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SUBJECT: YPG's 2020 Celebration

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4. Since 1850, the U.S. Army has been involved in Yuma, helping it develop into the thriving community it is today. We are proud of the proving ground's heritage that began in the World War II year of 1943.

5. We at the proving ground are proud to serve you and to be an integral part of Yuma County. Have a great day!

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YPG 2020 LINE-UP

1000	Event Kick-off and Opening Ceremony - Flag Ceremony - National Anthem with Color Guard - Blackhawk Helicopter Flyover - Gila Ridge High School Marching Band	Main Stage
1050	Gila Ridge Jazz Band	Field
1100	The Manhattan Dolls	Main Stage
1300	Canine Stars	Canine Pavilion
1330	THP Band	Main Stage
1440	Canine Stars Dog Show	Canine Pavilion
1505	Side Hustle Band	Main Stage
1630	Canine Stars Stunt Dog Show	Canine Pavilion
1715	Gila Ridge Marching Band	Field
1725	Military Working Dog Demonstration	Canine Pavilion
1745	Grand Funk Railroad	Main Stage
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YPG 2020 performers



Grand Funk Railroad

Grand Funk Railroad includes original founding members Don Brewer (vocals and drums, writer and singer of the multi-million selling hit, We're An American Band) and bassist Mel Schacher, "The God Of Thunder." Joining Don and Mel are true "All Stars." Singer Max Carl is a rock veteran from 38 Special. Max penned and sang 38's biggest hit "Second Chance" and was co-founder of California's legendary Jack Mack and the Heart Attack. Lead guitarist Bruce Kulick is best known for his 12 years with KISS and has credits with Michael Bolton, Meatloaf and Billy Squier. Keyboardist Tim Cashion has a master's degree in music from the University of Miami. Affectionately called "Dr. Tim", his credits include stints with Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band and English soul man Robert Palmer.

Mega-hits: We're An American Band, I'm Your Captain/Closer To Home, Locomotion, and Some Kind Of Wonderful still receive continuous airplay on Classic Rock radio. Grand Funk has had 19 charted singles, eight Top 40 hits and two Number 1 singles. The group has now accumulated 13 gold and 10 platinum records.



Gila Ridge Marching Band

The Gila Ridge Marching Hawks have been an organization for as long as Gila Ridge High School has been around, 13 years. They started as a small pep band and soon grew to numbers of over 150 members. Over the last 5 years the Marching Hawks have performed in the Veteran's Day and Light Parades, gone to state twice, and had 3 different directors. The Marching Hawks are now under the instruction of Caitlin Mahoney and Steve Adkins who have included more regimented practices and are very proud of the accomplishment the students have achieved this past year.



Manhattan Dolls

The Manhattan Dolls originated in New York City in 2009 and are swing-style female vocal trios with the sound of The Andrews Sisters. Started by former USO Girl, The Dolls travel the world performing for military events, air shows, award ceremonies, parades, jazz clubs, concert series, you name it! They have been featured on The Rachael Ray Show, BBC Radio London, Fox and Friends, The Tucson Morning Blend and more.



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Side Hustle

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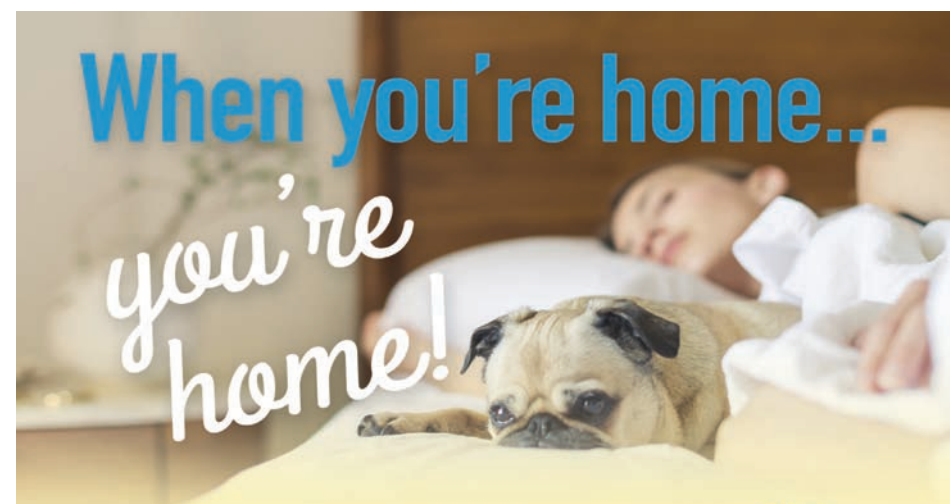
THP

