

Civil Rights in America

YPG observes Black History Month with luncheon, entertainment

By Yolie Canales

The African-American Civil Rights Movement encompasses social movements in the United States whose goal was to end racial segregation and discrimination against black Americans and enforce constitutional voting rights. This article covers the phase of the movement between 1955 and 1968, particularly in the South.

The movement was characterized by major campaigns of civil resistance. Between 1955 and 1968, acts of nonviolent protest and civil disobedience produced crisis situations between activists and government authorities. Federal, state, local governments, businesses, and communities often had to respond immediately to these situations that highlighted the inequities faced by African-Americans. Forms of protest and/or civil disobedience included boycotts such as the successful Montgomery Bus Boycott (1955–56) in Alabama; “sit-ins” such as the influential Greensboro sit-ins (1960) in North Carolina; marches, such as the Selma to Montgomery marches (1965) in Alabama; and a wide range of other nonviolent activities.

Noted legislative achievements during this phase of the movement were passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that banned discrimination based on “race, color, religion, or national origin” in employment practices and public accommodations; the

Voting Rights Act of 1965 that restored and protected voting rights; the Immigration and Nationality Services Act of 1965 that opened entry to the U.S. to immigrants other than traditional European groups; and the Fair Housing Act of 1968 that banned discrimination in the sale or rental of housing. African Americans re-entered politics in the South, and across the country young people were inspired to take action.

A wave of inner city riots in black communities from 1964 through 1970 undercut support from the white community. The emergence of the Black Power Movement, which lasted from about 1966 to 1975, challenged the established black leadership for its cooperative attitude and its nonviolence, and instead demanded political and economic self-sufficiency.

Yuma Proving Ground along with agencies throughout the nation is observing Black History Month this year by highlighting the significant contributions Black Americans have contributed to our country as civilians and in uniform, including Civil Rights leaders.

Sam Cunningham, YPG’s command evaluator and chief auditor, provided keynote remarks at the luncheon on the event theme: Civil Rights in America. “The subject of civil rights is a broad topic that extends to all facets of protecting the rights of EVERY

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(PHOTO BY CHUCK WULLENJOHN)

Ahlia Eversley, a 3rd grader at Gary Knox School, performs an energetic dance number that was punchy and fun. The crowd at YPG’s Black History luncheon loved it.

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person,” said Cunningham, “to receive equal treatment and to be free from discrimination based on race, color, gender, religion or sexual orientation.”

He personally feels there are three basic tenets of civil rights: honor, courage and commitment. “If this phrase sounds familiar, it’s because it is the mantra of an organization I was actively a part of for 21 years, and one that I believe personifies equal treatment to all... the U.S. Marine Corps. It is as much responsible for who I am today as the parents who raised me.”

Cunningham said the civil rights movement for African-Americans was born out of necessity after a reconstruction period in our country that made it clear that the status quo was not going to be easily relinquished.

The movement can be traced back as far as 1890 but the modern day movement unofficially began on December 1, 1955, when a young black seamstress named Rosa Parks sat in a seat in Montgomery, Ala. She was told by the bus driver to give up her seat to a white passenger and when she refused, she was arrested.

“Her single, subtle act of disobedience would be the impetus for a strike that changed history in the South and this country, and launch the career of a young minister named Martin Luther King Jr.,” pointed out Cunningham. “Memories come back to me along with questions: How do I honor people who so selflessly paved the way for me today? How can I possibly repay that?”

In Cunningham’s mind it has come down to two things -- to remember the struggle and strive to live his life in a way that would make them proud. “We have made tremendous gains over the last 50 years but it is important to recall that in every struggle, every movement, every war, there are



PHOTO BY CHUCK WULLENJOHN

YPG Command Evaluator Sam Cunningham, keynote speaker, presented well-thought-out, personal remarks about the importance of the civil rights movement, leaving attendees with much to think about.

causalities. In those challenging situations some paid the ultimate sacrifice.”

Protecting and maintaining our civil rights is a continuous journey and when one person’s rights are threatened, overtly or subtly, everyone is threatened. “My own experiences have given me a different perspective on the importance of this,” he said, “I see things through a markedly different prism now, but I have nothing but hope and a belief in my commitment and in people. I believe we all want to be better.... we have to, our children are watching.”

