FORT BRAGG, N.C. – The U.S. Army Reserve Command Motorcycle Mentorship Program celebrated its second annual Blessing of the Bikes program March 15 with a safety program and an organized ride from Fort Bragg, N.C. to the famed Pinehurst #2 golf course for lunch and fellowship.

The program marks the beginning of motorcycle riding season as the weather begins to warm up here in the North Carolina Sand Hills region. With the warmer temperatures, more and more Soldiers and Family members will pull out their motorcycles for a weekend on the highways and by-ways to enjoy the fresh air, scenery, and freedom of the road.

Unfortunately, that freedom often comes with a terrible cost. According to information provided by the U.S. Army Reserve Command Safety Office, since FY2010, there have been 23 motorcycle fatalities across the Army Reserve. From these numbers, 31 percent and 26 percent of all Army Reserve vehicular accidents involved motorcycles in FY2010 and FY2011 respectively. Through a relatively new rider program, it is hoped the downward trend continues—but there is room for improvement.

“The point of motorcycle mentorship is to bring us all back together to do things according to the standards,” said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Thomas Baker, USARC Safety officer.

Baker said that age and rank do not really matter in order to have a successful mentorship program. Experience is what matters most.

“A motorcycle mentorship program places the responsibility on these more experienced riders to teach the inexperienced riders,” he said. “The age really doesn’t matter or even the rank structure. The ultimate goal is that we will save some lives.”

Army Reserve Sgt. 1st Class Robert Correa, started the MMP shortly after arriving at Fort Bragg last spring with that same goal in mind—saving lives.

“It’s a small, ceremonial way to start off the riding year safely,” Correa said.

He said the 86 mile round trip from Fort Bragg to Pinehurst provides the mentoring opportunities so important to group rides such as safety, alignment, and hazard avoidance.

It also provides the opportunity to promote camaraderie, networking, and esprit de corps, he said.

In addition to USARC and U.S. Army Forces Command riders, this year’s group included members of the 82nd Airborne Division.

The 20-plus riders made their way past the rugged pine tree ranges of Fort Bragg to Pinehurst #2, a picturesque golf course that hosted two previous U.S. Open tournaments in 1999 and 2005. Pinehurst will host the 2014 U.S. Open and the U.S. Women’s Open in consecutive weekends.

While the setting at Pinehurst was serene and peaceful, it...
The Double Eagle has landed

This is the first edition of the Double Eagle, an electronic newsletter published by the USARC Public Affairs Office, so I thought I would take a few minutes to tell you what we hope to achieve from its publication.

With all of the staff directorates and offices in USARC fully engaged to ensure the readiness of Army Reserve units and Soldiers for our missions, it is vital that we all have a common picture of what is happening within the command. It is also important that our senior leaders and directorates have a communications tool to keep the entire USARC family – Soldiers, Army Civilians, their Families, and contractors – informed and ready to conduct all of their duties and responsibilities. The Double Eagle newsletter will serve as the linchpin in this effort.

Our goal is to produce a monthly publication that presents useful and interesting information about ongoing initiatives, upcoming changes, and command priorities, that have an impact on our command. However, as we all know, USARC is more than just military related activities, so the Double Eagle will also focus on the command’s people, history, and other human-interest items.

We are also excited to announce the creation of the USARC Report, produced by the Public Affairs Internal Information Branch. The USARC Report is a five to ten minute newscast, shot in digital high definition video, which complements the Double Eagle.

Starting on April 16, we will distribute the USARC Report via e-mail with follow-on episodes released on or about the first and fifteenth of each month. The e-mail will contain embedded links that can be “tuned in” from any USARC desktop computer just by clicking it. We will also make each episode available on the Marshall Hall in-house video system as well as the Army Reserve Website and Facebook page.

The USARC Public Affairs Office focuses on what we call the three pillars of Public Affairs, which are, internal information, public information, and community engagement. But we need your help, because we cannot effectively conduct our mission without hearing from you. Below is a wiring diagram with the names and contact information for everyone on the USARC PAO team.

What we ask of you, is to feed us with story ideas, photos, and news from your directorates. We also want your suggestions to improve the Double Eagle and USARC Report, as your feedback and input are critical to making them high quality products.
President nominates Talley as new Chief of Army Reserve, USARC Commanding General

Department of Defense News Release

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta announced March 20 that President Barack Obama nominated Maj. Gen. Jeffrey W. Talley for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and for assignment as chief, Army Reserve/commanding general, U.S. Army Reserve Command, Washington, D.C.

