally tough," Hedges said about readjusting to the game. "You want the same expectations of yourself with no learning curve to get back into the game."

"Some things are a little quicker, or maybe I'm a little slower. I PCSed down here during hockey season, so it's been harder to get into shape. There's fitness and then there's hockey fitness. They're two different things."

She had no problem getting reacquainted

» OLD SCHOOL, C2

## OUTDOORS

# Archery pro-am returns to Benning

By NATHAN DEEN  
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After a three-year hiatus, the Archery Shooter Association Pro-Am will return to Fort Benning March 7, precluding a national event in which 1,300 professional archers will compete March 8-10 on the Uchee Creek archery ranges.

Mike Tyrell, director of the ASA, said archers have long missed competing at Fort Benning, as well as shooting with Soldiers in the pro-am.

"We've always had a very successful event here," Tyrell said. "(The archers) have always had a good feeling about going to Fort Benning. We all feel more connected to the military community because of it. I actually had some guys complain (last time) that they didn't get to shoot with Soldiers."

The Pro-Am can host up to 20 four-man teams, each made up of active-duty Soldiers or anyone with valid

» ARCHERY, C3

# Chance to hunt, call turkeys coming up

By NICK DUKE  
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With deer hunting season now at an end and most small game hunting seasons ending in Georgia Feb. 28, hunters at Fort Benning will soon be in need of a new animal to hunt.

Fortunately for hunting aficionados, turkey-hunting season will begin in Georgia March 23.

"We're looking forward to a good season," Bill Brickner, a hunting enthusiast who oversees a hunting program for wounded and disabled veterans, said. "It's been a good breeding season, and I can tell you there are lots and lots of turkeys out there. We really encourage anyone who's interested to get out there and hunt."

Before the actual start of the season, however, turkey-hunting enthusiasts can come together and show off their turkey calling skills at the upcoming Peach State Classic.

The event, sponsored by the Columbus Firefighters Association, will be Feb. 28 at the Columbus Firefighters Association building, 6655 Lynch Road in Columbus.

The event is open to all interested persons, and carries a \$5 entry fee.

» TURKEY, C3

# Northside senior signs soccer scholarship

By NICK DUKE  
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Northside High School's Andrew Leuer signed on the dotted line Thursday, making his intention to play soccer for the University of North Georgia official.

"It's been a long recruiting process, and I'm glad it's finally over," Leuer said. "I had a few offers from a few different schools, but North Georgia just had the right fit for me. It felt right. Everything just came into place. I loved the location, it had the academics that I wanted and the scholarship offer was nice."

Leuer comes from a family that has a long history at Fort Benning.

His grandfather, retired Maj. Gen. Kenneth Leuer, was commanding general of Fort Benning from 1987-88.

Andrew's father, Joseph Leuer, is the chief of Training Development Division at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

Joseph Leuer said Andrew's exposure to the military has proven to be an asset during his athletic pursuits.



Andrew Leuer, right, officially signs with North Georgia College & State University's soccer program during a signing ceremony at Northside High School as his parents, Joseph and Olga Leuer, look on.

"I believe that the military has allowed Andrew a window to understand the discipline needed to achieve goals," Joseph Leuer said. "I think he learned how to set the goals, to organize your life around achieving those goals and then go and achieve those goals."

Joseph Leuer said Andrew has been dedicated to soccer since a young age,

and the scholarship is proof that his son's hard work has paid off.

"It's been a long road," Joseph Leuer said. "Andrew's been playing soccer since he was 4 years old, and has been playing club soccer since he was 13. That's a lot of practices, a lot of travel and a lot of dedication on his part to achieve his goal of being noticed by colleges, and then

recruited by colleges. As a father, that makes me very proud."

With the signing now official, Andrew Leuer can turn his attention to making the transition from high school soccer to playing at the collegiate level.

Andrew said he is hoping to see the field quite a bit as a freshman.

"This year, they had a few freshmen play, so I'm looking to play next year as a freshman," he said. "They recruited me to make an impact on the team, and that's what I hope to be able to do."

While he is unsure what position he will be playing as a freshman, he said head coach Patrice Parris has assured him he'll be put in a position to succeed.

"He hasn't told me what position I'll be playing yet, but I'm more of an attacking player," Andrew Leuer said. "Coach told me I'm a soccer player, so he'll find the best place for me."

The University of North Georgia was formed in January through the consolidation of North Georgia College & State University and Gainesville State College.



NATHAN DEEN

The Northside Patriots locked down the Harris County Tigers defensively Feb. 5 at home on senior night. The Patriots earned a 68-35 win and won the regular season outright for Region 1-AAAAA.