Entertainment at the luncheon was presented by vocalist Donna McFadden, a dance performance by Ahlia Eversley, a 3rd grade student from Gary Knox Elementary School, and a skit entitled “Who Am I?” by YPG Soldiers and civilians.

In appreciation for their participation, awards were presented to committee members and the individuals involved in the event by Gordon Rogers, deputy garrison manager.

—CHAPLAIN’S CORNER—

Reset

By Chaplain (Maj.) Douglas Thomison

Good day Yuma Proving Ground. Recently an Olympic ice skater was being interviewed. A reporter asked her this question: “With all of the pressure and stress of being a medal contender, how do you cope?” The Olympian thoughtfully said, “I do a reset. For me, a reset is getting away to catch my breath and get my mind off of competition and ice skating.” After hearing this interview and her method of “resetting,” I thought that is good as well as important advice. It is indeed important to change ones pace and perspective.

In the song “Feelin’ Groovy,” Simon and Garfunkel suggest, “Slow down, you move too fast, you’ve got to make the morning last Just kickin’ down the cobble-stones, lookin’ for fun and feelin’ groovy.” These song lyrics may sound simplistic, but I believe for the Olympian, or for you and I, they work. So often we get caught up in daily pressures, deadlines, routines, boredom, etc. And doing something out of the norm (slow down) helps us to reset.

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working, then add or take something away from your routine. In other words, don’t keep doing the same old thing and get yourself/keep yourself in a rut. We really don’t have to do extravagant or expensive things to reset. For example, seek God. The Bible says, “Listen to this, Job; stop and consider God’s wonders.” (Job 37:14). Thus, go out and see God’s wondrous creation. Watch a sunrise or a sunset. You may also want to attend a chapel or church service, go fishing, take in the Castle Dome ghost town and museum and its surroundings (took my family there on Presidents’ Day), attend area seasonal festivals and events. Let me close by asking you how is your reset going? Do take time to reset. Have a blessed day!

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Chili cook-off participants prepare to showcase their final products for the "Best Tasting Chili" competition held at the AOC Bldg. at Kofa Firing Range. Julio Dominguez, YPG's technical director, presents Eddy Patchet the 1st place winner of the "Best Tasting Chili" competition with a certificate of appreciation.

Friendly competition heats up cook off

By Yolie Canales

Great chili-making, in many cases, is a well kept secret that includes a variety of ingredients and spices, including special chili powders. But the greatest secret may be how much "love" goes into the preparation.

Nearly 15 entrants took part in the Munitions and Weapons Division's recent "Best Tasting Chili" competition held in commemoration of National Chili Day, celebrated February 24th.

"I came to work at Yuma Test Center's Munitions & Weapons (M&W) division in 2008 and the following year we held our first competition," said Theresa Francesco, administrative assistant.

"Mission permitting, we always have the competition on Thursday as close to February 24th as possible. The event has been growing tremendously each year."

The criteria for judging was based on the following: aroma, color, consistency, taste, and after-taste. This year's judges were Julio Dominguez, YPG technical director, Wayne Schilders, chief of Weapons Operations Division and Brian Grimes, Combat Systems Branch chief.

Francesco said a few of the entrants were from testers firing on the range who were unable to attend, but their entries were definitely in the running. "Our

group at the Kofa Firing Range loves this event and looks forward to it each year," said Francesco.

The competition took place within the lunchroom at the Armament Operations Center. Each judge had a score sheet on which to record individual impressions of each entry.

Wayne Schilders, one of the three judges, has performed this role for each of the past four years and said a wide variety of excellent chili recipes had been entered. He explained that he likes food "hot and spicy" and is a chili aficionado.

"There were at least two to three that were very unique to me," he said, "though all were quite tasty."

When the judges came together at the end, each had chosen a different winner, but all agreed on the topmost entries. Since numerical scores were recorded for each category for each entry, the numerical totals were used to select the winner.

Morale activities like this are held throughout the year at the division. "We normally do something each month," said Francesco. This month, on the 13th, the division is featuring a "PI" celebration in honor of National Pie Month that will feature any kind of pie, from sweet fruit and meat pies to pizza

pies.

