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The Command Post

Greetings and welcome to 2011! I trust all of you had a wonderful holiday and were able to spend quality time with family and friends. 2011 is going to be an exciting year. The 143d ESC continues to lead as an operational command capable of providing 21st century-war fighter solutions on today's modern battlefield. We continue to deploy; and welcome home units in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and New Dawn. This year I expect that more of our soldiers will participate in support of overseas missions such as OEF and OND than in 2010. Readiness of our Soldiers and families will continue to be the cornerstone for our success.

Closer to home, we'll find ourselves training, supporting various exercises, working with our local communities, and deploying to support crisis-based events, such as hurricane and flood relief. Wherever 143d ESC units find themselves, your high level of professionalism and competence continue to distinguish us as the organization to

call to get the job done right. One reason we've reached this level of competence is by focusing on the basics. Continue to plan your work, and then work your plan. Plan training accurately and thoroughly, ensuring all logistics and support mechanisms are in place to maximize the limited training time we have with our Soldiers. Empower junior leaders to make tough decisions thus enhancing an operational mindset. Ultimately, we must provide realistic and challenging training to make our Soldiers better and to motivate them to continuously improve.

New Year's resolutions sometime start out with great intent but die out quickly. I'm confident you have it in yourself to maintain our level of professionalism and continuously improve yourself in areas you find need the work. If you've made a commitment to yourself or others, stick to it this year! I ask that each of you continue to work with me to ensure that our Soldiers and families are physically, mentally, morally, spiritually, and financially ready and resilient. Together



Col. Mark W. Palzer
Commander
143d Sustainment Command
(Expeditionary)

we'll maintain the 143d ESC's standards of excellence and reputation while we remain the best ESC in the Army Reserve.

Sustaining Victory!
Army Strong!

The Bottom Line

The new year has arrived, and there's no better time to re-evaluate yourselves as warriors and citizens. What did you do last year that you would do differently? What positive changes can you make in your personal life? The Chief of the Army Reserve, Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, recently directed commanders and senior NCOs to help Soldiers manage their careers. Leaders, take this responsibility to heart. Soldiers, take initiative. Have a plan for yourself this coming year. Determine to develop yourself professionally both in your civilian and military careers.

Attend military schools. There are numerous opportunities available to you for advancement and to improve yourself like the Warrior Leadership Course (WLC), Ba-

sic Noncommissioned Officer Course (BN-COC), and MOS-related schools.

Don't overlook civilian education. If you need financial assistance, remember that many of you are eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill. The Army also offers a tuition assistance program.

Also remember to stay physically ready. The Army has begun implementing the new Physical Readiness Training program. Prepare yourself by studying the new PRT training manual TC-3-22.20 and training to Army standards.

Finally, I wish a happy New Year to all of you in the 143d ESC and to your families. I feel privileged to lead you as your command sergeant major.

Army Strong!



Command Sgt. Maj. James Weaver
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REFLECTIONS BY THE CHAPLAIN: *RIDE OUT YOUR STORM*

■ BY LT. COL. TIMOTHY LANCE
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Chaplain



Early Sunday morning Dec. 26, 2010, while we slept we were hit with a severe snow storm that wreaked havoc on our plans for the day. I rose early the day after to watch the sunrise. It was a beautiful sight to behold, a glistening, beaming sun slowing peaking over the horizon. I gazed

upon its brilliant light as it crept upward each second. As I observed the sunlight with awe, it reminded me of life itself. As we travel life's journey, we will encounter storms. Some will be gentle, while others will be devastating. Some we will see coming, while others will attack without warning. What I gleaned from my observation is this: It matters not how difficult the storm, you can be assured that the sun

will shine again if you just endure. Trust in God, have faith and He will bring peace to your storm. His mercies are new every morning to brighten your day. Ride out your storm and be encouraged, I assure you that morning is coming and the sun will shine again. ☒



Orlando welcomes Symposium

■ BY SPC. ELISEBET FREEBURG
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Public Affairs

ORLANDO, Fla.—Approximately 572 active duty, Reserve and National Guard servicemembers and DoD civilians attended the Army's 2010 Diversity and Leadership Symposium held Dec. 13-16 at the Gaylord Palms Hotel and Resort here in Orlando, Fla.