Talley is currently serving as commanding general, 84th Training Command (Unit Readiness), Fort Knox, Ky.

His resume, pulled from the Reserve Forces Policy Board website, details his career.

Talley received a Regular Army commission as a 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Army, Engineer Branch, after graduating from Louisiana State University in December 1981.

While on active duty, he served as 1st Platoon Leader, Alpha Company, and Adjutant, 39th Combat Engineer Battalion (Fort Devens, Mass.); Civil Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) - St. Louis District (St. Louis, Mo.); Battalion Assistant S-3, 44th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) (Camp Mercer, Korea); Commander, Bravo Company, 44th Engineer Combat Battalion, Eighth U.S. Army and Installation Command, Camp Nimble, 2nd Infantry Division (Camp Nimble, Korea); and Environmental Engineer, USACE-Baltimore District (Baltimore, Md.).

In April 1992, he left the Regular Army and received an Army Reserve appointment.

As a reserve officer Talley has served as Assistant S-3 and S-3, 315th Engineer Group (New Cumberland Army Depot, Penn.); S-3, Executive Officer and Commander, 365th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) (Schuylkill Haven, Penn.); Plans Officer, Commandant, and Secretary General Staff, 412th Engineer Command (ENCOM) (Vicksburg, Miss.); and Deputy G-3 and Chief of Operations, 416th ENCOM (Darien, Ill.).

From 2002-2003, while with the 416th ENCOM, he served on active duty in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM/OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM in both Kuwait and Iraq. Upon redeployment and return to reserve status, he served as a Strategic Planner, Deputy Directorate for the War on Terrorism, Strategic Plans & Policy Directorate (J-5), Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C.

Following his assignment in the Pentagon, Talley commanded the 926th Engineer Group (Construction) (Montgomery, Ala.) for two years until its conversion to the 926th Engineer Brigade and his August 2006 assignment as the brigade’s first commander.

From 2008-2009, he deployed again in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM dual-hatted as Commander, 926th Engineer Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Multi-National Division-Baghdad and Baghdad Provincial Engineer.

In June 2009, he began his current assignment as Commanding General, 84th Training Command (Fort Knox, Ky.) where he is responsible for training and assessing the readiness of all Army Reserve units. He also serves on the Secretary of Defense’s Reserve Forces Policy Board.

Talley is a graduate of Engineers Officer’s Basic and Advance Courses, Combined Arms Staff School, U.S. Army Command & General Staff College, U.S. Army War College, Advanced Joint Professional Military Education (Joint Forces Staff College), National Security Strategy Seminar (Canadian Forces College), CAPSTONE General and Flag Officer Course (National Defense University), Joint Flag Officer Warfighting Course, and Coalition/Joint Forces Land Component Commander Course.

His many decorations and awards include: the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC), USACE Silver De Fleury Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal; Airborne and Air Assault Badges, Ranger Tab, Joint Staff Identification Badge, and Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge.

He holds a Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University and an Executive M.B.A. from the University of Oxford. He is a registered Professional Engineer (P.E.), a Board Certified Environmental Engineer (BCEE) in Environmental Sustainability, and a Diplomate, Water Resources Engineer (D.WRE). In civilian life, MG Talley is President and CEO of Environmental Technology Solutions (ETS Partners), Phoenix, Ariz; and also, an Adjunct Professor at The Johns Hopkins University.

He is married with four grown children.

Story by Timothy L. Hale
Army Reserve Command Public Affairs

FORT BRAGG, N.C. – It is probably a safe assumption that no one in the Army knows more about environmental sustainability than Addison D. (Tad) Davis, IV, the command executive officer for the Army Reserve.

So much so, that General Electric selected Davis as one of its top innovators for 2011 with the GE Ecomagination award.

According to the company’s website, the GE Ecomagination award demonstrates the company’s commitment to imagine and build innovative solutions to today’s environmental challenges while driving economic growth.

Even though the award recognizes Davis individually, he said the award is the result of many Soldiers and civilians within the Army Reserve who deserve the credit.

“I don’t accept this award on behalf of myself but I accept it on behalf of the literally hundreds of dedicated Army Soldiers, civilians and Families – active, guard and reserve – that are really working hard each and every day to bring sustainability to the forefront of what we are doing,” Davis said. “It may be a personal recognition for me but it’s more a recognition for the Army as a whole.”