The THP trio is made up of Tyler Alford, Ray Clayton and Kurtis Koogle. There were the winners of the 2019 Yuma Battle of the Bands competition. THP are the initials for The Hangar Project which is a music podcast the trio created. (Photo Courtesy of Yuma Art Center)



Canine Stars

The Canine Stars features extreme stunt dogs performing frisbee freestyle disc, agility racing, freestyle dance tricks, and high jumping. Every year The Canine Stars save dogs from shelters, rescue groups or off the streets, but they make the biggest impact by inspiring others to rescue, too. Their aim is to inspire and educate youth...with compassion for the underdog, and demonstrate that teamwork makes the impossible possible.



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YPG testing vital to Army's modernization priorities

By Mark Schauer

Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) is hot in more ways than one.

The proving ground actively supports six of the Army Futures Command's Cross Functional Teams (CFTs) building the Army's future force, which seeks to retain

overmatch with near-peer adversaries in a high intensity conflict while maintaining the competency in waging irregular warfare that has been achieved since the 9/11 attacks.

"It's a unique perspective that we have here to have visibility on virtually all future Army programs,"

said Col. Ross Poppenberger, YPG Commander. "All of the Army's future initiatives are coming through YPG in one form or another. We have the technical capability and the capacity to support their needs."

"Over the past 15 years, we've been fighting on two fronts: Iraq

and Afghanistan," said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Crosby of the Army Futures Command. "Our current and potential near-peer adversaries have been modernizing their forces. We have to take the lead on modernization with concepts and capabilities so we can put the best equipment in the Soldiers' hands to deploy, fight, and win our nation's wars, wherever they may be."

Heavily interested in supporting multi-domain operations in support of other service branches, now-Secretary of the Defense Dr. Mark Esper described the effort as part of the "Army Renaissance" that is currently in progress in comments during a December 2018 visit to the proving ground.

"Yuma is essential to that because we will need to test all of that equipment and make sure that it meets the needs of our Warfighters and ensure we are successful on the future battlefield," Esper said.

Esper also stressed that YPG's role as independent arbiters of new materiel's performance ensures that the Army gets value for its money.

"Yuma is also providing an important role in terms of being good stewards of the taxpayer's dollars," said Esper. "We invest a lot of money into modernizing our force and want to be sure we get what we pay for."

Long range precision fires

The highest profile test project in support of the CFTs relates to the Army's top modernization priority: long range precision fires. The Army aspires to field systems capable



ARMY PHOTO

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YPG TESTING

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of accurately firing at targets 100 kilometers away in the next two years, a dramatic increase over the 30 kilometers a currently-fielded 155mm howitzer shell is capable of when fired at top zone with rocket assistance. YPG testing has already achieved significantly increased distances in test fires conducted at both the proving ground and the nearby Barry M. Goldwater Range (BMGR).

The effort is called Extended Range Cannon Artillery (ERCA), and YPG conducts developmental testing of multiple facets of it, from the artillery shells to the longer cannon tube and larger firing chamber the improved howitzer will need to accommodate them. YPG's ammunition plant has been instrumental in building multiple experimental formulations, shapes, and configurations for new propelling charges to accommodate the improved projectiles. Upon completion, the new systems will be integrated into both towed and self-propelled howitzers.

"It's not a baby step, it is a big leap," said Steve Flores, Artillery and Mines Branch chief. "It's a soup-to-nuts redesign of the artillery system. You'll end up with a new cannon, a new platform, new ammunition, a new rocket motor, and a new breach."

In addition to multiple test fires at the proving ground, YPG personnel have conducted multiple test fires at BMGR, a larger facility south of the proving ground that is shared by the Marine Corps and Air Force and primarily used for operational training with high-performance aircraft. The fires were carried off flawlessly, but setting up the temporary gun position is challenging: The test personnel have to transport and emplace numerous pieces of large, specialized, and expensive test-support equipment to the site, then quickly take it down



PHOTO BY MARK SCHAUER

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and return it to the proving ground, a multi-day effort. YPG leaders are confident, however, that BMGR can accommodate the long range munitions' safety fan requirements in the few test shots annually that require firing the munitions to achieve their maximum range.