As the Army's first diversity and leadership symposium, the conference focused on diversity, equal opportunity and equal employment opportunity within commands and installations.

Proclaiming a theme of "Transformation through Integration," the event spotlighted the importance of the equal opportunity program and how an amalgamation of the different cultures and backgrounds of its Soldiers can benefit the Army, said Tangela L. Richardson, equal opportunity specialist for the 143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary).

The attendees also participated in refresher training regarding key EO issues like sexual harassment, sexual assault and suicide prevention. Besides learning to recognize signs and symptoms, time was spent discussing resources available.

More than 30 Army senior leaders and foremost lecturers in the EO field were speakers at the symposium, either in person or through recorded videos. Thomas R. Lamont, assistant secretary of the Army (manpower and Reserve affairs), addressed the attendees in person after his visit to the 143d



Secretary of the Army John McHugh addresses an audience of Equal Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity practitioners via video recording Dec. 13 during the Army's 2010 Diversity and Leadership Symposium held in Orlando, Fla.

Photos by Spc. Elisebet Freeburg | 204th PAD

ESC headquarters in Orlando.

"It's very refreshing to have key leadership like this embrace the EO program," said Richardson.

Although thankful for current support, Richardson would like to see even more commanders emphasize the EO program within their units. Having top Army leaders involved in the symposium is important for the program's reinforcement and visibility, she said.

Symposium leaders also sought input from EO practitioners with the intent to combine the EO program together with the equal employment opportunity program.

The first day of the conference ended with a special multicultural event coordinated by U.S. Army Reserve Command. Attendees browsed tables

exhibits displaying tributes to African American and Native American heritage while salsa dancers performed, honoring Hispanic heritage. There was even an opportunity to sample cuisine from around the world.

Also in attendance from the command were Lt.Col. Edwin Hernandez, EO advisor and program manager, 143d ESC; Sgt. 1st Class Edith Correa, EO advisor, 641st Regional Support Group; and Sgt. 1st Class Nicole Bordeaux, EO advisor, 518th Sustainment Brigade. There are a total of eight EO advisors to assist Soldiers within the 143d, including: Master Sgt. Angelene Rainey, 207th RSG; Master Sgt. Debra Tart, 321st Sustainment Bde.; Sgt. 1st Class Linda Storrs, 640th RSG; and Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen Howard, 642nd RSG. ☒

New Year unveils modest pay raise

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ORLANDO, FLA. (Jan. 1, 2011) – In the closing hours of the 2010 legislative session, Congress passed a \$708 billion defense authorization bill for FY 2011. This amount, when adjusted for inflation, rivals America's military spending spree in World War II. The bill expands health and educational benefits for military dependents, retirees and veterans with disabilities. However, it grants only a 1.4 percent pay raise – the lowest since 1962 – for those serving currently in our armed forces.

The last instance of the executive branch proposing a military pay raise below 2 percent occurred in 1993. Strong opposition in Congress and a strengthening economy

produced an all but unanimous rejection of such measures. Today's modest raise, however, reflects the federal government's efforts to control a multi-trillion dollar debt while reviving a fragile economy. It also mirrors last year's lackluster wage growth throughout the private sector.

Uniformed military personnel are exempt from the two-year salary freeze endured by a majority of the federal workforce. The exception – most likely enacted to prevent a public outcry like that of '93 – does not extend to the 700,000 civilians employed by the DOD, more than a third of whom work directly for the Army.

The improvements to the military's appealing benefits stand out from this year's minimal raises. The Montgomery G.I. Bill, for

instance, received a 4 percent increase, allowing eligible active reservists to earn up to a \$337 monthly stipend toward their educational goals. They may also take advantage of extended TRICARE coverage for certain dependents ages 26 and younger. Monthly premiums for TRICARE Reserve Select remain remarkably low (\$56 for members and \$197 for their families) when considering military healthcare costs have more than doubled in the last decade.