Further, Davis said that what the entire Army is doing in the realm of sustainable resources directly benefits the nation.

“We’re finally getting recognition for the work we’ve been engaged in for a decade. I think it’s important that we receive that because we’re doing it on behalf of the American people – plain and simple,” he said. “I think it’s important that they have a good awareness that we’re doing the best job we can to put their taxpayer dollars to good use as we try to ensure security around the world.”

Davis acknowledged that senior Army leaders have noticed how changes in sustainability and energy security and understand how the two relates to mission accomplishment in contingency and home station operations.

“We’re faced with a tremendous decrease over the next couple of years in the defense budget and when you consider how much money we’re investing in utilities – electricity, water, waste disposal – if there are things that we can do to reduce those costs and continue operations that will be a huge benefit to us as a military,” Davis said.

The Middletown, Conn. Armed Forces Reserve Center was recently awarded Gold certification by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. - The recently opened Armed Forces Reserve Center here has been certified Gold by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. The new facility was part of construction projects under the 2005 congressionally-mandated Base Realignment and Closure program.

LEED is the Green Building Council of America standard for “Green” building construction.

“There are three levels of certification: Silver which is our minimum standard for all new construction, then Gold and Platinum,” said Addison D. (Tad) Davis, IV, the command executive officer for the Army Reserve.

“Not only is it state of the art from an IT perspective, but it is also enhanced with many cost-saving sustainability measures,” Davis said.

Some of the key sustainability and “green” building measures at the Middletown AFRC include:

• A 10,000 square feet green roof on the training center, which mitigates stormwater run-off and heat-island effects while providing aesthetic and thermal advantages – this is the first green roof in the nation-wide Army Reserve Center construction program.
• Solar-heated domestic hot water system at the training center, facilitated by rooftop solar collectors and a heat exchange system.
• A photovoltaic array in the parking lot that produces approximately 3.6 percent of the total building power, plus reaps additional environmental benefits, including:
  – The equivalent of planting 3.14 acres of trees or reducing automobile driving by 48,735 miles per year;
  – Avoiding the use of 1,195 tons of coal usage or 185,280 gallons of oil usage;
  – Reducing the following emissions over a 30-year period: 1.3 million pounds of carbon dioxide, 1,238 pounds of nitrogen oxides and 3,398 pounds of sulphur oxides.
FORT BRAGG, N.C. – Army Reserve Master Sgt. Norman Anderson stood before a group of Soldiers dressed in MultiCam uniforms and asked a simple question.

“Were you able to see, through the scope mounted on your rifle, why we were telling you what to do?” he said.

“Hooah!” was the response from the audience gathered on the bleachers at Range 79.

“When you did the practice yourself, you were able to implement and have success. Yes or no?” he asked.

“Yes!” was the unanimous response from the group.

The Soldiers, gathered on the bleachers for this training, were with 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment based here. As part of their preparation for an upcoming deployment to Afghanistan, the 2nd/504th PIR received training from members of the Army Reserve Marksmanship Unit on the M14 Enhanced Battle Rifle – an individual weapon system that will be used by squad dedicated marksmen during their deployment.

The ARMU was contacted by 2nd/504th PIR leadership to conduct squad dedicated marksmanship training on the weapon system, according to Master Sgt. Richard R. Kalina, II, who was in charge of the training event.

“Any time we have a chance to enhance the skill of the warrior directly, these guys being combat Soldiers, that’s a privilege,” Kalina said. “You can’t place a value on that type of experience.”

Kalina said that many of the trainers have been with the team for many years and have valuable experience to share.

“Being able to impart the knowledge that we have to our next generation, that is going firmly implant on their minds,” he said. “In turn, when they make the option to either stay with the Army or go to the Army Reserve or National Guard, they’re going to think back to the training they have received right now and they’re going to do the same for the next generation.”

The M14 Enhanced Battle Rifle itself is not completely new but a modification of an existing system, said Staff Sgt. John Arcularius, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the Army Reserve Service Pistol Team.

“The best thing we can give them is confidence in their weapon’s ability to hit at those extended ranges we expect it to hit,” he said.

Arcularius said the training is broken down into five phases to include: position evaluation; dry fire; range estimation; elevation, windage and hold off; and field fire qualification.