The following people were selected as winners at the chili cookoff: 1st

place: Eddy Patchet; 2nd place: Gilbert Moreno; 3rd place: Linda Boring, and "Honorable Mention": Jesus Estrada.

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Prominent employees recognized

By Yolie Canales

A number of employees playing prominent roles in Yuma Proving Ground Garrison activities recently received awards at an early morning breakfast for their excellent performance and dedication to the proving ground's mission.

Presenting the awards were Rick Martin, garrison manager, and Col. Reed Young, YPG commander.

Awards were presented in the following categories:

Length of Service Awards

25 years: Steven Ward; 20 years: Cheryl Orgeron; 10 years: Deanna Boyer, Herlinda Peters and Christine Saladin; and 5 years: Lynda Aponte, Deric Harhart and Jeanie Hudson.

The **Garrison Civilian of the Quarter Award** was presented to Gordon Wiborg from DPTMS;

Army Certificates of Achievement were presented to Robert Barocio, Donnett Brown and



(PHOTOS BY YOLIE CANALES)

Tony Williams (right), Cactus Café manager, is presented with the FMWR's Civilian of the Quarter Excellence in Customer Service Award by Garrett Smith, FMWR director.

Michael Stover.

The **Family, Moral, Welfare and Recreation Civilian of the Quarter Excellence in Customer Service Awards** for FY 13, 4th Quarter was presented to Catherine Gray and Anthony Williams for FY 14, 1st Quarter.

The **Garrison Manager's Coin** was presented to Vince Avanzini, Dennis Brown, Linda Gillis and Charles Johnson. In addition, the presentation of Commander's Notes went to Mark Hanley and Bill Heidner.

Test your knowledge on OPSEC program

Submitted by Bob Hallahan

Question - Who are your OPSEC Officers?

Answer - Joyce Gordon and Bob Hallahan

Question - What are YPG's critical information?

Answer - Answers to the sample questions are critical information - What are classified/unclassified programs on YPG? What are the emerging technologies applicable to new weapons systems? What are YPG's security vulnerabilities/capabilities to external attack?

Question - Where can I find YPG's Critical Information?

Answer - It is posted on the intranet and the website link is: <https://intranet.yuma.army.mil/cmd/Security/Shared%20Documents/OPSEC/Essential%20Element%20of%20Friendly%20Information%20-%20YPG.pdf>

Question - What are the collection threats to YPG?

Answer - Imagery (satellites, cameras), Signal (cell phone, range radio), Human (visitors, foreign intelligence service), Open Source (news media, Social networks), and Insider (disloyal employees).

Question - What are measures to safeguard critical information?

Answer - Use cover sheet to safeguard unclassified/sensitive information. Use appropriate markings on documents. Request for "OPSEC Review" prior releasing information to the general public. Use "Encrypt" option/button when sending emails to both internal/external customers.

Destroy unwanted/Army products using NSA-approved shredder. Enforce the "Need-to-know" rule.

VIEWPOINTS

Whether you grew up in Arizona or Alaska, video games have been an inescapable part of childhood for over 30 years. We asked members of the CRTC workforce what their favorite videogame was when they were kids.



Dusty Wright
IT specialist

I had Scramble at home, but had to go to a buddy's house to play Asteroids. Scramble was a side-scrolling shooter with a ship that was a triangle wedge-shaped thing, and the screen scrolled from the right to the left with blocks in the shapes of buildings that you dropped bombs on, before you flew into these narrow caverns. When I was a kid, video games were cool, but they weren't that prolific. I had a TRS computer produced by Radio Shack, with a drive that used cassette tapes.

Dragon Warrior on Nintendo. You had to save the princess, destroy evil, and save the world. It was very rudimentary and turn-based, and all you saw was the monster up on the screen and you selected what you wanted to do to attack it. It was my favorite game because my brother subscribed to Nintendo Power magazine and the game came free: I opened it while he was in California and started playing it. When he found out, I was hurting.



Ben Harley
System admin.



Clara Zachgo
Technical editor

Duck Hunt and Mario Brothers on Nintendo. In Duck Hunt you shoot birds, and the dog goes and gets them. It came with a little handgun-shaped controller to shoot the ducks. I used to play it with my brother.