Not every aspect of Soldiers' compensation achieved a higher elevation. For the first time this century, Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) has fallen an average of 0.6 percent. This slight descent adjusts for the devaluation of the nation's struggling real estate market as well as lower rental

costs across 365 housing developments analyzed by the Pentagon.

Despite the record low raise coupled with a federal civilian employee pay freeze, history still shows that the U.S. Government remains committed to taking care of those who defend America's citizens and their way of life. Basic pay for a Soldier in 2010 stands 42 percent higher than what he or she would have earned in 2002. Similarly, today's warriors enjoy BAH rates 83 percent higher than where they resided at the turn of the century. Such generous augmentations have closed the salary gap between military professions and their civilian counterparts to 2.4 percent.

For more information about the DOD budget for FY 2011, visit <http://comptroller.defense.gov/budget.html>. 



- Would you like access to a website where you can download millions of official military photos free of charge? YES NO
- Would you like to watch news broadcasts with U.S. servicemembers reporting instead of civilians? YES NO
- How about visiting a site that allows you as a deployed Soldier to communicate and interact in live time with your family and friends back home? YES NO

If you checked, "yes," to any of these questions, swell! The Defense Video and Imagery Distribution System is the cutting-edge website for you.

■ BY SPC. ELISEBET FREEBURG
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Public Affairs

For years, the Defense Video and Imagery Distribution System has connected media around the world with deployed servicemembers 24/7. The DVIDS network uses satellite transmitters located both at deployed locations overseas and the distribution hub in Atlanta, Ga. to provide video,

still images, print products and much more straight from the frontlines to any computer with Internet access.

The site also contains an archive of hundreds of official publications like magazines and newsletters from numerous military units. Many units have their own "unit page," where their most recent content -articles, photos, etc.- is available for viewing and download.

"In the Fight" is a 30 minute compilation of video broadcasts and still imagery from military public affairs. You can view the most recent episodes online at DVIDS, or check their list to see what cable companies in your area show "In the Fight." You might enjoy watching one of the 70 audio podcasts that DVIDS provides through iTunes.

The webcasts allow you to watch a live event over the Internet. This could be anything from a Soldier in Afghanistan being interviewed by news media in the U.S., to a deployed reservist-teacher communicating with former students at a school assembly.

If you've ever noticed around December and January that your local TV stations may have clips of military troops from various locations greeting their loved ones back home, you may not have realized those opportunities are facilitated by DVIDS.

DVIDS handles a plethora of media requests and often acts as the go-between for civilian media and organizations and military public affairs. Visit the website at <http://www.dvidshub.net/> and see what they have to offer. 

Knightdale, NC residents will soon have new neighbors

■ BY STAFF SGT. TOSHIKA FRALEY
81st Regional Support Command

KNIGHTDALE, N.C. – Hundreds of Army Reserve Soldiers assigned to the 518th Sustainment Brigade, 143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), will have a new place to hang their berets after construction is completed on a new facility near Raleigh, N.C.

Col. John Strickland, commander for the 518th Sustainment Bde., and several community leaders used 10 gold-painted shovels to break ground during a Dec. 11 ceremony, leading the way for a new training building, maintenance facility and a storage building -- totaling more than 22,000 square feet on the 20-acre site.

The 81st Regional Support Command, based at Fort Jackson, S.C., hosted the groundbreaking ceremony, which brought representatives from throughout the Knightdale community and the Army Reserve.

Johnny Dwiggins, the Army Reserve ambassador for North Carolina, welcomed the guests during a day that was wet and gloomy, but marked not just the beginning of the construction project but the

development of a long-lasting friendship.

“I say Fort Knightdale, because this will become the Army home to the 600 to 700 Army Reserve Soldiers, families and support personnel who will serve here,” Dwiggins said. “This is where they will train and stand ready, when called upon to defend the freedoms we all hold so dear.”