Army combat vehicles

YPG has distinguished itself with vehicle testing for decades. From evaluations of generations of the M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank to rapid fielding initiatives of the multiple variants of the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle during the worst days of conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan, literally thousands of American Soldiers are alive today thanks to developmental testing at YPG. The Stryker and Bradley Combat Vehicles are other venerable platforms that have been tested repeatedly at YPG over the years, and the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle,

the successor to the High Mobility Multipurpose Vehicle, was fielded in 2019 after years of developmental testing at YPG.

The Armored Multipurpose Vehicle, successor to the Vietnam-era M113, is currently undergoing testing at YPG, and other CFT programs like the next generation main battle tank will likely make appearances here in the next several years.

Aviation systems and electronic testing

By the time an airframe comes to YPG, it has proven it can fly. Once here, it needs to prove its airworthiness once weapons systems and sensors are integrated into the platform. As such, YPG's aviation testers are already preparing for the appearance of the Future Vertical Lift unmanned aircraft.

"It will have longer duration flight, higher altitudes, and more weapons capacity or payload capability," said

Ross Gwynn, Aviation Systems and Electronic Test Division chief, "One way or another, we will see a lot of work because of that initiative."

Like all systems that could someday operate in warfare against near-peer adversaries, YPG's engineers are considering ways to create new robust and accurate means of navigation in a battle zone where the Global Positioning Satellite system has been tampered with. YPG's institutional expertise in geodetics and ability to simulate various electromagnetic environments means it has the infrastructure to rapidly and seamlessly support this sort of testing.

"All of the CFTs will have to be able to operate in that environment," said Gwynn. "If there's degraded navigation, our systems can't be reliant on traditional ways of understanding where we are in space. At YPG, we will always be able to test it, coordinate it, get the authorizations to test it, and provide the environment for any system to be tested. We have a huge history in the development of GPS, so it makes sense that we will be involved in the work."

For their part, the high-level visitors visiting the proving ground have been impressed by YPG's efforts.

"The work that is happening here at Yuma by our military and a large cadre of civilians is critical to our nation's security," Esper said. "It is important because we want to make sure we deploy weapons that work as we expect them to, that deliver to the Soldiers what they need and when they need it."

"YPG has a lot to offer," added Crosby. "The engineers are phenomenal: they understand the modernization process and where we are trying to go as a command nested with the six modernization priorities. It was very refreshing to see the energy and enthusiasm they bring to testing."



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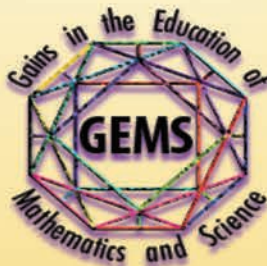
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 - Week 2: 08-11 June
- Applicants must be entering 6th – 8th grade in 2020-2021 school year
- Hands on S.T.E.M. Labs taught by YPG Engineers and Scientists
- Bus Pick up/drop off at Gila Vista Middle School and Desert Mesa Elementary
- Student Application deadline is 10 April / Only 70 applicants will be accepted

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- Info Page:
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- Application link for GEMS Resource Teachers, Near Peer Mentors, and Students:
<https://www.cvent.com/events/2020-gems-yuma-az/registration-9f4acb992b2d43f5bebc3641344f15d8.aspx?fqp=true>

Important Dates:

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- Teacher Applications due no later than February 17, 2020.

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- Near Peer Mentor Applications due no later than March 13, 2020.

APRIL

- Student Applications due no later than April 10, 2020.
- Selected Students will be notified no later than April 30, 2020.

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- Parent Meetings will be held on May 12, 2020 and May 19, 2020.

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YPG runs first tests of the ERCA Autoloader

By Ana Henderson

Rome wasn't built in a day... but they were laying bricks every hour.

This statement rings particularly true in the case of the work being done for the Extended Range Cannon Artillery (ERCA) project.

One day, ERCA will provide faster and safer firing capabilities for the Warfighter...the process to get there is one of meticulous planning, engineering, and a lot of team work.

