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**Installations News**



Andrew McClung, 29, and Joshua Elder chase down the ball during a spirited 8th Army Good Neighbor Program Youth Soccer match on April 19. -- Photos by Edward Johnson  
 IMCOM- Korea Region, Public Affairs Officer

**American, Korean youth team-up for 'Good neighbor' soccer match, clinic**

April 19 marked the second game for Eighth Army's Good Neighbor Youth Soccer Team. Youth ages 10 to 12 enjoyed a friendly game of soccer with a Korean team from the Gangnam district on the field at Yongsan. Although the two teams played to win, the true goal of the day's event was to promote good relations between children in the Army community and their Korean counterparts. The Eighth Army's Good Neighbor Youth Soccer Team began practicing in January and now have two practices per week. They will continue to play Korean youth soccer teams throughout the year. **Article**

**Darmstadt celebrates Earth Day**

Even though Darmstadt nears a closure brought about by transformation, the Darmstadt Community paused together April 22 to leave something new and lasting. In a ceremony held on Lincoln Village, Lt. Col. David Astin, commander of U.S. Army Garrison Darmstadt, and Command Sergeant Harold Littlejohn joined principal Joe Malloy and the Darmstadt School student body in placing a rhododendron in honor of Earth Day. The flowering plant was provided by Darmstadt's Parent Teacher Organization. **Article**

**Fort Bliss ready for new Soldiers, missions**

The general in charge of the nation's Army garrisons said Fort Bliss is on schedule to accommodate new soldiers and new missions at the heart of sweeping changes in the force. "This is the greatest amount of change the Army has gone through since World War II," said Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson, assistant chief of staff for installation management. "You see transformation in front of you (at Fort Bliss) and a tremendous amount of effort to make sure we get it right for the soldiers and the families." Wilson visited Fort Bliss and White Sands Missile Range, touring new motor pools, billets, housing, and battalion and brigade operation centers. "I think that the military construction is going extremely well," Wilson said. "It is done very quickly and it is putting a whole new definition to quality." **Article**

**Heidelberg conference brings Family readiness**

More than 170 Family readiness team members from across Europe attended a conference designed to train participants while helping them network and share ideas. Col. Armon Cioppa, chief of the military plans and policy division

**In the Spotlight**

**NEW: Photos of the Week:**

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*Best Ranger Competition: Sgt. 1st Class Chad Stackpole, 4th Ranger Training Battalion, hangs on during the Water Confidence Test.*

**16 teams complete Best Ranger Competition**

The 25th annual David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition 2008 wrapped up April 21 when Gen. George Casey, Army chief of staff, presented the winners Colt pistols. Staff Sgt. Michael Broussard and Staff. Sgt. Shayne Cherry, one of six teams representing the 75th Ranger Regiment, won the three-day competition. Out of the 28 teams that started with Darby Mile buddy run's mass start, only 16 teams finished the final event, the last of three buddy runs. "You needed to be a track star in the first event," said Maj. Brian Heatherman, who represented the Marine Corps with his partner, Sgt. Chris Baumgartner. **Article**

**Fort Knox firefighter, Gerald Schiedewitz, named 2007 Fire Officer of the Year**

Fort Knox's Gerald "Jay" Schiedewitz has been chosen as the 2007 Fire Officer of the Year for the Installation Management Command-Southeast, the first from Fort Knox to be awarded the honor. Schiedewitz, 39, has been with the Fort Knox Fire Department's Station 1 for nine years, first serving as a firefighter and now as the assistant fire chief of training. **Article**

**Fort Hood a LEEDer in environmental stewardship**

As the Army transitions to the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system for military construction, Fort Hood is incorporating LEED criteria into the Comprehensive Army Master Planning System (CAMPS). CAMPS is an interactive, Web-based tool that assists in decision making and builds efficiencies into everyday planning to

of USAREUR's personnel directorate, called the April 16-18 conference a historic event that brought Family readiness experts from across USAREUR and the Installation Management Command-Europe together for training for the first time. **Article**



Lieutenant Col. Christopher Croft, 106th Battalion commander and Command Sergeant Major Thomas Rouse, Jr. unfurl the battalion colors during the welcome home ceremony Sunday at the Passenger Processing Center.

### Fort Campbell: Welcome back 106th

Although most people were asleep a little after midnight Saturday, Families of the 106th Transportation Battalion were wide awake as they welcomed home their Soldiers from Iraq at Campbell Army Airfield. More than 60 Soldiers with the 106th Trans. Bn. Headquarters returned to Fort Campbell from a 10th month deployment to Logistical Support Area Anaconda in Balad, Iraq. "The best part is we brought every Soldier home," said Lt. Col. Christopher Croft, battalion commander. "There are a few who were banged up and bruised, but everyone will make a full recovery, which is an awesome story. Bringing everybody home was my objective." **Article**



Fort Knox vehicle simulator: The red lights just above and to the right of the gun muzzle, indicate how many rounds each weapon has left on the Humvee. Staff photo by Rachael Tolliver.