## Senior night

From C1

"(The win) meant a lot. I wanted to win it because it was my last game at Northside High School."

Harris County upset Northside on Jan. 22, but the Patriots have been firing on all cylinders in the last

two weeks, especially on the defensive side of the ball, Lawrence said.

"(A couple of weeks ago) I talked to the guys about last year how during the last eight or nine games, they started to come together. I

was a little concerned about this group. I was waiting for them to get it together. I think we did that the last two weeks or so. We went on the road and got huge wins against Bainbridge and Lee County.

"When we lost to (Harris County) at their place, I thought our guys had no motivation. Tonight, I didn't have to say anything to them."

The Patriots have a very experienced team with seven seniors on the roster, including Sessions. Sessions spoke after the game about his experiences with his teammates over the past four years.

"On weekdays we'll get together and just go out to eat or something," he said. "We're really building team camaraderie. We're hustling more and we're trusting each other. I feel like we're a pretty good team, better than the previous years."

"We've known each other since we were freshman. We've taught each other the dos and don'ts of what we each like to do."

## Old school

From C1

with being the only female on the ice, though.

"Everything I did was with the guys," she said. "It's more at home for me than anything else would be."

Hedges was the only female on the youth and high school teams she played for. Things changed at the collegiate level when she played on all-female teams for Northeastern University and the University of Maine. But while stationed at Fort Drum, N.Y., after she joined the Army, she went back to being the only woman while playing for a traveling hockey team. Later, shoulder surgeries and deployments to Iraq and Korea kept her out of the game, until she came to Fort Benning in August.

When it came time for Fort Benning to play Fort Bragg Jan. 26, it got even better for Hedges.

"It was so much fun," she said. "These boys were shooting and shooting hard and quick. That's what I used to play and I hadn't gotten the opportunity to play against that competition (in a long time)."

Hedges played 14 minutes of the second period against Fort Bragg to near perfection, but collapsed in the final minute while Fort Benning had a 2-0 lead. Jerome Bechard, head coach of the Fort Benning team and the Columbus Cottonmouths, said she looked locked in.

Hedges gave up two goals before the period ended, though Fort Benning pulled out the win in an overtime shootout.

"I lost focus," she said. "I took things for granted for a second."

### She's 'old school'

The game of hockey changed in the six years Hedges was kept off the ice, especially at the goalie position, Bechard said. As skaters have gotten bigger, stronger and faster, and equipment has improved, goalies have had to adjust their style.

Nearly every goalie in today's game who plays on a professional, semi-professional or collegiate level has adopted a "butterfly" style of goal tending. This style requires goalies to "go low" and spread their body to cover as much of the net as possible.

Hedges is old school. She uses a stand-up style that most goalies have converted from. This method is best used to handle long shots and shots from around the wall, but when shooters get closer, the position becomes more vulnerable, Bechard said. When Hedges is in play, he changes up the defensive strategy a little bit.

"You have to tell the guys to protect her around the net," he said. "She can handle the long shots really well. But anything tight, within four or five feet, if she doesn't go down, she's susceptible to those low shots."

Still, Hedges defended her style of play and said she was more comfortable with it. Many goals that are scored happen on second-chance opportunities after the initial shot on goal, and the stand-up style can reduce the number of those opportunities, she said.

"I don't have to spend time recovering from a save if I'm already on my feet. With the butterfly, if the puck ricochets, it's not as easy to control (where it goes). You can direct it standing up. I feel it gives you more puck control in those rebound situations."

The stand-up style worked pretty well for Hedges one time in high school, when her team, which she described as terrible, was playing one of the best teams in the area. No, there wasn't a monumental upset, she said — her team lost 2-0 — but Hedges kept that game from being a rout. She had 83 shots fired at her and blocked 81 of them, she said.

"I envy the focus that I had that night and dream about having it one day again," she said. "It was like an out-of-body experience."

### Being a kid again

Hedges follows a pretty tight schedule these days. From sunrise to sunset, she trains Soldiers in 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment. After that, she pours her free time into hockey, either playing or coaching.

She coaches a 10-and-under and a 12-and-under youth team in the Columbus Hockey Association. This usually takes time out of weeknights as well as three to four hours on Saturdays, not including meeting with players for one-on-one sessions, she said.

"I love coaching the kids and giving the opportunity to be taught the fundamentals. I love watching them grow."

"When someone asks how the game went, I base my comments off of 'Did the kids show improvement? Did they sustain their play from last week?' The past three weeks, I've been able to say, 'Yes.'"

