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Commander keynotes Camp Bouse ceremony

By Mark Schauer

On Feb. 13, Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) Commander Col. Patrick McFall served as keynote speaker at the 25th annual Camp Bouse Commemoration Ceremony in La Paz County's Bouse, Arizona. Prior to the event, he also paid a visit to Bouse Museum, housed in a 1902 assay office.

As the last active Army installation within the World War II-era California-Arizona Desert Maneuver Area, YPG has a direct lineage with the Soldiers of the

Greatest Generation who tested the 'Canal Defense Light,' a 13 million candlepower arc searchlight mounted in the turret of a M3 tank, at Camp Bouse during the 1940s.

"The Soldiers of Camp Bouse made a significant and lasting impact on both the Allied victory in World War II and the Army's future testing and training standards," said McFall in his remarks. "Their legacy is carried on at Yuma Proving Ground today, and I am proud to help carry that legacy forward."



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Home to a wide variety of animals, Yuma Proving Ground helps sustain the creatures with 25 wildlife water drinkers situated across its mountains and desert range. (Photo Mark Schauer)

Water in the desert: Wildlife water catchments help sustain diverse wildlife

By Mark Schauer

With more than 1,200 square miles of land area, U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is the fourth-largest installation in the Department of Defense in terms of land area.

Testers see the proving ground as a natural laboratory, and thus have a vested interest in good stewardship of the natural environment.

Home to a wide variety of

animals, including the Sonoran pronghorn and one of the largest and most genetically diverse populations of bighorn sheep in Arizona, YPG helps sustain the creatures with 25 wildlife water drinkers situated across its mountains and desert range.

"These waters are some of the most phenomenal things we have for wildlife," said Daniel Steward, wildlife biologist. "It allows

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Employee spotlight

By Clara Zachgo, Cold Regions Test Center

Russel Hollembaek started in the Maintenance Division at Cold Regions Test Center (CRTC) in 2007 as an ECIII seasonal heavy equipment operator. He quickly became a valuable part of the maintenance team and earned a permanent position as a civilian operator. Just recently, Hollembaek was named the second ever Manger of the Mobility Test Complex (MTC), he also serves as a Test Officer.

During his time at CRTC, Hollembaek has done everything from driving M1 tanks, Joint Light Tactical Vehicle, and Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected to operating test support equipment down range to building ice roads and firing pads. He has spent several years working nights at the MTC constructing and maintaining the test courses used for commercial and military testing in the winter and the summer months tarring asphalt, grading roads, and screening material.

After 13 years working in maintenance and spending



Cold Regions Test Center (CRTC) Mobility Test Complex Manger and Test Officer, Russel Hollembaek has worked at CRTC for 13 years. (Photo by Sebastian Saarloos)

countless hours involved in every test at the MTC in one way or another, Russel became passionate about the MTC. He, “looks forward to not only maintaining what CRTC has at the MTC, but also to improve, expand, and streamline the MTC and its services, all while keeping and building upon the superb, well-trained, and talented work force that make the MTC and CRTC successful.”

His experience and expertise will benefit CRTC and the MTC for years to come!



Soldier spotlight

By Ana Henderson

Spc. Gustavo Torres is currently stationed at U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground and works as a Veterinary Food Inspection Specialist.

Torres is originally from Bayamon, Puerto Rico. He joined the U.S. Army in 2016, he says, “It’s been four years serving this great country and I hope for serve more.”

Torres is married to this wife Jenny and keeps busy with their family, which includes a 15-year old daughter, a 12-years old son and seven month old twins.

In his free time he enjoys playing video games with his oldest son, and before COVID they played basketball and went bowling often. In the future he hopes to pursue a Bachelor’s degree in Public Health.



Specialist Gustavo Torres is a Veterinary Food Inspection Specialist at Yuma Proving Ground. Torres is pictured here with his wife Jenny and their four children. (Loaned photos)

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Return of the fun: March is the month

By Ana Henderson

Many hoped once the clock struck mid-night on Dec. 31, 2020 that Jan. 1, 2021 would be much different...but that did not happen.

However, March is becoming what we all hoped January would be: it's the month where day to day life is starting to resemble life before the COVID pandemic.

At U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) Garrison the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) division is busy preparing to welcome back the community.

Coyote Lanes

Tina Helzer, Business Manager at the Coyote Lanes Bowling Center says the bowling alley is operating at 50-percent capacity and also shows movies daily. The movie themes run the gamut and Sundays are mainly dedicated to children's movies. A complete schedule can be found at www.yumamwr.com/movies.html.

"We are open and operating and just waiting for everyone to come in and get us back to normal," says Helzer.

Fitness Center

Recreation Supervisor at the Fitness Center Steve Ward shares those same sentiments.

"We are planning events again and it's not only a big thing for the community to look forward to but also the FMWR employees. We are ready to get back to some semblance of normality."



Yuma Proving Ground Travel Camp residents enjoyed watching "The Green Book" on a jumbo screen outdoors on Feb. 18. (Loaned photo)

The following events are planned for March.

5th – Skate night from 1830 to 2030

11th – Fun Run at 0620 (two-miles starts and ends in front of fitness center)

18th – Registration deadline for cornhole tournament

20th – Movie in the Park at dusk

24th – Cornhole tournament begins

Ward said, "We are really excited to get people back in here to start enjoying themselves again."

The community can contact the Fitness center staff at (928) 328-2400 for details on the events listed.