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A 'hat' for all seasons

Prototypes tested at CRTC could be next generation of Army helmets

By Mark Schauer

Three prototypes of a modular helmet sporting mandible protection, a detachable visor, and add-on layers of armor is currently under test at U.S. Army Cold Regions Test Center.

To the casual observer, the prototype helmets might look like something out of the Halo series of videogames. But the new features are meant to protect Soldiers from human enemies and manmade weapons like the improvised explosive devices encountered in Afghanistan. Soldiers who have seen the prototypes like the increased facial protection they offer, citing the shrapnel wounds and facial burns too many Soldiers suffered in theater in the previous decade.

"Our data collection effort is continuous and intensive based on each day's activity," said Richard Reiser, test officer. "But it's such a small test in terms of its footprint that it is almost off the radar. Yet a decade down the road this could affect everyone in uniform if one of these candidates or an evolution of one of these candidates becomes the new standard."

Aside from subjective things like comfort and fit, the test is also seeking to discover facets of the helmets that could make them unsuitable for extreme cold conditions. How difficult is it for a Soldier to



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adjust a helmet's strap while wearing heavy mittens? Can a Soldier run or conduct other strenuous activities in arctic conditions with the mandible piece and visor attached without the visor fogging up and obstructing their view? Will the helmet's additional armor result in conductive heat loss?

"A piece of equipment that is really wonderful for a Soldier in the tropics could lead to personal injury for someone in Alaska," said

Reiser. "There are all sorts of compromises that come with trying to find the perfect item."

Conversely, the prototype helmets' new features might also have unintended, but useful benefits to Soldiers operating in arctic environments.

"A positive of the mandible protection is that it has the potential to reduce frostbite injuries for open hatch operations," said Reiser.

To answer these questions

to the test, CRTC personnel are putting the prototype helmets through their paces in the coldest winter months of interior Alaska. As 80 percent of body heat loss occurs through the head, the CRTC personnel are particularly eager to measure this aspect of each prototype. They use infrared photography to measure each helmet prototype's heat signature, and place inside the padding of each helmet a dime-sized sensor that

collects heat and humidity for up to a week continuously. This unobtrusive sensor is then removed from the helmet, and the downloaded data compared to the Soldiers' activities as they wore it.

Test non-commissioned officers attached to CRTC have designed a variety of simulated missions that mimic how an ordinary Soldier in an extremely cold environment would use them.

"The test scenarios are based off of our deployments and training backgrounds," said 1st Sgt. Edward Balboa. "We've done tactical marches on foot and on vehicles, night operations with mounted NVGs, and gone to the ranges to fire M4s and conducted simulated sniper missions."

"They have been very proactive in coming up with new ideas and ways to conduct regular Soldier tasks and maximize the wear time amidst all of their other responsibilities," added Reiser. "That extra wear time lets us know how the weight is working out on their heads in different situations. The end result is that we're going to be able to give the project manager some really valid subjective data and some scientific data they hadn't anticipated, all at a significant cost savings."



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(PHOTOS BY MARK SCHAUER)

Felicity monument dedicated



YPG Commander Col. Reed Young, the highest ranking member of the Army at the monument dedication, greets Felicity Mayor Jacque Istel. The museum was founded by Istel in the early 1990s to commemorate the history of humanity. Also attending the event was Vice Admiral Tom Copeman, commander of the Naval Surface Forces of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, as well as the French consul based in San Diego.



(PHOTOS BY MARK SCHAUER)

Felicity Mayor Jacque Istel (left) addresses the audience as Col. Reed Young, former YPG commander Col. Rob Filbey, members of YPG's Airborne Test Force, instructors from the Military Freefall School, and others stand before the newly constructed granite wall detailing the history of the United States. The 100 ft. wall was engineered to endure for 4,000 years.



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Last Thanksgiving, the kids and I went to Zell am See, Austria, for three days of skiing. Unfortunately, like so many military families, Max and Claire's dad was not with us because he was deployed. After unloading the car, we headed straight to the rental shop to pick up gear. My kids hate this part because they have to keep putting the gear on and off, as the equipment is adjusted specifically for their size, weight and skiing ability. My husband and I also insist the kids always wear ski helmets. They complain, but the rule is they wear helmets or they don't ski.