But the biggest reward of coaching has been the reminder of the passion and zeal she once had for the sport as a kid, that has since inevitably worn with age.

"I think adults are tainted and kids are amazing because of their passion and imagination," she said. "It allows me to retain that kid that (has since been) tainted by adult seriousness."

## Hog hunting



COURTESY PHOTO

Mike Eastabrooks, 10, killed this 125-pound sow on Fort Benning. He was using a Browning BAR .270. It was his first pig.



JUAN HOUSE

Ed House killed this 130-pound boar on Fort Benning Feb. 10 with his .270 Browning BAR.



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MEDDAC (94), 1-19 Inf (40)  
75th RGR (64), 192nd Bde (41)  
198th Bde (52), HHC 192nd Bde (49)

Thursday  
Smith Fitness Center  
233rd (67), 198th Bde (29)  
1st Bde (51), 192nd Bde (47)  
203rd (77), 14th CSH (49)  
3-1 Cav (1), HHC 192nd Bde (0)

Kefurt Fitness Center  
3-81 AR (48), MEDDAC (41)

Wednesday  
Smith Fitness Center  
3-81 AR (62), 75th RGR (56)  
3-81 AR (48), 19nd Bde (38)  
198th Bde (41), 1-19 Inf (35)  
1st Bde (48), 11th Eng A (42)

Feb. 5  
Smith Fitness Center  
3-1 Cav (36), 14th CSH (31)  
75th RGR (75), 233rd (62)  
MEDDAC (1), HHC 192nd Bde (0)  
203rd (1), 11th Eng B (0)



Deon Pearman, point guard for 3rd Battalion, 81st Armor Regiment, 194th Armored Brigade, scored 18 points Thursday against intramural basketball preseason champion MEDDAC.

PHOTOS BY NATHAN DEEN

## 3-81 battle tested, remains perfect with wins

By NATHAN DEEN

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First the 75th Ranger Regiment, then the 192nd Infantry Brigade — after that, 3rd Battalion, 81st Armor Regiment, 194th Armored Brigade, pulled off the hat trick. The battalion knocked off intramural basketball preseason champion MEDDAC Thursday, 48-41, at Kefurt Fitness Center.

Deon Pearman, point guard for 3-81, said the win lets everyone know his team is a contender. It's more than that; with an 1-0 record, it's the team to beat.

3-81 won back-to-back games Wednesday against the Rangers and the 192nd, followed by Thursday's game against MEDDAC. The three opponents combined for a 32-5 record going into Wednesday.

Through it all, Pearman could only attribute the team's winning streak to one thing — teamwork.

"We only have ourselves," Pearman said. "That's what we've been texting each other all day. Everybody's been here to play and we've just been going hard."

"With the two games last night, if we hadn't played together ... we wouldn't have made it."

Pearman led the way for 3-81 with 18 points in a physical, defensive game against MEDDAC. The battalion took MEDDAC out of rhythm from the early



MEDDAC guard Anthony Caple goes for a layup Thursday against defenders from 3rd Battalion, 81st Armor Regiment, 194th Armored Brigade. 3-81 defeated MEDDAC 48-41 to remain undefeated on the season.

goings with ball pressure and contested shots on the perimeter and in the post.

MEDDAC coach James Johnson said his team had an off night shooting the ball, even from the free throw line. MEDDAC shot just 33 percent from the stripe.

"We just couldn't get anything to fall,"

Johnson said. "They hit shots and we didn't, that's the bottom line."

Defensively, MEDDAC managed to keep the game from getting out of hand, despite a 12-2 run by 3-81 that spanned from the late first half to early on in the second half. MEDDAC slowly worked its



Nicholas Coreman of MEDDAC takes a jump shot over a defender from 3rd Battalion, 81st Armor Regiment, 194th Armored Brigade.

way back to within five of the lead, but lost momentum in the last minute when a 3-point attempt by Michael Brown rattled out, which would have cut the lead to one. Pearman scored the last nine points of the game for 3-81, six at the foul line, to pad the lead in the final seconds.

"We've been wanting to play MEDDAC because we knew they were ... always the top team," Pearman said. "We figured if we could compete with them ... then we are there."

The Archery Shooters Association Pro-Am will return to Fort Benning after three years March 7-10 at Uchee Creek. Soldiers can register their four-man teams, which will be accompanied by a professional.



COURTESY PHOTO

## Archery

From C1

of Defense identification. Each team will be paired with a professional archer from the ASA, who will not only provide coaching and assistance, but whose score will also count toward the final team score.