### Fort Knox offers training with vehicle simulator

The Closed Combat Tactical Trainers (CCTT) center, in addition to housing the Bradley and Abrams tank simulators, now offers the new Reconfigurable Vehicle Simulator. The object of the RVS training, which can be configured to train as a HEMMET -- the Army's largest transport truck -- or as a Humvee, is to train Soldiers what to do in a convoy, how to do it, and what the consequence for their actions will be. "The RVS is compatible with other simulators so it can be incorporated with tanks and Bradleys on different missions," said Cary Stark, a training facilitator at the CCTT center. **Article**

### Kaiserslautern: Landstuhl boasts first 'Wi-Fi' for Army Europe libraries

Personal laptop computers could have been the recommended accessory to attend the April 14 grand opening of the U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern's library on Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. "We are the first Army library in Europe to have live Wi-Fi (wireless internet)," said Shawn Friend-Begin, the garrison's supervisory librarian. "It's installed from one end of the library to the other ... customers can (visit) with their laptops and hookup for free." Installing this capability in the other IMCOM-Europe libraries is planned for later this year, said Friend-Begin. **Article**

### Fort Lewis officials leverage system to lessen environmental impact

From composting and waste disposal to anti-idling campaigns and recycling, Fort Lewis is working to get all organizations on post involved in protecting the environment through its Environmental Management System. Since 2005, Fort Lewis has been working toward the goal of every organization having an EMS, a system that allows an organization to evaluate itself and create a plan to lessen its environmental impact. "EMS is all about evaluating your

create and maintain a sustainable installation. Fort Hood plans to be the first Army installation to build and certify a LEED Silver-level building under the statutory limit of \$750,000 following the release of the Army requirements.

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MG Dennis Via hosts a BRAC Town Hall at Fort Monmouth. During the Town Hall, MG Via told his audience: "...Anyone who feels they are not getting answers come down front after the meeting. I'll clear my schedule for as long as it takes." And he did.

### Fort Monmouth's Town Hall addresses BRAC

The power of positive thinking and evaluating lessons learned -- for everyone from the commanding general on down -- may have been the most important messages those in attendance took from the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Town Hall Meeting at Fort Monmouth. Maj. Gen. Dennis L. Via hosted the meeting, which began with a video clip of the groundbreaking for Phase 1 of the construction of Team C4ISR facilities at Aberdeen Proving Ground. "Shoveling some sand was the easy part; now the hard work really begins," Via said. **Article**



IMCOM - Southeast holds Boss conference and takes on volunteer service project

### IMCOM - Southeast holds BOSS conference and takes on volunteer-service project

BOSS presidents, garrison sergeant majors, and MWR representatives from several different Installations within the SE Region attended the IMCOM Southeast BOSS Conference held in Charleston, S.C. And a contingent of Soldiers took on a volunteer project by clearing underbrush and chopping down trees to expand a Dog Park into a shaded zone. **Article**



Third Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment spouses show their support for their deployed Soldiers at the Combat Spouses Badge competition on April 19.

### Fort Stewart spouses turn Soldiers for a day

Cool breezes and a warm spring sun accompanied the settings for a historic event as several 4th Brigade Combat Team spouses smeared on the camouflage paint and got down and dirty at Vanguard Field on April 19. These spouses literally put themselves in their significant other's shoes, tightened up their shot groups and competed in the 4th BCT's first-ever Combat Spouses Badge competition. "This event is for the spouses of our Soldiers to come out and see what our Soldiers do on a day-to-day basis with

processes," said John Radzynski, installation EMS and Environmental Operating Permit coordinator for the environmental department of Fort Lewis Public Works. **Article**



A young girl tries her turn at the dunk tank during the K-16 Community Fun Fair at USAG Yongsan.

### Yongsan community fair

The K-16 Community Activities Center at Yongsan held its Community Fun Fair on April 19, treating participants to Korean culture and fun and games for children. "This was a partnership under the Good Neighbor Program with the people of Seongnam," said Mario Farrulla, U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan Community Activities Center director. "We brought in different dancers and bands from the local community." Some of the performances included Korean traditional dance, belly dance and modern dance; martial arts demonstrations and a B-Boy performance. Twenty-five children from the "House of Angels," a local orphanage, also attended the event. Slideshow

### Hospital rehabilitation unit brought new concept

When the Active Duty Rehabilitation Unit opened at Augusta's Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center in 2004, even its director had no idea what to expect. "No one knew how long the war would last," said Dr. Dennis Hollins, who has been the unit's head since it opened. As the war has continued, many of those who came initially are still working at the hospital, and many early kinks are history. Hollins said he has been a matchmaker or marriage counselor of sorts. "It was an experience of two people or organizations who really needed each other, but they didn't know how to do it," he said. The partnership between the VA and Department of Defense was something totally new. It had never been done before. Each entity had its own way of doing things, its own systems in place. **Article, front page**