"ERCA itself is a massive undertaking in that everything is under development at the same time and it's a platform that needs to be compatible with multiple howitzer configurations, multiple projectiles and multiple missions," explains Dante Mucaro, Test Lead for ERCA with the Combat Capabilities Development Center-Armament Center (CCDC-AC).

The ERCA program has been testing various components of its system for about four years. The newest component undergoing testing is a five-round limited capacity autoloader. It holds five projectiles and five propellant charges.

In the past ERCA Howitzer Test Bed (HTB) systems have been built on modified M109A6 Self Propelled Howitzers. Testing of the limited capacity autoloader is being conducted from a prototype M109A7 which has been modified and integrated with the ERCA Armament System.

Mechanical Engineer Joe Troll, Integration and Demo Hardware Lead for ERCA with CCDC-AC, says the first step is, "We tear everything down and prepare it for ERCA modifications." Those modifications are primarily cab modifications to accept a larger, extended range armament system.

Troll sent the HTB cab to Anniston Army Depot, whose personnel widen the armament opening, raise the roof to make room for the upgraded



YPG LOANED PHOTO

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elevation system and, "Unique to this vehicle, the bustle was extended to fit the limited capacity autoloader."

The integration undertaking is massive. At any time during the one and a half year it has taken to get to this vehicle ready for testing, more than 100 people have worked on this test item, "There has been a lot of good people doing a lot of good work on this. All I can say is the future is now." That number includes the design and integration team.

The Limited-capacity Autoloader is a technology demonstrator enabling early hardware, software, controls, and system integration learning to inform the objective, Full-capacity Autoloader design and integration. The data collected by YPG will affect elements of the objective design, "ERCA is looking to test the rate-of-fire on this vehicle to confirm information that we will take back and eventually use it to develop other technologies" explains Troll.

To get to that point, crews at YPG



PHOTO BY ANA HENDERSON

YPG ERCA Team, (left to right) Daniel Ramirez, Joseph Rodriguez, Tawnja Turner, Stephanie Archer, Gilbert Moreno, Marcos Morales, Ramon Ramirez, Mike Gomez, Brent Toddy, Levi Webb, Mitch McCann (background), Andrew Keddy, Jeff Carbajal, Jordan Keegan, Diep Ho.

have been working with the ERCA teams for years.

"YPG has been instrumental in everything for ERCA development for the last three and a half years. I got on the ERCA program October in 2015 and since then we have executed in excess of 100 test events on the ERCA program across multiple platforms, and they have been absolutely instrumental in us achieving everything we have to date. All the progress we have on this program," explains Murcaro.

YPG Mechanical Engineer, Gilbert Moreno, has been a part of about 90 of those test events—he's seen ERCA in all of its stages, "It started off with the propellant, projectile and gun tube and it evolved from that into a full weapon."

Another part of the team are the gunners, who if this was a war zone, their position would be manned by Soldiers. Artillery Gunner, Michael Gomez, has worked on the ERCA project about a year. His team consist

of four gunners, they offload the ammunition, prepare it and then load it into the magazine, “The customer shows us their procedures and the steps to do, and our part is figuring how we can make it safe for us.”

