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★★★★ **DID YOU KNOW?** ★★★★★

"Military Youth and Children: Brave, Fearless and Resilient"
is the 2024 Month of the Military Child theme.



Fort Novosel breaks ground on \$100 million barracks complex

As the Army Aviation Branch celebrates 41 years, its home, Fort Novosel, broke ground on the first barracks building project since 1998. A ceremonial groundbreaking took place on the future complex's fresh soil April 10.



Army couple at Picatinny Arsenal recognizes importance of Month of the Military Child

At Picatinny Arsenal, MAJ Andrew Bradshaw, Assistant Product Manager Crew Served Weapons, part of Project Manager Soldier Lethality, and his wife, CPT Catherine Bradshaw, aide-de-camp, Joint Program Executive Office for Armaments and Ammunition, raise their daughter, Averie, together as a military couple.



WSMR welcomes IMCOM CG, CSM

LTG Omar Jones, U.S. Army IMCOM Commanding General, and IMCOM CSM Jason Copeland traveled to White Sands Missile Range on April 2 to thank the IMCOM workforce for their service and support, and to recognize their contributions to improve the readiness, resilience, and quality of life for Soldiers and their Families.



Innovative PFAS remediation kicked off at USAG Ansbach airfield

On April 11, USAG Ansbach invited members of the media to the construction kick-off for the most significant environmental project to date to remove contaminated soil and water from Katterbach Army Airfield near Ansbach. Contamination with per- and polyfluorinated chemicals, or PFAS, was detected around the former fire-fighting training area about a decade ago, and cleanup is a priority for the garrison and the U.S. Army.



Fort Bliss chaplains hold first Religious Leader Symposium

Religious leaders and spiritual care specialists from greater El Paso joined the Fort Bliss Chaplain community for the 2024 Spring Religious Leader Symposium at the 1st Armored Division Chapel on April 11. The program was the first of its kind at Bliss hosted by the Religious Support Office.



Chaplains invite interfaith council to Camp Zama for first time to build partnership

U.S. Army chaplains and their staff hosted an interfaith council for the first time at Camp Zama, Japan, on April 11 as part of an ongoing effort to strengthen their relationship with local religious leaders. Participants included 14 members of the Tokyo Interfaith Council, which comprises several faith groups.



Cultivating quality of life through community connection at Fort Hunter Liggett

The Fort Hunter Liggett Religious Support Office is a beacon of hope for Soldiers, civilians and their Families at the remote Central California installation. FHL, covering approximately 165,000 acres, is renowned for its isolated setting and ideal military training environment.



USAG Wiesbaden spill training builds on previous exercise to hone responder's ability

It was all-hands on deck, or rather, on the Clay Kaserne airfield, as trainees reacted to the effects of a notional hazardous material spill. The training was part of a two-day spill prevention and response class hosted by USAG Wiesbaden Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division on March 20 and 21.



Rock Island Arsenal earns one of six 2023 Army Community Partnership Awards

Representatives from USAG Rock Island Arsenal and the Illinois Mutual Aid Box Alarm System, or MABAS, were at the Pentagon on April 11 to receive one of six 2023 Army Community Partnership Awards. MABAS is an Illinois statewide mutual aid response system for fire, Emergency Medical Services and specialized incident operational teams.



USAG Italy fire department prepares for return of on-post housing

With housing construction at USAG Italy in full swing, the garrison's fire department is bolstering staff and increasing training to prepare for when families once again live on post. This quarter, they've onboarded eight new firefighters and have been putting their team through a rigorous, four-month academic and physical training process.



Gold Star Spouses Day 2024 at Fort Buchanan

Members of the Puerto Rico military community gathered at Soldiers Plaza on April 5 to participate in a Gold Star Spouses Day ceremony to honor the surviving loved ones of military service members who died while serving their country. Maria R. Robles, widow of SSG José Cintrón, who died in Iraq in 2011, traveled from Vega Baja to participate in the ceremony.



Fort Leavenworth newspaper wins numerous state journalism awards

Earlier this week, the Kansas Press Association announced the winners of the 2024 KPA Awards of Excellence competition, with the Fort Leavenworth Lamp staff receiving a near-record number of awards across multiple categories. Lamp Editor Prudence Siebert took first place in the Photographer of the Year category along with several other awards.



ACS New Parent Support Program assists military Families at Fort George G. Meade

Expecting a baby or navigating the whirlwind of parenthood with an infant or child up to 3 years old can evoke a myriad of questions and concerns. However, for military families, the Army Community Service New Parent Support Program offers a beacon of support and guidance at Fort George G. Meade and other Army installations.



IMCOM CG visits Fort Leonard Wood

LTG Omar Jones, U.S. Army Installation Management Command commanding general, stepped foot on Fort Leonard Wood for the first time April 10 to visit IMCOM directorates across the post and thank the civilian workforce for their service and support. Jones said the support garrison employees give to Fort Leonard Wood and the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence is "fantastic."



Fort Sill blooms with new pollinator program

Fort Sill's Natural Resources division, in collaboration with Cache Public School's Beta Club, has launched a pollinator planting program to help strengthen the ecosystem by creating habitats for essential pollinator species. Wildlife specialist Victoria White from Natural Resources and her daughter, Andi White, a Cache Beta Club member, led this initiative, with a focus on attracting monarch butterflies, bumblebees and birds.



Fort Belvoir honors past garrison commanders

Several past garrison commanders came back to Fort Belvoir, some for the first time in years, at the invitation of current garrison commander COL Joseph Messina, for a Leaders Emeritus event March 29 at the Fort Belvoir Golf Club.

IMCOM GROUNDBREAKING EVENTS

Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia

June 6, ribbon cutting for Building 404, DFAC R&M project

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