Local and federal representatives spoke briefly about the excitement surrounding the construction of the Army Reserve Center in Knightdale. The project symbolizes a new beginning between the Army Reserve and the local community according to many of the speakers.

“This new Army Reserve facility represents a significant investment, by Congress and America’s Army Reserve, in your community,” Dwiggins said.

The initial investments of a \$25 million facility, coupled with utilities, maintenance, upkeep and spending by the hundreds of Soldiers and their families who will serve here, make the construction of this Army Reserve facility a substantial investment in the community by the Army Reserve, he said.

Soldiers are scheduled to move into the facilities in late summer of 2012. ☒



Photo by Staff Sgt. Toshika Fraley | 81st RSC

Col. John Strickland, commander for the 518th Sustainment Brigade, 143rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), talks with local Knightdale, N.C. community leaders during a groundbreaking ceremony Dec. 11 for a new Army Reserve facility scheduled to be completed late summer of 2012.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Toshika Fraley | 81st RSC

Col. John Strickland, commander for the 518th Sustainment Brigade, 143rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), and state and federal leaders from Knightdale, N.C., break ground on a new Army Reserve facility that will eventually be home to more than 600 Soldiers.

KEEPING IN THE CLEAR

■ BY MAJ. JOHN ADAMS
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ORLANDO, Fla.- With the New Year already here, the rising number of security clearances being revoked within the 143d ESC remains steady.

More than 400 Soldiers assigned to the 143d ESC are currently facing revocation, suspension or denial of their security clearances for an array of reasons. Police reports, medical reviews, and a credit check from all three major credit agencies are the three major categories in which managers at the Central Clearance Facility (CCF) review. A Soldier is required to update a Secret Clearance every ten years and a Top Secret Clearance every five years. Depending on the type of clearance needed, a Soldier's history is reviewed back seven years and ten years respectively.

So how do these categories affect your ability to handle classified material or maintain a Secret Clearance?

"A Soldier's level of vulnerability and trustworthiness can be determined by examining the three categories in detail," said Sgt. 1st Class Yessenia Cook, Intel Analyst, G-2/6. If a Soldier lies or does not disclose all the required information during the clearance review or request, it proves their trustworthiness is in question. "The CCF finds out everything in the end, so there's no point in trying to hide anything," added Cook.

If a Soldier's clearance is revoked or denied, the Soldier will be notified immediately, usually through their chain of command, of their clearance being denied and receive a Statement of Reason (SOR). The Soldier will have 15 days to respond with intent to dispute

the SOR. The Soldier is granted an additional 60 days to gather the required information and submit for reconsideration.

The Army Reserve is rapidly approaching a state where every Military Occupation Specialty (MOS) is going to require a minimum of a Secret Clearance.

"Financial considerations or not paying your bills is the number one reason for the high number of clearance issues within the command," said Cook. Each consideration for a clearance is reviewed on a case by case basis. "Closed accounts on a credit report due to simply not paying are the worst," according to Cook.

The current economy hasn't helped many Soldiers either. The CCF understands that some Soldiers may have had financial difficulties that were no fault of their own. Again, each case is handled in detail to determine a Soldier's trustworthiness or vulnerability levels.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, every United States citizen is offered a free credit report per year. Simply go to the following site for tips on how to review and make corrections to your

credit report: <http://www.ftc.gov/freereports>

The CCF reviews each Soldier's request/renewal in depth. The categories focused on are: Allegiance to the United States, Foreign Influence,

TOP SECRET
"Having a bad credit score doesn't necessarily mean your clearance will be revoked."

