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## \*\*\* TIP OF THE WEEK \*\*\*

Many pools at garrisons are still open as a way to beat the heat.

Visit [armymwr.com](http://armymwr.com) to find out your pool's hours.



### The Army's newest garrison: USAG Black Sea

On Aug. 8, the United States Army Garrison Black Sea marked its official uncasing of colors and change of command ceremony. The U.S. Army formally redesignated the Army Support Activity-Black Sea to USAG Black Sea, effective June 15. Located at Mihail Kogalniceanu Airbase in Romania and Novo Selo Training Area in Bulgaria, USAG Black Sea is tasked with managing a total of five sites across both countries.



### Fort Hunter Liggett culminates years of resiliency efforts with microgrid commissioning event

Fort Hunter Liggett continues to lead the way in the Army's energy resiliency as the first military installation with a microgrid implementation using only renewable sources such as photovoltaic generation and battery storage. The Army Reserve-funded installation is very close to becoming a Net Zero installation.



### Fort Knox family honors firefighters who delivered 'eager' baby at home

July 25 was LT Seth Rockenfelder's first day back from a fun, relaxing one-month vacation. The Fort Knox Fire Station #3 firefighter and emergency medical technician said he was asked by CPT David Pratt that morning to take charge of Engine 3 for a couple of hours while Pratt tended to other responsibilities.



### JBLM's new barracks use sustainable building materials to enhance climate-resiliency goals

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, U.S. Army I Corps and Assistant Secretary of the Army leadership recently joined Washington State congressional representatives for an Aug. 7 groundbreaking ceremony on a first-of-its-kind barracks pilot program using sustainable building materials meant to reduce its carbon footprint.





## Fort Carson garrison gains new commander

COL Erik C. Oksenvaag assumed command of the Fort Carson garrison from COL Sean Brown during a change of command ceremony Aug. 5 at Founders Field. Presiding officer, MG David Doyle, commanding general of the 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, welcomed Oksenvaag and bid farewell to Brown.



## Fort Gregg-Adams RSO starts Army's first official Native American service

A tribal member from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (Umpqua and Rogue River) fanned a sage stick with his golden eagle feather fan, spreading the sweet smoke over a Haida Alaskan Native to cleanse him before starting his new religious leadership role.



## Expanded on-post school provides stability to students, Families at Hunter Army Airfield

The Hunter Army Airfield command team joined education leaders from across the Savannah community, Aug. 15 for a ribbon cutting at Pulaski K-8 School on the installation. The event signaled the school's transition from an elementary school with kindergarten through fifth grade students, to a school serving students from kindergarten through eighth grade.



## Texas 'Great Place' welcomes students back

As the 2024-2025 school year commences, it means the end of long, lazy days and carefree summertime activities, but also the beginning of renewed energy and optimism only a new school year can bring about. The Killeen Independent School District welcomed approximately 44,000 students back to 53 schools Aug. 14, 31 of which teach elementary. Of these KISD schools, eight reside on Fort Cavazos.



## Fort Drum youths experience summer of fun at CYS Sports and Fitness camps

The Summer Olympics might be over, but Fort Drum youths are still showcasing their athleticism and developing their skills during the Child and Youth Services' Sports and Fitness Summer Camps. Josh Herzig, CYS Youth Sports and Fitness assistant director and camp coach, said there is no better way to stave off boredom than to engage in a fun sport with your peers.





## Fort Leavenworth Operation Deploy Your Dress

Operation Deploy Your Dress, part of the Fort Leavenworth Spouses' Club, hosted a special event with Army Corrections Brigade to support military families Aug. 10 at the Resiliency Center at Fort Leavenworth. Spouses and active-duty members of Army Corrections Brigade preparing for the upcoming Military Police Ball participated in a shopping experience where they selected formal wear from donated dresses and accessories while volunteers assisted.



## Why I Serve: PRIDE in putting on the uniform

*This series highlights members of the Picatinny Arsenal community.*

Today you can serve in the U.S. Army regardless of background, heritage, or sexual orientation. The Armed Forces comprise a melting pot of different ethnicities, religions, sexual orientations and genders, all working together toward a common goal, protecting our country.



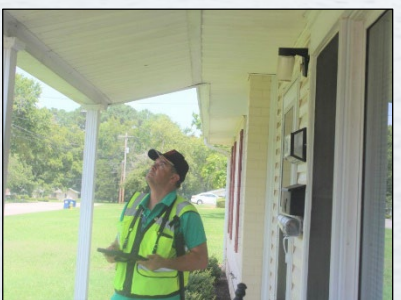
## Camp Zama celebrates Japanese culture, fosters friendship during Bon Odori Festival

More than 15,000 people gathered to celebrate Japanese culture and share in a day of games, live entertainment, dancing and more during the 65th Bon Odori Festival held at Camp Zama, Japan, on Aug. 3.



## Fort Buchanan's readiness enabler platform role was evident during tropical storm

Personnel from Fort Buchanan's Logistic Readiness Center actively applied the lessons learned in 2017 during Hurricane Maria's experience by operating the Subsistence Supply Management Office in support of Soldiers activated due to the threat of Tropical Storm Ernesto on Aug. 13.



## Housing inspections lead to increase in work orders at Redstone Arsenal

All 353 of Redstone's homes were inspected last week as part of the Armywide housing inspections. Congress ordered that 100% of all Family housing on Army installations would be inspected by an independent, third-party contractor retained by the Department of Army. Inspectors from RER Solutions visited Redstone from July 29 to Aug. 2.





## While thousands trained in WAREX 87-24-02, Fort McCoy's team supported exercise's success

From July 13-27, thousands of Army Reserve Soldiers from multiple units descended on Fort McCoy for the 87th Training Division's Warrior Exercise 87-24-02, training in scenarios "validating Soldier warfighting capabilities in both individual and collective common Warrior tasks."



## Fort Johnson reinforces Army's designation of August as Antiterrorism Awareness Month

The Army has designated August as Antiterrorism Awareness Month. The Fort Johnson Antiterrorism Branch intends to use the opportunity to train, educate and increase the installation's overall awareness.

## IMCOM GROUNDBREAKING EVENTS

**September:** Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

Tentative date for ribbon cutting on \$28M FY18 MILCON ground transport equipment building for electronic proving ground.

**Sept. 13:** USAG Humphreys, Korea.

Building memorialization in honor of two Medal of Honor recipients and ribbon cutting ceremony/grand opening for two military housing towers at Camp Humphreys, buildings 5050, 5051 and 5052.

**Sept. 17:** Fort Hunter Liggett, California.

Ribbon cutting for a \$21.8M microgrid project. First military installation with a microgrid implementation using only renewable sources such as photovoltaic generation and battery storage.

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