"They'll help them with yardage judgment, shot placement and overall technique ... it's no different from a golf pro-am," Tyrell said. "It's a great opportunity for a Soldier to sit down with someone who really has experience. It's going to make them a better archer and a better bow hunter."

The last time the event was held at Fort Benning was in 2010, but construction of RV sites prevented it from returning until this year, Uchee Creek campground manager

Dana Weiler said.

In previous years, the tournament was open only to active-duty Soldiers, but changes have been made this year to encourage retired veterans to participate as well.

A trophy will be awarded to the top team of the pro-am, while up to \$100,000 in prize money will be distributed in the national event. Tyrell said archers of all experience levels are welcome to attend the national competition, and the professionals will often donate their downtime between shootings to work with them.

For more information about registration for the Pro-Am, call the Uchee Creek office at 706-685-3060.

## Turkey

From C1

The contest will consist of five divisions — open, friction, hunters, junior and poults.

The open and friction divisions will be for more experienced callers, as both division contests will be sanctioned by the National Wild Turkey Federation.

The hunters division will be open to all turkey callers, while the junior division will be open to youths ages 16 and younger and the poults division to those 7 and younger.

Joe Drake, one of the organizers of the Peach State Classic, said the poults division is often the highlight of the night.

"These are the little T-ball guys who might hit the ball and run to third base, so when they get up on the stage, there's no telling what they might do in a turkey calling contest," Drake said.

There will also be door prize giveaways, and Drake said most that attend will end up with some sort of prize.

Proceeds from the event will go to the family of Jeremy Williams, a former local football coach who suffers from ALS, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. A portion of the proceeds will also support cancer research.

Drake also said that the event provides a good opportunity for novice turkey hunters to prepare for the upcoming hunting season.

"We'll have some of the top callers in the South, so people who come will get to hear all the sounds that a turkey makes and familiarize themselves a little bit before they get ready to go hunting," Drake said.

If Soldiers at Fort Benning are interested in participating in the upcoming hunting season, there is no need to leave Fort Benning for prime turkey



COURTESY PHOTO

Christopher Sanders bagged this 17-pound turkey in April 2012. It had a 9.5-inch beard and 1-inch spurs.

hunting areas, Brickner said.

"Just about any area that is open is going to have turkeys on it," he said. "Fort Benning is about 180,000 acres, and I can't name a place that doesn't have turkeys on it."

In order to hunt turkeys, hunters must first complete the Georgia Hunter Education Course and obtain a big game license.

Hunters are allowed to bag three male turkeys per year, and must use the appropriate shotgun shot.

Brickner said he hopes those who have not yet tried turkey hunting will give it a shot this season.

"We've been losing so many hunters over the last few years," Brickner said. "We're down something like 10 or 15 percent, and we really don't want to lose the sport. We want people to come out and enjoy the sport whenever they can find time to hunt. This time of year, turkey hunting is pretty much the only thing going, so if people like to hunt, they really should learn how to hunt turkeys."

For more information on turkey hunting, call Brickner at 706-681-4549. For more information on the Peach State Classic, call Drake at 706-573-6788.