- Sgt. 1st Class Yessenia Cook

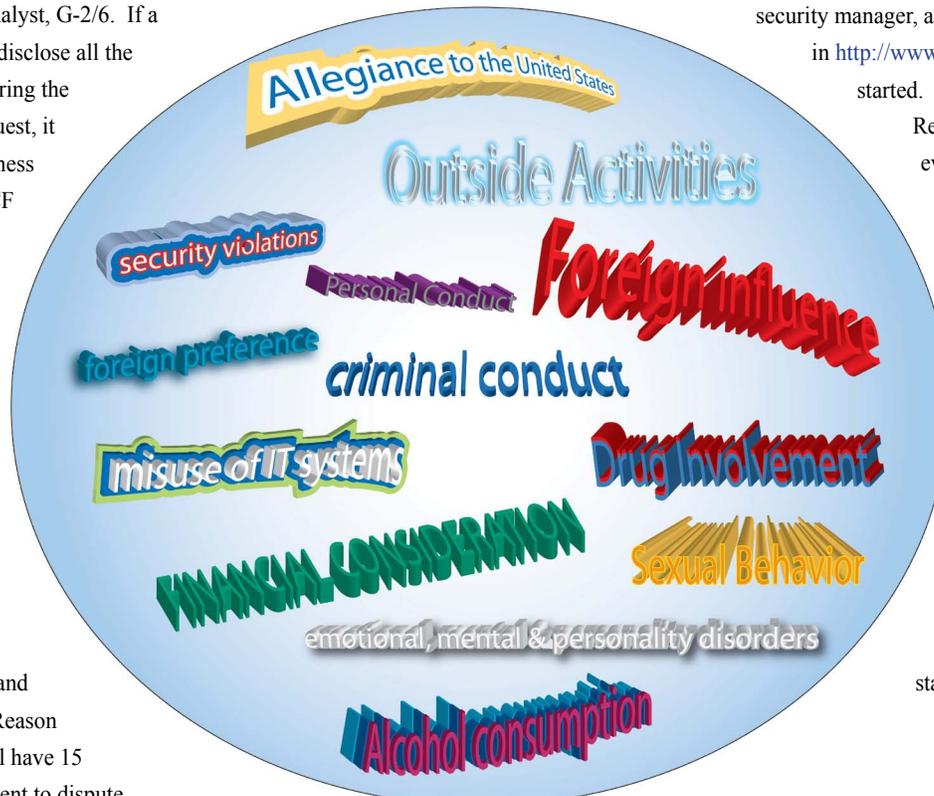
Financial Considerations, Foreign Preference, Criminal Conduct, Alcohol Consumption, Security Violations, Drug Involvement, Sexual Behavior, Personal Misconduct, Outside Activities, Misuse of Information Technology Systems and Emotional, Mental and Personality Disorders.

A Soldier can find out whether or not their clearance is coming up for renewal by viewing the main page of their OMPF. Find the date your current clearance investigation was completed, add either ten years (secret) or five years (top secret) and then subtract one month. Basically, the month prior to your anniversary date is when you need to start renewing. Simply contact your security manager, and they will grant you access in <http://www.opm.gov/e-qip/>, and then get started.

Remember, you must renew every ten years for a secret clearance and five years for a top secret clearance.

To better protect yourself against having clearance issues, be sure to talk with your G-2 section for the latest information regarding your clearance, and if you know you're going to have an issue, begin cleaning it up now!

Staying Army Strong is staying in the clear! ☒



Earthquake or hurricane

the 469th FMC is ready

■ BY MAJ. BILL KELTNER
469th Financial Management Center

NEW ORLEANS—Many people were probably thinking, “Oh no, not again!” The people of Haiti, still recovering from a devastating earthquake in January 2010, braced themselves for another potential disaster: Tropical Storm Tomas. The U.S. Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM) determined that Tomas would likely cause damage resulting in urgent, life-threatening circumstances to the affected population in Haiti. Subsequently, U.S. Army South (USARSO) was authorized to commence humanitarian assistance operations by positioning

season, USSOUTHCOM took action. One of the first actions they took was to alert the New Orleans-based 469th Financial Management Center Nov. 1.

The 469th FMC was ready. Maj. Bill Keltner, acting as a deputy disbursing officer (DDO), and Sgt. 1st Class Troy Tillman, acting as a disbursing agent (DA), responded within 48 hours of the alert. The 469th FMC’s two-person financial management (FM) team flew to San Antonio and secured \$200,000 in cash and checks to pay local vendors for goods and services in support of the deploying joint task force (JTF).