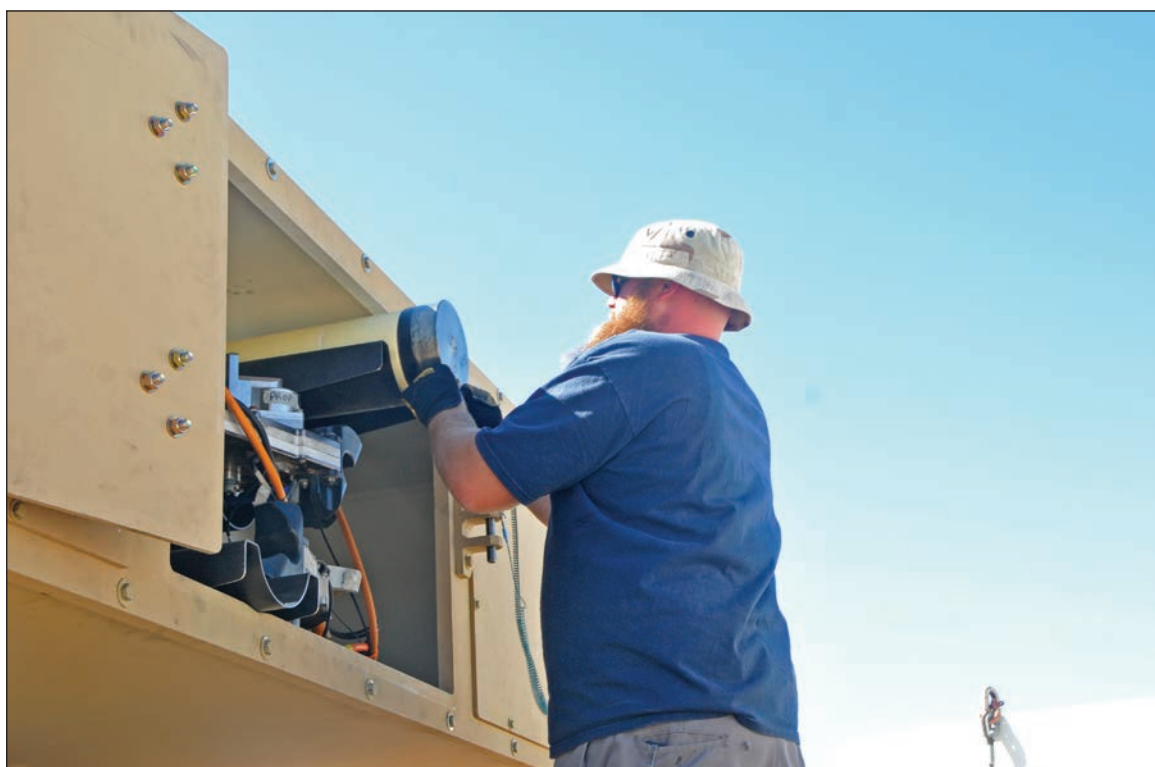
Once the gunners insert the propellant into the autoloader magazine, the ERCA Autoloader Team takes over operations. The ERCA Autoloader Team monitors and controls the autoloader system from the safety of a remotely located connex box. “It’s doing everything by itself, all we are doing is monitoring the health of it, checking that it is updating us with what it’s currently doing, and making sure that it’s saying that everything is okay,” responds Dave Gatter, a Control Systems Engineer and member of the ERCA Autoloader Team.

This technology will enable higher rates of fire while unburdening the Soldier as well as make it safer for Soldiers out in the field. “The main goal of this is getting a high rate of fire, but it’s also safer,” says Gatter.

Reliability, speed and safety is what ERCA ultimately comes down to—the whole reason why YPG exist is to make sure the Warfighter has the best and safest equipment possible.

Troll adds, “Everything is designed in-house by CCDC, the software, the hardware, the integration, the design of the cannon, the gun mount and recoil system, the fire control, everything in this vehicle is designed in-house. Even the propellant and projectiles. So it’s a testament to what we are doing and how many hands are involved in this program, and to be honest with you, we wouldn’t be where we are today without these guys here at YPG.”

Moreno has seen first-hand how many people from YPG have made this mission in-progress possible, “I work with all the teams here, from storage, to the ammo plant to, electronics, high-speed, KTM Telemetry, everybody, we work with everyone here and it’s a phenomenal team.”



PHOTOS BY ANA HENDERSON

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YPG tests next generation of vertical takeoff and lift aircraft

By Mark Schauer

It has become well-known that Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) testing actively supports six of the Army Futures Command's Cross Functional Teams (CFTs) building the Army's future force.

The first in what is likely to be many tests related to the Future Vertical Lift CFT, which seeks to develop the next generation of vertical takeoff and lift aircraft, occurred at YPG in mid-2019 with a demonstration of the SPIKE non-line-of-sight (NLOS) air-to-ground missile, a currently-fielded Israeli weapon with approximately four times as much range as the Hellfire or Joint Air Ground Missile currently used by American forces.

"The missile we are firing gives the opportunity for the Army to have more reach, more standoff, more lethality that it has had in the past to address our near-peer threats," said Col. Matthew Isaacson, Future Vertical Lift CFT lead. "We use these demonstrations to inform our requirements and to ensure that we're not writing a requirement for something that is unrealistic."