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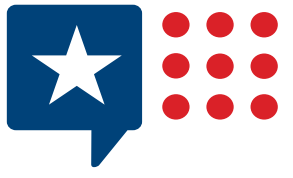
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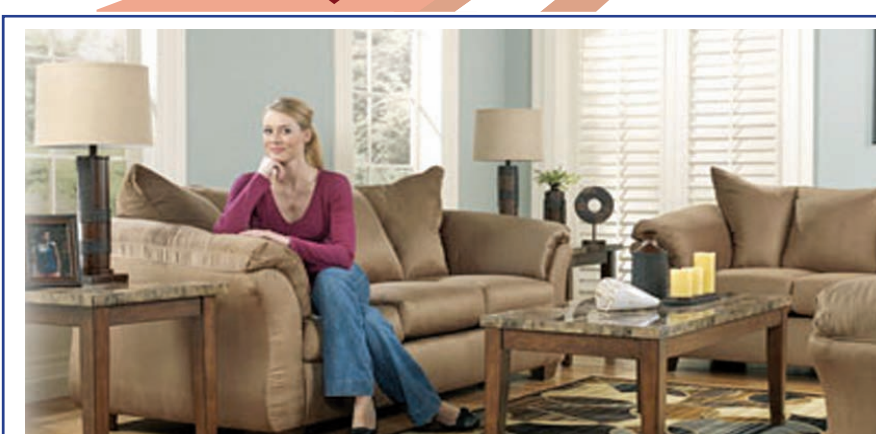
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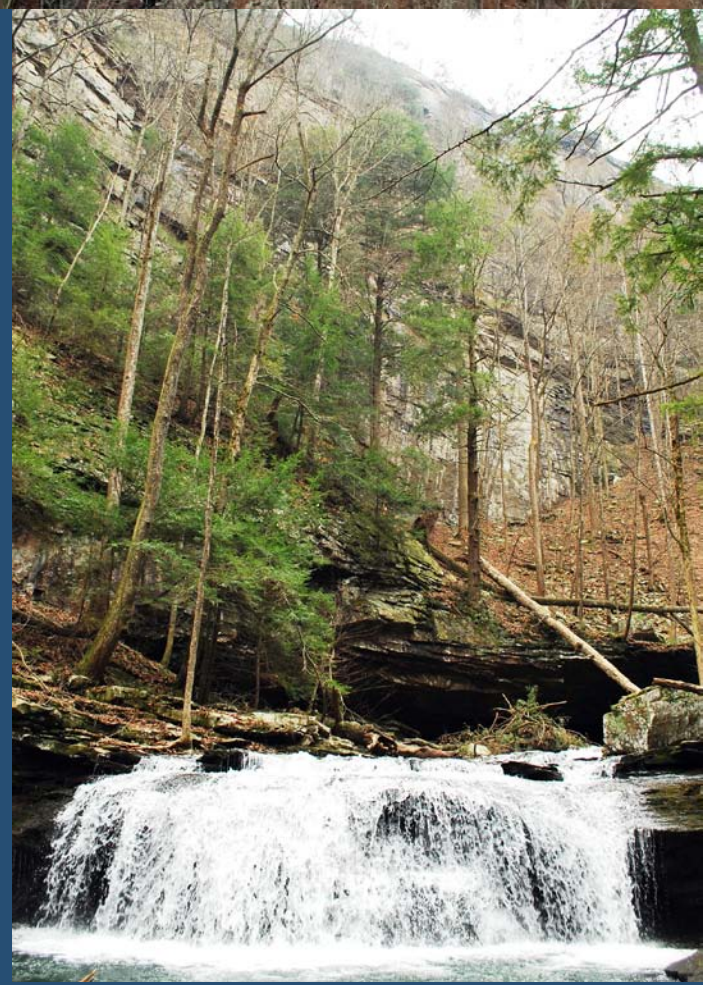




## Cloudland Canyon State Park

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The 6.5-mile Sitton's Gulch Trail winds along the river at the bottom of the canyon. Several smaller waterfalls are visible along this route, which is rated strenuous because of the length and terrain. Hikers who prefer to avoid the entire loop can venture part of the way before returning to the main Waterfalls Trail.



### North Georgia escape boasts creeks, waterfalls, vistas

By CHERYL RODEWIG  
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Cloudland Canyon — the name alone gives you an idea of what you'll find: a mountain that climbs to the clouds and a deeply cut gorge descending several hundred feet.

With all this change in elevation, you may have guessed that hiking is a popular pastime at this northwest Georgia park. And the stunning landscapes make all exercise well worth it.

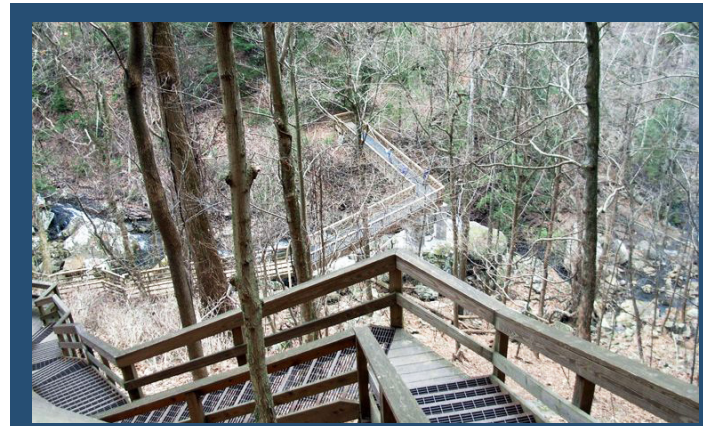
Cloudland Canyon State Park sits on the western edge of Lookout Mountain. Sitton Gulch Creek runs straight through the center with multiple trails winding off into the wilderness.

One of the prettiest vistas requires no hiking at all. Drive to the Main Overlook and snap a photo of the blue-green North Georgia skyline. Revel in the beauty and contemplate the sublime. It's awe-inspiring.

At this point, you'll be nearly 2,000 feet from the very bottom of the gorge. A staircase takes you down to two waterfalls and along the creek for some more scenic views. The force of the falls depends on recent rainfall, but even a lighter flow cascading over sandstone and shale is worth the trip.