### Fort Leavenworth: Contract awarded for Joint Regional Correctional Facility

An \$84.4 million contract for construction of the Midwest Joint Regional Correctional Facility has been awarded to JE Dunn Construction Group. JE Dunn is contracted through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. David Manca, Fort Leavenworth Army Corps of Engineers engineer, said construction would begin sometime this spring and would be completed in the fall of 2010. The Midwest Joint RCF is one of a half dozen buildings scheduled for completion around 2010 that will increase Fort Leavenworth's inmate capacity, workforce and population. The entire project will have an estimated cost of \$150 million and add about 200 jobs to Fort Leavenworth's military and civilian staff. **Article**

### Vincenza offers stress-relief programs

Battling stress doesn't always have to be a serious endeavor. In fact, community members at Vincenza are learning fun and creative ways to handle negative and positive stresses in their lives. "It is unrealistic to think we can eliminate all stress from our lives," said Carolyn Parse Rizzo, Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program. "In fact, some stress is necessary to living productive and satisfying lives. It's creating a balance between the good stress and bad stress we must strive for." The U.S. Army Garrison Vincenza FAP has offered a stress management program since January. **Article**

### Wainwright's fitness program champions women and wellness

Heidi Stevens has so much energy and enthusiasm it's infectious. National Women's Health Week is May 11 through 17, but Stevens, a strength and conditioning specialist, and the crew at Fort Wainwright's Physical Fitness Center felt there are too many fun things to do and too many important topics to cover, so they've created Women's Health Month. "We're following suit with other communities around the country by making it a month-long celebration of health," Stevens said. "It's not just about working out, it's about the whole person – mind, body and spirit." **Article**

different tasks," said Sgt. 1st Class Jason Gill, rear detachment first sergeant for 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment. **Article, pg. 3**

### Secretary of Army visits Picatinny

The Secretary of the Army Pete Geren visited Picatinny March 28 to tour the installation known as the "Home of America's Firepower" and receive updates on technology being developed for the military. Geren spent several hours with Picatinny's leadership, reviewing installation operations and learning more about the base's support to the warfighter and its role in the war on terrorism. During his stay, Geren toured several Picatinny laboratories and facilities, including the Prototyping Integration Facility where new products and manufacturing processes are designed. **Article**

### Camp Zama cherry blossom festival draws 15,000

Camp Zama's 31st annual Cherry Blossom Festival, known by locals as sakura matsuri, brought more than 15,000 visitors through the gates on April 5. Live entertainment, such as taiko drummers, hula dancers and music from the 296th Army Band of U.S. Army Japan awed the crowds. Festival staples included nearly 50 concession booths representing units and organizations on post, as well as private sector restaurants and companies on the local economy. **Article**

### Fort Leavenworth manager named 2007 DPW Business Management Executive of the Year

The business manager for Fort Leavenworth's Directorate of Logistics and Public Works has been named the Army's DPW Business Management Executive of the Year for 2007. Debbie Palmer, chief of the Business Operations and Integration Management Division, received the recognition April 8 during an IMCOM conference in Kansas City, Mo. Palmer was one of only seven individuals recognized across the six IMCOM regions worldwide. IMCOM Commander Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson presented a plaque to her. **Article**

### Berlin airlift project brings U.S., German students together

As the small parachutes floated into outstretched hands of anxious children at Aukamm Elementary School, the scene could have been Berlin in 1948. Only it wasn't Lt. Gail Halvorsen dropping candy from his C-54 aircraft. Nearly six decades after Halvorsen's famous flights, members of the Wiesbaden Fire Department were tossing cloth canopies to German and American students at the Wiesbaden school April 16. A partnership project between fourth-graders at Aukamm and Grundschule Nauheim (a nearby primary school) brought German students to U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden to work on entries for a special competition commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Berlin Airlift. **Article**

### Hanau bids farewell to U.S. Army

Emotions flowed during a ceremony marking the end of six decades of an American presence in Hanau. Hanau's Lord Mayor Claus Kaminsky emphasized the social, cultural and economic importance of the many Americans who called Hanau home temporarily. "We are thankful and appreciative of the presence of U.S. forces - Soldiers, Family members and civilians - for the 63 years you were here in Hanau. In 1945 you reached out and built bridges, which led us from the past to the future," said Kaminsky. "Your support caused industry, trade and commerce in Hanau to bloom. We lived a great life together with you. Hanau, the city of the Grimm Brothers, wouldn't be the same without you." **Article**

### Hot Topics

#### Kansas, Kentucky sign compact for military school children

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transfers, thanks to the signing of a bill by the governors of Kansas and Kentucky. Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius hosted a ceremonial signing April 24 of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. "There are many states and many people in those states who have no idea of the stress and the strains on military Families," Caldwell said. "They don't even understand the challenges they have moving from school to school because they have not been faced with that." The compact is currently being considered by 24 other states. **Article**

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