The family of SPIKE NLOS missiles have been utilized by the Israeli Defense Forces for several decades. Featuring manual and automatic modes, it achieves optimal range in automatic, but can be successfully utilized in degraded navigation environments while being manually-guided. For the first demonstration, the testers fired the Spike from an AH-64E Apache helicopter hovering 200 feet above the highest obstacle in a complex terrain environment at a mock-up of a SA-15 vehicle 28.5 kilometers away. A key part of the demonstration

involved intentionally losing the guidance data-link to the missile just prior to impact to determine whether it would still strike its target: it did so in a fiery explosion.

Among the bevy of officials who travelled to YPG to witness the test were the Honorable James McPherson, the senior official performing the duties of Undersecretary of the Army, and Gen.

John Murray, Commanding General of Army Futures Command. Murray is the first four star general to visit the proving ground since then-Vice Chief of the Army Gen. Peter Chiarelli came to observe a test of the Precision Guidance Kit artillery fuse in 2011.

"This is important to senior leadership and we will attend these demonstrations to exhibit that importance," said McPherson. "It's important that the people put developing the next tip of the spear know that the folks in the Pentagon are truly interested, truly focused, and want to help them get their job done."



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The first in what is likely to be many tests related to the Future Vertical Lift Cross Functional Teams, occurred at YPG in 2019 with a demonstration of the SPIKE non-line-of-sight (NLOS) air-to-ground missile.

"It's important that the people put developing the next tip of the spear know that the folks in the Pentagon are truly interested, truly focused, and want to help them get their job done" said McPherson. YPG Col. Ross Poppenberger escorted McPherson and Murray (shaking hands) as they met members of the YPG workforce, like Randy Ehrlich, Threat Systems Target Simulators Supervisor. PHOTO BY MARK SCHAUER

Murray pointed out that the intent of the testing was more about demonstrating capabilities rather than committing to a particular missile.

"One of the things Army Futures Command is trying very hard to do is prove out a technology before we pursue it," said Murray. "This was an attempt to prove that the technology is mature enough and that we can use it operationally. We're testing multiple scenarios where this capability could be of value."

Murray left the proving ground impressed by the professionalism

of the workforce and the robust test infrastructure and vast range space that YPG boasts.

"The range facilities, especially with the Air Force and Marine Corps partners to the south, are incredibly impressive," said Murray. "Most people do not recognize the incredible importance of the Army Test and Evaluation Command facilities. It's all about making sure that when we put a capability in warfighter hands it's safe and we know what it is going to do—we absolutely couldn't do this without facilities like Yuma."



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Ensuring a great day at U. S Army YPG: Visit information you need to know

By U.S. Army YPG, Chief of Police
Donnie Lucas

There are a few items of crucial information you need to know as we draw close to U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground's (YPG) 2020 celebration on Feb. 15.

We are operating two venues: one venue for parking and one venue for the event.

We want everyone to enjoy themselves and have a great time while keeping security and safety in mind. As the saying goes "If you see something say something."

No weapons of any type are allowed on YPG at any time. Also prohibited are outside alcohol, coolers, glass containers and pets.

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Officers and Security Officers will be circulating throughout the event and you will easily be able to identify them as they will be in full police blue uniforms. Additionally, Department of the Army Security Officers will work in and around parking area to ensure you are able to park and feel safe while proceeding to the pickup points. Handicapped parking is available in the public parking section. A security officer will be in this area to provide needed assistance.

Department of the Army Police Officers will be at pickup points with metal detectors and will check all visitors prior to boarding the buses to event venue. If you have any issue at all, please make your way to the

command center --a big white trailer with a police banner and flag on top, which will be located in the far left corner of the event area. There will also be a lost and found, as well as a location for lost persons.

Parking was an issue at our last event but we have found the best solution and it will give you the opportunity to view parts of YPG that are otherwise closed to the public. I highly encourage you to take the YCAT bus from Yuma, but if you do drive please proceed down Highway 95, turn at the big guns, and proceed on to the Walker Installation and follow the signage to Laguna Army Airfield. Personnel will

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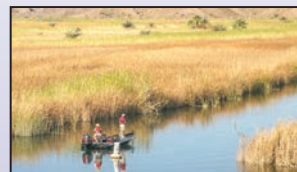
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