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# Out on video

By JAY BOBBIN  
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**ARGO:**  
A major factor in the current film-awards season, director and star Ben Affleck's superbly staged drama is the true story of a CIA effort to get several American diplomats out of Iran during the late-1970s hostage crisis. Affleck plays the agent who poses as a producer scouting locations for a supposed monster movie — *Argo* — and races the clock to retrieve the would-be captives by having them pretend to be his crew. The first-rate cast also includes Alan Arkin, John Goodman, Bryan Cranston, Victor Garber and Kyle Chandler. (Rated R)

**MONSTERS, INC. 3D:**  
As with *Finding Nemo* recently, and *Beauty and the Beast* and *The Lion King* before that, another animated Disney classic gets a home-video relaunch in the three-dimensional refitting it received for theaters first. The entertaining co-venture with Pixar offers Billy Crystal and John Goodman as the voices of fearsome creatures who soften under the influence of a youngster. The monsters' mission becomes to return the child home. Steve Buscemi, John Ratzenberger and the late James Coburn also are heard. (Rated G)

**GAME OF THRONES: THE COMPLETE SECOND SEASON:**  
One of television's most acclaimed current dramas continues its home-video offerings, as this set of the HBO series finds the cruel Joffrey Baratheon on the Iron Throne — but how long he'll stay there is anyone's guess, since a number of forces want him unseated as soon as possible. Continuing cast members also include Peter Dinklage, Lena Headey, Iain Glen, Emilia Clarke, Aidan Gillen, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau and Maisie Williams. (Not rated)

## Coming Attractions: For this week and Feb. 22

**BEAUTIFUL CREATURES**  
Seventeen-year-old Ethan's world is shaken up with the arrival of Lena Duchannes, the beautiful and enigmatic niece of Macon Ravenwood, the reclusive owner of gothic Ravenwood Manor.

Ethan finds himself drawn to Lena, even though she is a Caster, with powers beyond her control and a curse that looms for Lena as she approaches her 16th birthday.  
Rated PG-13.

**A GOOD DAY TO DIE HARD**  
Police officer John McClane finds himself on foreign soil after traveling to Moscow for the first time to help his wayward son Jack — unaware that Jack is really a highly-trained CIA operative out to stop a nuclear weapons heist. With the Russian underworld in pursuit, and battling a countdown to war, the two McClanes discover their opposing methods make them unstoppable heroes.  
Rated R.

**DARK SKIES**  
As husband and wife Daniel and Lacey Barret witness an escalating series of disturbing events involving their family, their safe and peaceful home quickly unravels.  
When it becomes clear that the Barret family is being targeted by an unimaginably terrifying and deadly force, Daniel and Lacey take matters in their own hands to solve the mystery of what is after their family.  
Rated PG-13.

**SNITCH**  
After his teenage son is wrongfully arrested and found guilty of distributing drugs and sentenced to ten years under mandatory minimum drug laws, a suburban father makes a deal with a U.S. attorney and goes undercover to serve up a senior drug dealer to reduce his son's sentence.  
Putting him and his family's lives on the line.  
Rated PG-13.

**At the IMAX: ROCKY MOUNTAIN EXPRESS**  
*Rocky Mountain Express* propels audiences on a steam train journey through the breathtaking vistas of the Canadian Rockies and highlights the adventure of building a nearly impossible transcontinental railway. The film weaves together spectacular IMAX aerial cinematography, archival photographs and maps.  
Rated G.

## Turn the channel to...

**Wednesday**  
WTVM at 9 p.m. for *Modern Family*  
Phil and Claire (Ty Burrell, Julie Bowen) bring out their alter egos, Clive and Juliana, for some Valentine's Day fun that ends with Claire in the hospital. Interruptions from the kids derail Jay and Gloria's (Ed O'Neill, Sofia Vergara) romantic plans. Cam and Mitch (Eric Stonestreet, Jesse Tyler Ferguson) host a lonely hearts party to remember ... but they can't. Reid Ewing guest stars in the new episode *Heart Broken*.

**Thursday**  
WLTZ at 8 p.m. for *Community*  
When Pierce (Chevy Chase) accidentally locks himself in his mansion's panic room on Halloween, his fellow study

group members stop by on their way to a party to rescue him. As they search the house for the book with the code that opens the room, they uncover a few secrets in the new episode *Paranormal Parentage*.