At the end of the first day of lessons, Claire said, "Thanks, mom; I am so glad I had on my helmet because I wiped out so bad and hit my head so hard I would have been knocked out!" Max proceeded to tell me how bad and how often Claire wiped out.

Undaunted by a day full of wipeouts, they then informed me they didn't want to ski with me on the third day because "my skiing stinks." Realizing they wouldn't have fun on the "easy" slopes, I agreed and arranged for a private instructor take

them skiing the last day.

The next day, I went up on the mountain with the kids and their instructor. When they hit the ski lifts, I parked myself, with book, at the lodge. We later met for lunch, and the kids and instructor were off again.

Not long after, I heard my son screaming, "Mom! Mom! Claire got run over!" I looked up and saw a very animated ski instructor coming toward me with Claire in tow. The instructor was explaining in a mixture of English and German that she did not pursue the two skiers who did this because she was concerned with Claire's condition. After I verified both my children were OK, I listened to the rest of the story. An out-of-control skier hit and knocked Claire to the ground. His buddy, who was also out of control, ran over Claire's head with his skis. Claire did not get up and laid on the ground until the ski instructor came to her. Claire's ski helmet had a huge two-and-half-inch-wide gouge running from the back to the front-right temple. The two thugs who ran Claire over stopped, looked at her on the ground and then took off.

The most effective way to prevent any ski injury is to know the rules of the slopes, take lessons and ski within your abilities. If you ski, chances are you will collide with another skier, snowboarder or some stationary object (maybe a tree or pole). Why wouldn't you wear a helmet? I am 100 percent positive Claire would have died or been permanently brain damaged had she not been wearing a ski helmet that day.

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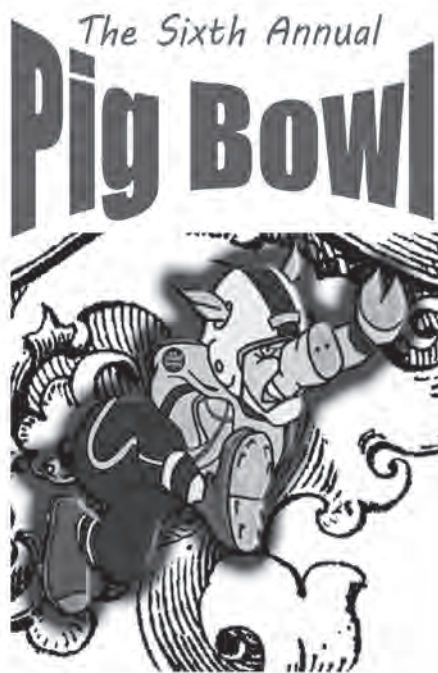
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Employment Readiness Program

By Rick Cave, Employment Readiness Program Manager, YPG

The Army is full of programs to help Soldiers and Family Members. But did you know there's a program that provides local employment opportunities right here on Yuma Proving Ground? A program that assists in resume writing? Did you know this program can be found at Army Community Service (ACS)?

The Employment Readiness Program (ERP) is the best kept secret in the Army. It's conception is due to growing concerns regarding Family member employment mentioned at every Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) since 1983. Thereafter, the ERP was established in 1985. ERP, back then known as Family Member Employment Assistance Program (FMEAP) was modeled after a 1982 volunteer organization called Education and Employment Resource Center (EERC) that was established by local Army wives to meet the needs of spousal education and employment at Fort Belvoir, Va.

The AFAP III initiative mandated that a program be developed to provide employment information at each new duty station for Family members PCS'ing with their Soldiers. Effective October 1, 1986, employment information was available at ACS and thus

employment readiness assistance became one of the basic services provided by ACS. When the ERP program was initially established its primary goal was to specifically assist Family members. However, over the years, the program has expanded and evolved to offer the complete employment assistance services to active duty members, DA civilian employees, spouses, retirees, surviving spouses and their Family, including children.

The ERP program has grown to become a one-stop-shop designed to assist with all professional employment assistance needs for Family Members and Soldiers. ERP services are available at 95 Army installations worldwide. Their services include assistance in resume development, job search, work at home opportunities, interview preparation, job application assistance and much more. There are many classes available to include, federal job applications for both NAF and AF positions, and big employment events such as job fairs.

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