“In the beginning of it we are training them. As we progress, (For the complete story & photos, visit DVIDS)
FORT BRAGG, N.C. – Army Reserve Command non-commissioned officers used their own internal fortitude couple with some needed teamwork during an NCO professional development event held at the post’s obstacle course here.

Most of the NCOs assigned to the headquarters admitted it had been a few years since they had to complete an event like this.

“Not since basic!” one exclaimed, adding that basic was a “long time ago!”

The command’s monthly NCOPD at Fort Bragg has evolved rapidly since the headquarters moved from Fort McPherson last spring thanks in part to the availability of advanced training opportunities available here. Previous NCOPD events have included combatives with 82nd Airborne Division instructors and medical simulation training.

“We have all kinds of ranges (available to use),” said Master Sgt. Kenneth Handy, U.S. Army Reserve Command, G-8, the section responsible for the obstacle course event. “We’re going to try and get one of our other (US-ARC) sections to host a leader’s course which is a buddy event.”

There were plenty of buddies to go around on the obstacle course – lending a hand when needed, providing a boost over an obstacle, or just shouting words of encouragement.

After tackling the obstacles and downing meals-ready-to-eat for breakfast, the group moved over to the post’s Training Support Center to see the different type of training aids available for any future NCOPD events. They were also given a demonstration of some of the capabilities of the training aids to include air cannons and improvised explosive device simulators.
Bridging the gap for Army Reserve NCOs

Story by Timothy L. Hale
Army Reserve Command Public Affairs

FORT BRAGG, N.C. – A new approach to provide all Army Soldiers a streamlined way to manage their professional development is underway.

The Structured Self-Development, an Army-wide program developed by the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, is designed to assist all Soldiers – active, reserve and National Guard – achieve professional and technical success as they move through the noncommissioned officer ranks.

The goal of SSD is to provide a capable corps of NCOs who can think critically, manage resources, be culturally astute in any environment, and be a motivated warrior-leader.

While the SSD acronym may be new, its foundation is based on the existing professional NCO education system.

“It is going to enhance those (NCOES) training environments,” said Sgt. 1st Class Jerry Whitehead, operations NCO, USARC G-37 (Individual Training).

“It will keep the Soldiers on their toes,” Whitehead said. “It gives them a little more information to put in their tool bag and be a better Soldier all the way around.”

Through SSD and the current NCOES, a Soldier must complete each specific SSD level through self-paced learning before attending a resident course such as Warrior Leader, Advance Leader, Senior Leader or the Sergeants Major Course. As an example, a staff sergeant must complete SSD Level III before attending the Senior Leader Course.

Just like crossing a bridge to get from one side of a river to the other side, Soldiers will now bridge the gaps with SSD on their own to get to each phase of professional development.

“It is a distance-learning program but it enhances what you learn in the classroom from the different levels of NCOES,” he said.

Whitehead said there is a three-year time limit to complete each SSD level but the responsibility rests squarely on the individual.

He does caution Soldiers to watch the start dates because it may shave months off the three-year window.

“If you pick a course that has already started you may not get the full three years to complete the course. So pay attention to the course start date,” he said.

Whitehead also said leaders must also be involved in Soldier development.

“As a leader, you need to be aware of what your Soldiers are doing,” he said. “You need to be tracking their progress and you’re going to need to help them out. Everyone needs a little motivation now and then and that’s a leader’s responsibility.”

Whitehead added that SSD will allow Army Reserve Soldiers more opportunities for continuing their military service.

“It’s going to enhance your skills,” he said. “It’s going to build on what you have learned in the classroom and make you an overall better Soldier. These skills will carry across from the Army Reserve to your civilian life and family life – every aspect.”

Graphic courtesy of: United States Sergeants Major Academy/NCO Journal

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Bridging the Gap

SSD1 lessons will be mandatory starting January 2010, and it will be a prerequisite to Warrior Leader Course. Soldiers will be automatically enrolled during AIT and begin once they are in their unit. SSD1 will focus on team and squad levels, teaching leadership, NCO History, and introducing Soldiers to the Army’s drills and ceremonies.

SSD2 lessons will be mandatory starting January 2011. SSD2 will focus on company and platoon levels, teaching leadership, NCO History, and introducing Soldiers to the Army’s drills and ceremonies.

SSD3 lessons will be mandatory starting January 2012. SSD3 will focus on company and platoon levels, teaching leadership, NCO History, and introducing Soldiers to the Army’s drills and ceremonies.