**Friday**  
WTVM at 8 p.m. for *Last Man Standing*  
When Mike wants to know why Boyd is no longer registered under the last name Baxter at school, Kristin explains that Ryan has recommitted to the family and wants the boy to use his name. Kristin joins her sisters to reunite the Inglorious Baxters for a Valentine's Day video they hope will go viral. Nancy Travis also stars in the new episode *What's in a Name?*

**Saturday**  
WRBL at 8 p.m. for *Person of Interest*  
Reese (Jim Caviezel) becomes trapped with his Person of Interest, a psychologist in danger from one of her patients, in the most heavily surveilled part of the city. He must rely on Finch, Carter and Fusco to help him fend off the FBI, corrupt cops and a bevy of old foes in *Firewall*.

**Sunday**  
WJSP at 9 p.m. for *Masterpiece Classic*  
The Crawleys head to a Scottish hunting lodge, while the downstairs staff stays behind at Downton Abbey. New romances flare up, and a crisis unfolds. Hugh Bonneville, Michelle Dockery, Laura Carmichael and Brendan Coyle star in the season finale.

**Monday**  
WRBL at 9:30 p.m. for *Mike & Molly*  
To make sure he has what it takes to conceive a child, Mike (Billy Gardell) reads up on male fertility and visits a clinic to get tested. Vince (Louis Mustillo) gets a new gig doing a very old-fashioned job: selling vacuum cleaners door to door. Melissa McCarthy also stars in the new episode *Mike the Tease*.

**Tuesday**  
FAM at 8 p.m. for *Pretty Little Liars*  
Aria, Emily and Hanna consult Shana and CeCe in their search for more information about Detective Wilden's past, but they soon discover he's closing in on them. Spencer finds someone to lean on in the new episode *Hot Water*.

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE & MORE

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- Real Estate Services
- Brass that looks like gold
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- River in Austria
- Eliminates
- Canadian province
- Green, Earl Grey and iced
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- City founded by Xenophanes
- Picasso's mistress Dora
- Having two units or parts
- 2nd largest Spanish river
- Delta Kappa Epsilon nickname
- The cry made by sheep
- Air Chief Marshall
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# Out About CALENDAR

Feb. 13-Feb.28

WEDNESDAY

13

**CSU Jazz Band.** 7:30 p.m. at Legacy Hall, RiverCenter. Free. Featuring a blend of classic and new jazz styles. 706-649-7225. schwobmusic@columbusstate.edu.

THURSDAY

14

**Valentine's Day dinner fundraiser.** 5:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, Columbus. \$100 per couple, does not include 15 percent gratuity. www.crghome.org.

FRIDAY

15

**Photographs by Douglas Kirkland.** 7-9 p.m. Feb. 15 at LaGrange Art Museum, 112 Lafayette Parkway, LaGrange, Ga. 706-880-8211.

SATURDAY

16

**Black in Blue.** 1:30 p.m. at National Civil War Naval Museum. Black In Blue: African Americans in the Civil War Navies. www.portcolumbus.org.

17

**Georgia's For Love of the Arts Celebration.** Last day of the celebration, Feb. 7-17. Celebration of music, visual, and cultural arts. www.ForLoveOfTheArtsLaGrange.com.

18

**Presidents' Day celebration.** 11 a.m. at Jimmy Carter National Historic Site. Includes lecture entitled *Amazing Presidential Facts, Coincidences and Unique Relationships.* www.nps.gov.

19

**Patrick Calvert in concert.** 6:30 p.m. at Summers Landing At Green Island, 6830 River Road. Timeless songs down memory lane — songs from the 1800s-1950s. 706-315-6202.



21

**Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez: Mardi Gras at the Museum.** 6-8 p.m. at the Columbus Museum. Listen to live music, take tours of special exhibitions, and participate in artist talks. Featuring the CSU Jazz Syncopators. Free.

22

**Pad Thai Cooking Classes** at Columbus Dinner Divas, 1332 13th Street. 6 p.m. Feb. 18 class \$30, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 22 class for couples \$50. 706-992-6500. divinedinners@columbus@gmail.com.

**The Mousetrap Production.** Feb. 22-23, Feb. 28, March 1-3, March 7-9 at Family Theatre, Rosehill Baptist Church Theatre Annex, 2100 Hamilton Road. \$6-\$10. Reservations needed. 706-366-7196.

**The Color Purple.** 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at North Columbus Public Library, 5689 Armour Road. Rated PG-13.

23

**Oxbow's Reading Club.** 11 a.m. every Saturday at Oxbow Meadows, 3535 South Lumpkin Road. \$1 donation earns your child a membership card. http://oxbow.columbusstate.edu.