Tillman deployed to Haiti Nov. 7



Courtesy Photo

Sgt. 1st Class Troy Tillman, a disbursing agent for the 469th Financial Management Center out of New Orleans, La., makes a final inventory of cash intended for support of U.S. Army South Joint Task Force before boarding a plane for Haiti Nov. 7.



Photo by Ariman 1st Class Perry Aston | 316th Wings Public Affairs

An aerial view of Port-au-Prince harbor in Haiti taken from an OC-135B Observation Aircraft Jan. 14, 2010, after devastating earthquakes. The U.S. Army South Joint Task Force deployed to Haiti Nov. 7, 2010, anticipating potential disaster from Tropical Storm Tomas.

forces in advance of the storm.

As Tomas took aim toward Haiti in November, officially the last month of the hurricane

with the USARSO advanced party.

Immediately upon arrival in Haiti, he established disbursing operations and made a payment to a lo-

cal vendor for rental car services.

USSOUTHCOM determined Nov. 10 that the Haitian population had been spared substantial harm from Hurricane Tomas, and the advance party was ordered to redeploy to their home station and resume normal duties. The 469th’s team then returned home, successfully completing the disbursing mission ... with no loss of funds.

Planning for such a potentially catastrophic contingency actually began in June 2010 during USSOUTHCOM’s “Haiti - Lessons Learned” meeting. Participants included planners from the USSOUTHCOM G8 (finance) and Contracting Office; USARSO G8; U.S. Financial Management Command; Col. Matthew Sims, director of the 469th FMC; Sgt. Maj. Lewis, senior noncommissioned officer for the 469th FMC;

along with Keltner who functions as the operations officer for the 469th FMC as well as the DDO.

All participants agreed that timely FM support to the USARSO JTF was not provided after the Haiti earthquake and could not be provided fast enough through the customary request for forces process.

Because the 469th FMC is committed to USSOUTHCOM, the 469th FMC was asked by USARSO to fill the void. Sims agreed and sent a contingency operations plan for approval to his headquarters, the 143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary). The current plan provides a qualified 469th FMC disbursing team ready to deploy to the USSOUTHCOM area of responsibility within 72 hours of notification as part of an advanced party to support the requirements of the JTF.

Further planning meetings and teleconferences under the direction of Sims and Lt. Col. Shawn Fenner, deputy director of the 469th FMC, facilitated the plan that ensured mission success. Meetings were held with USARSO G8, Defense Finance and Accounting Service Central Disbursing/DDS help desk, and the USAFMCOM banking team.

Even though the mission lasted only ten days, it demonstrated the progress made since the last contingency. With coordination and planning using lessons learned from the Haiti earthquake response in January 2010, the 469th FM team responded within 48 hours with a DDO and DA and deployed a DA with the advance party with cash and the ability to re-supply cash to sustain recovery operations. No small task, the 469th FMC remains ready to do it again! ☒



Courtesy Photo

Major Bill Keltner, the deputy disbursing officer and operations officer for the 469th Financial Management Center out of New Orleans, La., uses a money counter to count cash to be sent to Haiti in support of the U.S. Army South Joint Task Force.



Courtesy Photo

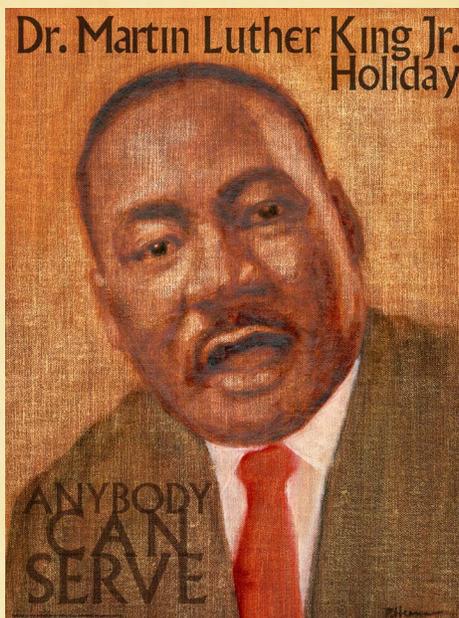
Sgt. 1st Class Troy Tillman, a disbursing agent for the 469th Financial Management Center out of New Orleans, La., loads up cash, checks, and equipment in front of the U.S. Army South Headquarters at San Antonio.

Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On...Not a Day Off

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – In observance of the 2011 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) proudly announces the availability of original artwork, now available for download from the DEOMI Web site, www.deomi.org. The poster was created by DEOMI Illustrator, Mr. Peter Hemmer.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a United States holiday marking the birth date of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and observed on the third Monday of January each year, around the time of King's birthday, January 15. King was the chief spokesman for nonviolent activism in the civil rights movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. He was assassinated in 1968.

On August 23, 1994, Congress passed the Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Holiday and Service Act, designating the King Holiday as a day of volunteer service. Executive Order 13401, dated April 27, 2006, further delineates responsibilities of Federal agencies with respect to humanitarian efforts



on the King Holiday. The next MLK Day of Service will be held January 17, 2011.

The national recurring theme of this holiday is "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On... Not A Day Off." It calls upon the American people to engage in public service and promote

nonviolent social change. Dr. King's unfinished movement toward equality can be achieved by our united, enduring efforts. Additional resources and reference materials are available on the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute Website at www.deomi.org.

For more information about the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, please visit: <http://www.mlkday.gov/>
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Do you want to make a difference?
Do you have an opinion about how the Military affects you and your Family?

MAKE HISTORY AND REPRESENT ARMY RESERVE TEENS WORLDWIDE!

APPLY FOR THE ARMY RESERVE TEEN PANEL

Basic Qualifications

1. A Family member of U.S. Army Reserve Soldier or civilian employee
2. A member in good standing in the military or civilian community
3. Enrolled in the 9th - 11th grade for the 2010-2011 school term
4. Maintain a grade point average of "C" or better in school

Basic Responsibilities

1. Attend up to three meetings annually - all expenses paid
2. At least eight hours/month with Military and/or community activities!
3. Work with fellow teens to develop innovative opportunities!
4. Inform Army Reserve Leadership about the needs of youth!

Visit www.arfp.org/cyssl or contact your Child, Youth & School Services Community Outreach Specialist

HURRY!
Deadline to apply is **15 January 2011**

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Around the ESC



Courtesy Photo

President Barrack Obama shakes hands with Maj. David Padgett during Obama's visit to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan Dec. 3. Padgett was transferred in March 2010 from his home unit, the 812th Transportation Battalion of Charlotte, N.C. to the 145th Transportation Theater Opening Element of Anniston, Ala. for mobilization. Padgett serves as the support operations transportation officer in charge for the 401st Army Field Support Brigade out of BAF.

ATTENTION

Lt. Col. Barry Bort has been selected as the new G3 for the 143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary). A former brigade commander, Bort was selected from a competitive field for his skill set, operational background, and knowledge of the 143d ESC.

UNIT PHOTOS WANTED

Seeking photos of Soldiers from your unit performing operational duties and basic soldiering skills. Include a basic caption with names, ranks, place, date and a short description of what is happening in the photo. Send photos and/or any questions you may have to john.adams16@usar.army.mil



Photo by Spc. Elisebet Freeburg | 204th PAD

Thomas R. Lamont, assistant secretary of the Army (manpower and Reserve affairs), meets Spc. Corina M. Palmore from Kissimmee, Fla. and Spc. Vicki C. Stefanou from Pinellas Park, Fla. during Lamont's visit to the 143d ESC headquarters in Orlando Dec. 15. Both Palmore and Stefanou are paralegal specialists for the 143d ESC.