SSD4 lessons will be mandatory starting January 2013. SSD4 will focus on company and platoon levels, teaching leadership, NCO History, and introducing Soldiers to the Army’s drills and ceremonies.

SSD5 lessons will be mandatory starting January 2014. SSD5 will focus on company and platoon levels, teaching leadership, NCO History, and introducing Soldiers to the Army’s drills and ceremonies.

Institutional Domain
Operational Domain

SSD at a Glance

SSD will reinforce what is learned in institutional training and operational assignments. Each SSD level consists of a series of modules of up to 80 hours. The operational domain provides “real world” experience in problem solving, while the institutional domain focuses on education and transitioning through the NCOES.
Story by Jason Wetzel
Office of Army Reserve History

“I hereby approve the memorialization/naming the new Office of the Chief Army Reserve Headquarters at Fort Belvoir, Va. honoring President Harry S. Truman.”

With these words, Thomas H. Lamont, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), added another star in the constellation of achievement of Col. Harry S. Truman, U.S. Army Reserve. Some of you may recall that Truman was also the 33rd president of the United States of America!


“Truman Hall” takes its place in Army Reserve history as the new OCAR headquarters building. The question here is “So what??” Who cares! What’s in a name? Well … everything.

Motivational speaker, Dale Carnegie, once said “a person’s own name is the sweetest sound in the English language.”

Think of the time and effort parents put into naming a child. Why take the time? A name has power and significance; it defines and identifies. Naming a building reflects the mission and the importance of people inside. A properly named building will motivate those working there and add prestige to what they do and how they do it.

Why President Truman? He was one of us, an Army Reserve Soldier.

His career in the Army Reserve spanned 33 years. Counting the National Guard and the Army Reserve, he had 41 years in the military.

In 1905, he was a private in the Missouri National Guard Field Artillery. In 1911, he was discharged as a corporal. He answered the call to arms in World War I when he returned to the Missouri National Guard. At that time in our military history, volunteer units elected those that would lead them into battle.

Hoping to be elected a sergeant, he was elected to the rank of first lieutenant in the Field Artillery, June 17, 1917. In August 1917, his unit came under federal control. They arrived in France the following April.

He was soon promoted to captain and made commander of Battery D, 129th Field Artillery, 35th Infantry Division in the Meuse-Argonne and St. Michel offensives.

In January 1920, he became a major in the Officers Reserve Corps, Field Artillery. During the 1920s and 1930s he was an Army Reserve officer, earning the rank of lieutenant colonel in May 1925, and a colonel June 1932.

Truman was a U.S. Senator from Missouri when World War II began. At age 57 he wanted to go on active service, but Gen. George C. Marshall said he could serve the country better as a senator.

He became Vice-President in 1944 and president on April 12, 1945, upon the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. In 1953, he left the presidency for private life and retired from the Army Reserve that same year at 69 years old.

Truman exemplifies what is good, right, and noble in America. He was known for his loyalty, courage, and patriotism.

His close friend, Harry Vaughn, said he was “one tough son-of-a-bitch of a man...” which “was part of the secret of understanding him.”

He could take it and dish it out.

“The buck stops here,” was a famous Truman saying.

Army Reserve Soldiers entering “Truman Hall” will be inspired by one of their own.

Truman — from buck private to commander-in-chief … his spirit lives!

Harry S. Truman in Army Reserve uniform in 1928. (Courtesy photo/W. M. Fricke, via Truman Library)

Lt. Col. Harry S. Truman (right) at a Army Reserve Camp at Fort Riley, Kansas. In the upper right corner of the photo, in Truman’s handwriting is, “Ft. Riley, Kans. 7-5 to 19-26.” From: Truman home via Truman Library.
Introduction of the Command Chaplain Directorate

Chaplain’s CORNER

In addition to the staff work the Command Chaplain Directorate performs, we are also here to provide our USARC personnel with religious leadership and support.

As a member of the U.S. Army Reserve Command you can come and talk, in complete confidentiality, with any member of our chaplain staff.

Our team is here to help either through direct efforts or through referring you to a network of resources at Fort Bragg and in the local area.

Occasionally I hear the comment, “well I am not very religious and don’t want to talk with a chaplain.”

I think this attitude comes from a misunderstanding that the chaplain is going to “push religion on me.”