**The Perks of Being a Wallflower film for teenagers.** 4-6 p.m. at the Columbus Public Library, 3000 Macon Road. Rated PG-13.

**Jeff Dunham: Disorderly Conduct Tour.** 8 p.m. at the Columbus Civic Center. Dunham will be joined by Walter, Peanut, Achmed, Jose and Bubba J. Military discount. www.ticketmaster.com.

**Fancy Nancy Tea Party.** 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Mildred Terry Public Library, 640 Veterans Parkway. Read stories, have tea and make a craft.



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**POP**

**Columbus Comic Book Show.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Coca-Cola Space Science Center. \$4 admission. Special guest artist Chris Hamer, Urbnpop. www.ccssc.org.

**Black History Month Film Festival.** 3-5:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Columbus Public Library, 3000 Macon Road. *He Got Game.* Rated R.

25

**Columbus Lions Fan Fest.** 6-9 p.m. at the Columbus Civic Center. Meet the Columbus Lions and Lady Lions. Autographs, food, games and more. www.columbusciviccenter.org.

26

**Stewart Community Home Reverse Raffle Celebration.** 6:30 p.m. at the Columbus State University Cunningham Center. \$50 ticket includes dinner for two and one entry in the \$5,000 raffle. 706-327-2707.

27

**Hiding Place.** 7 p.m. at Christ Community Church, 4078 Milgen Road. Ballet Magnificat!, America's Premier Christian Ballet Company performance. www.ccclive.org.

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**Sweet Repeats Spring Consignment Sale.** 7-9 p.m. Feb. 28 and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. March 1 at Golden Acres Baptist Church, Phenix City, Ala. 10 percent of sells goes to GAPC Children's Ministry.

**"Yesterday And Today" The Interactive Beatles Experience.** 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28, March 1-2, March 7-9 and March 14 and 2:30 p.m. March 10 at Springer Opera House. 706-327-3688.



Learn to cook Pad Thai at Columbus Dinner Divas. Take a standard class at 6 p.m. Feb. 18 or a couples class 6:30 p.m. Feb. 22. Prices are \$30-\$50. 706-992-6500.

## Plan ahead...

**March 16:** Thunder in the Valley Air Show. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 16-17 at the Columbus Airport. \$8-\$15. Children six and younger free. www.thunderinthevalleyairshow.com.

**March 28:** Orchids 101: Basics For Beginners. 6-7:30 p.m. at the Columbus Botanical Garden. Learn basic care and maintenance. Demonstration on floral creations. \$15-\$20. 706-327-8400.

**March 30:** Red, White and Blue Run. 9 a.m. at Rotary Park, Columbus. 10K, 5K and 1-mile walk. \$15-\$25 entry fee (excludes late entry fee). www.redwhiteandbluerun.com. 706-593-3393.

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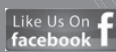
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WEDNESDAY PRIME TIME

FEBRUARY 13

Table with 13 columns (6:00-11:30) and 13 rows of TV listings for Wednesday Prime Time, including channels like WRBL, WTVM, and various programs such as Jeopardy!, Wheel of Fortune, and The Big Bang Theory.

WEEKDAY LATE NIGHTS

FEBRUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 19

Table with 13 columns (12:00-5:30) and 13 rows of TV listings for Weekday Late Nights, including channels like WRBL, WTVM, and programs like Letterman, Jimmy Kimmel Live, and The Tonight Show.

THURSDAY PRIME TIME

FEBRUARY 14

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SATURDAY PRIME TIME

FEBRUARY 16

Table of TV programming for Saturday Prime Time, February 16. Columns include channel, time slot, and program title. Rows list various shows like 'CBS Evening News', 'Wheel of Fortune', 'Criminal Minds', etc.

SUNDAY MORNING

FEBRUARY 17

Table of TV programming for Sunday Morning, February 17. Columns include channel, time slot, and program title. Rows list various shows like 'Edgewood Church', 'Good Morning America', 'The Today Show', etc.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

FEBRUARY 17

Table of TV programming for Sunday Afternoon, February 17. Columns include channel, time slot, and program title. Rows list various shows like 'Antler!', 'March Madness', 'PGA Tour Golf', etc.

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SUNDAY PRIME TIME

FEBRUARY 17

Table of TV programming for Sunday Prime Time, February 17. Columns include channel, time slot, and program details.

MONDAY PRIME TIME

FEBRUARY 18

Table of TV programming for Monday Prime Time, February 18. Columns include channel, time slot, and program details.

TUESDAY PRIME TIME

FEBRUARY 19

Table of TV programming for Tuesday Prime Time, February 19. Columns include channel, time slot, and program details.



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