Around the ESC



Photo by Claude Whitney | 143d ESC

Army LCM-8 watercraft line the dock during exercise Seaport Operations Company training at Fort Eustis, Va. Dec. 6. During the exercise, port operation units conducted various training including shipboard, and cargo load and offload procedures.

ATTENTION

Congratulations to the 824th Quartermaster Company, featured in the December issue of "ESC Today." The 824th was awarded first place in the field kitchen category of the Philip A. Connelly Awards Program at the Department of Army level.

Photos of the 824th cooking up savory eats can be found on the 143d's official Facebook page at www.facebook.com/143dESC.



Photo by Sgt. James A. Brown | 591st TC Det.

Sgt. Tricia Grue, a motor transport operator from the 591st Transportation Company Detachment out of Chattanooga, Tenn., helps local boy scouts in Gatlinburg, Tenn. fill baskets with food for the less fortunate Dec. 20 to 22.



Photo by Maj. John Adams | 143d ESC

Col. Andrew Barclay, former chief of staff for the 143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), and Col. Gregory Maida, support operations officer in charge for the 143d ESC, serve a holiday brunch to Soldiers and family during the 143d ESC headquarters and headquarters company holiday party Dec. 5.

Around the ESC



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Left to Right: Col. Mark W. Palzer, commander, 143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary); Francis G. Anton, formerly a chief warrant officer of the 71st Aviation Company, 14th Aviation Battalion, 23d Infantry Division; and 1st Lt. Michael D. Roberge, commander, headquarters and headquarters company, 143d ESC; display Anton's Distinguished Flying Cross medal and citation Dec. 15 at the 1st Lt. David R. Wilson Armed Forces Reserve Center in Orlando, Fla. Anton was awarded the medal for his actions on January 5, 1968, while serving as a helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War. While aiding U.S. infantry troops besieged by a unit of the North Vietnamese Army, Anton attacked the enemy, sustaining damage to the flight controls that resulted in a loss of hydraulic power. Anton moved the virtually-frozen flight controls, finally landing safely and saving the lives of his four-man flight crew. Captured by the enemy, Anton was held by the Viet Cong as a prisoner of war first in camps located in South Vietnam and then Hanoi until March of 1973.



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Soldiers from the 941st Transportation Company out of Charleston, S.C. conduct vehicle rollover training in the HUMVEE Egress Assistance Trainer (HEAT) during predeployment training at Fort Hunter Liggett Dec. 7.



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Thomas R. Lamont, assistant secretary of the Army (manpower and Reserve affairs) jokes with colonels Edwin R. Marrero, staff operations and training officer of the 143d ESC; Gregory Maida, support operations officer in charge of the 143d ESC; and Mark Palzer, commander of the 143d ESC, during Lamont's Dec. 15 visit to the 143d headquarters in Orlando, Fla.

Nominations open: 2011 Military Child of The Year

SAN ANTONIO – Operation Homefront announces the expansion of the 2011 Military Child of the Year Award and opening of the nomination period. Beginning in 2011, the award will be given to an outstanding military child from each Service – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. The winners, who each will receive \$5,000, will be flown with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C., for special recognition ceremony on April 7, 2011. Nominations are being accepted

until January 31. To nominate a child go to the below address <http://www.formstack.com/forms/?1025931-mT9b2AjZEL>.

Ideal candidates for the Military Child of the Year Award demonstrate resilience and strength of character, and thrive in the face of the challenges of military life. They demonstrate leadership within their families and within their communities.

“The sons and daughters of America’s service members learn what patriotism is at a very young age,” said Jim Knotts,

chief executive officer, Operation Homefront. “Children in military families understand sacrifice and live with the concept of service. This is what the Military Child of the Year Award honors.”

Nominees must:

- Must have valid military ID or currently be enrolled in DEERS
 - Must be between the ages of 8-18
 - Must be able to travel to Washington, D.C., for the ceremony on April 7, 2011
- Finalists must have a background check to confirm legiti-



macy of information provided in the nomination and must provide references. ☒

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