Our desire is to be here to serve personnel from both a spiritual and practical perspective.

The times we are living in are economically, geo-politically and relationally stressful and demanding. Isn’t it good to know that you have people in your building available to listen, help and provide encouragement and hope?

How to Contact Your Chaplain

Chaplain coverage in our office is divided primarily by the chaplain and chaplain assistant areas of responsibility.

Looking at the table, find your section in the left column and you will see the staff contact information in the adjacent column.

Also remember that although these are the primary contacts, all of our chaplains and chaplain assistants are ready to help.
In light of the upcoming Presidential election, Soldiers should familiarize themselves with the applicable laws, directives, and regulations regarding political activities in order to avoid engaging in any activity that could subject them to adverse administrative or disciplinary action.

Soldiers in any status that subjects them to jurisdiction under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (e.g., Active Duty, Active Duty for Training, Active Duty Operational Support, Annual Training, or Inactive Duty Training) will not:

• Use official authority or influence to interfere with political activities;
• Participate in partisan political fund-raising activities, rallies, conventions, management, campaigns, or debates;
• Allow or cause to be published partisan political articles that solicit votes;
• Serve in any capacity (or be listed as a sponsor of) a partisan political club;
• Speak before partisan political gatherings, or participate in any radio, television, or other program or group discussion as an advocate for or against a partisan political party, candidate, or cause;
• Distribute partisan political literature, or conduct a political opinion survey under the auspices of a partisan political group;
• Perform clerical or other duties for a partisan political committee during a campaign or on an election day.
• Engage in fund-raising activities for partisan political causes on military reservations or other Federal offices or facilities;
• Participate in partisan parades, or in any organized partisan effort to transport voters to polls;
• Display large political signs, banners, or posters on private vehicles;
• Sell tickets to, or otherwise actively promote, political fund-raising events;
• Attend partisan political events as an official representative of the Armed Forces; or
• Make campaign contributions to, or receive campaign contributions from, any other member of the Army Reserve on AD, ADT, ADOS, AT, or IDT.

In addition, commissioned officers will not use contemptuous words against the President, the Vice President, Congress, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of a military department, or the Governor or legislature of any State, Territory, Commonwealth, or possession where the officer is on duty.

Participation in non-partisan political activities as a spectator is permitted, as long as the Soldier is not in uniform and does not use government resources; the Soldier’s participation does not interfere with duty or give rise to the inference or appearance of official sponsorship, approval, or endorsement; and there is no breach of law and order. Soldiers may also:

• Register to vote;
• Vote and express political opinions in their private capacity;
• Encourage other service members to vote;
• Join a political clubs and attend their meetings when not in uniform;
• Serve as non-partisan election officials, as long as such service does not interfere with the performance of the Soldier’s duties;
• Sign petitions in a purely private capacity;
• Write letters to the editor expressing their personal views, as long as it is not part of a partisan campaign or organized letter writing campaign and the Soldier includes a disclaimer if the Soldier is identified as a member of the Armed Forces;
• Make monetary contributions to a political organization, party, or committee;
• Display a political bumper sticker on a privately-owned vehicle; and
• Attend partisan political fund-raising activities, meetings, rallies, debates, or conventions as a spectator.

Soldiers should contact their servicing Staff Judge Advocate Office before they participate in political activities if they have any questions regarding what is or is not permissible.
Army Reserve Medical Corps or Medical Service Corps officers earn the pride and satisfaction that comes with treating our nation’s heroes.

Their healing skills help save lives and bring America’s sons and daughters home to a grateful nation. They work with cutting edge medical technology, serve in the nation’s highest-ranked Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations-approved hospitals, and learn new techniques from leading physicians.

The financial, professional and personal rewards offered to medical professionals in the Army Reserve are unmatched. Consultation with recognized experts from both military and civilian practice is an integral part of patient care.

This highly professional and challenging medical environment offers a multitude of career opportunities. The Army Reserve has urgent, ongoing needs for professionals to serve in the following specialties:

- General Surgery
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Emergency Medicine
- Preventive Medicine
- Family Practice
- Psychiatry
- Clinical Psychology

For more information on how to experience a medical career like no other, go to: http://www.goarmy.com/amedd/health-care/army-reserve-medical-corps.html, or visit http://www.goarmyreservedocs.com/family.html

FORT BRAGG, N.C. – In August 2011, a U.S. Army Soldier died of rabies … several months after returning from Afghanistan. Subsequent laboratory tests indicated the Soldier had been infected by rabies while he was deployed.

Those cute dogs, puppies, cats and kittens may remind you of the warmth and comfort of home and family – but you might want to think again before picking one up.

“Pets in other countries are not vaccinated against rabies as our own pets are here in the United States,” said Lt. Col. Sharon Tucker, a clinical operations administrative officer with U.S. Army Reserve Command Surgeon Office.

While most people may believe that rabies can only be contracted by a bite from a rabid animal, they also need to realize that even a friendly lick from an animal can lead to infection – especially if there is an open wound on the person’s hand or arm.

Even a lick on the face can transfer infected saliva into a person’s mouth or eyes.

“Animals carrying rabies are not necessarily symptomatic,” Tucker said. “Animals can appear perfectly normal but may be capable of transmitting rabies … even that cute little puppy.”

If a Soldier has been exposed to an infected animal, the signs and symptoms of rabies may not show up immediately.

“Rabies is preventable. Treatment against rabies is available at medical treatment facilities in theater and worldwide,” she said.

“It is never too late to begin post-exposure treatment and is virtually 100 percent effective in preventing rabies,” Tucker said.

Individuals with questions about animal exposures, rabies and post-exposure treatments should visit http://phc.amedd.army.mil/rabies or contact the Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline at 800-984-8523 or DSN 312-421-3700.
**Fayetteville Field of Honor ceremony slated for May 12**

The Fayetteville Downtown Alliance and the Airborne and Special Operations Museum Foundation have a new permanent partnership to honor military veterans.

This year's event, the fifth annual Field of Honor, is scheduled for May 12 through June 30. It is expected to open May 12 with an 11 a.m. field ceremony featuring military speakers, choral music and special flag placements.

The Fayetteville Field of Honor, held on the museum grounds, is a patriotic affair highlighted by personalized flags placed in tribute to veterans, active-duty service members and fallen comrades.

This year, 10 veterans will be honored by the placing of a flag in their name.

The veterans were nominated by the XVIII Airborne Corps, U.S. Army Forces Command, U.S. Army Reserve Command, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, and the 82nd Airborne Division. One veteran representing the U.S. Army Reserve will be honored.

The Field of Honor is located across from the Airborne and Special Operations Museum, downtown Fayetteville.

For $25, a person can sponsor a flag to represent a loved one who has served in the military.

To sponsor a flag, visit [ncfieldofhonor.com](http://ncfieldofhonor.com).

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**USARC Soldiers team up with pro anglers April 27**

The 7th Annual Warriors on the Water Fishing Tournament will take place April 27 at Jordan Lake, N.C.

The Warriors on the Water fishing tournament will be a day to say “Thank You” to our men and women in uniform who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This day of recognition will be a small way to say “Welcome Home” and “Job Well Done” to our military heroes.

Our servicemen and women will be paired with experienced bass anglers for an exciting day of trying to catch lunker bass from Jordan Lake, located just south of Raleigh.

Local businesses have eagerly stepped forward to provide trophies for the winners plus prizes and food to make for an unforgettable day.

Four Soldiers from USARC have been selected to among the 150 service members that will be paired with bass fishermen.

The event is organized through the efforts of local citizens from the Fayetteville area.

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**FORSCOM/USARC Civilian Pre-retirement seminar April 10-12**

There will be a three day pre-retirement seminar for interested FORSCOM and USARC Civilian Personnel April 10-12 in the USARC Auditorium.

Information on various aspects of pre-retirement planning will be presented (TSP, Social Security, Legal, FERS/CSRS, TRICARE, Long Term Care, etc.).

This event is specifically targeted for Civilian personnel within two years of retirement.

Registration is required to attend. To register, send an email with name, organization, contact info, type of Retirement System (CSRS to FERS), and potential retirement date to: USARC_CPMO_TLD@usar.army.mil.

Agenda and additional information will be provided following registration.

**POINTS OF CONTACT FOR THIS SEMINAR ARE:**

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USARC Training Coordinators Meeting

When: April 12, from 10 to 11 a.m.
Where: 4th Floor Conference Rm. 4901 (L)

We are in the process of formulating the Agenda; if you have a topic(s) you wish us to discuss, please provide your input/response NLT April 3rd.

Each directorate should send their primary and alternate Civilian Personnel Training Officer/Coordinator for Civilian Employees.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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