Youth Services

Another fun event taking place on the installation is the YPG Birthday Community Parade. The parade is a socially distant way to celebrate birthdays without a traditional birthday party. The YPG Child and Youth

Services (CYS) department teams up with the YPG Fire Department and they parade around base providing goodie bags and balloons for children celebrating their birthday in the months of January – March. The parade will be driving through YPG housing on Saturday, March 13 at 10 A.M. the community it encouraged go outside and wave as the parade passes by their home. For more information on future CYS events contact 928-328-2860.

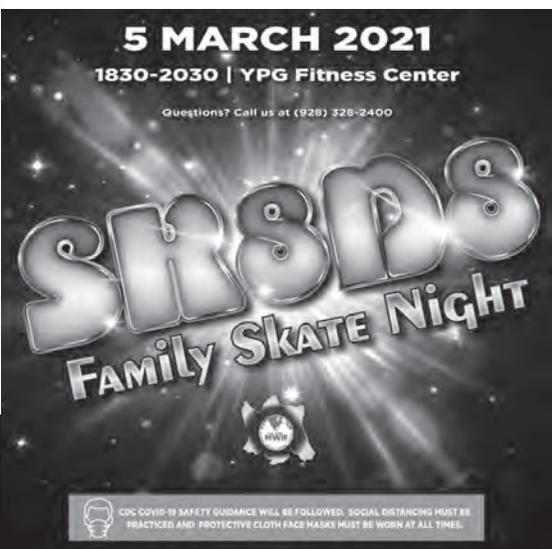
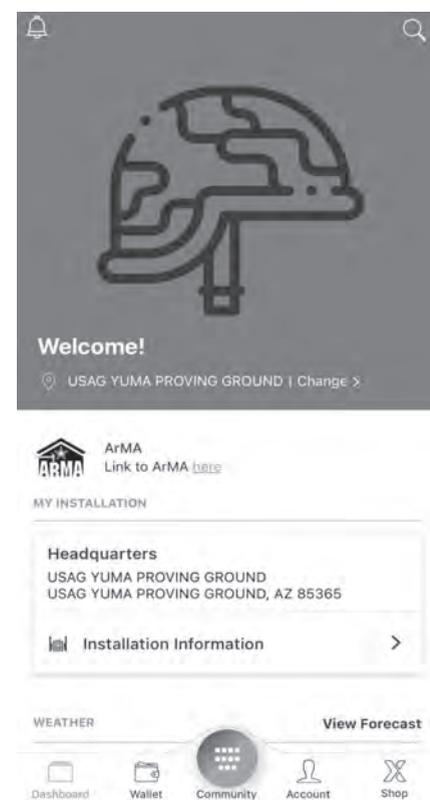
YPG Digital Garrison App is live

The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) Garrison community can now get up to date information about the installation and its happenings from their smartphone.

The Garrison Digital App now provides comprehensive information about YPG: from the weather, to events, phone numbers and emergency information notifications.

To download the app look for Garrison Digital on the app store. Download, then select YPG as your installation. You can browse as a guest or create an account.

If you have an account you will have full access to the notifications. (Screen capture)



A closer look with Casey

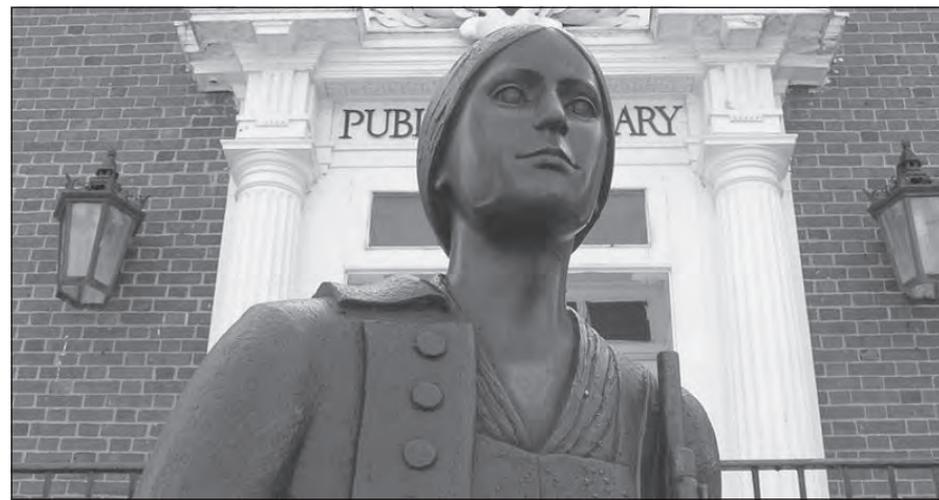
March is Women's History Month: Honoring the lives and legacies

By Casey Garcia

Women's history is the study of the role that women have played in history and the methods required to do so. It includes the study of the history of the growth of woman's rights throughout recorded history, personal achievement, the examination of individual and groups of women of historical significance, and the effect that historical events have had on women. Let us take the opportunity to utilize this year's recognition of women's history as a challenge to honor the lives and

legacies of women whose individual and collective contributions have enriched our lives.

This month we celebrate women of character, courage, commitment who have compromised and overcame against all odds. Names like Susan B. Anthony, Ida B. Wells, Elizabeth Stanton, Rosa Parks, and Rosie the Riveter. There are also many unsung women-heroes that are not even a footnote in the history books so who are they? What about Winnie the Welder or Wendy the Welder, the nickname given to some 2,000



A statue of Deborah Sampson stands outside the Sharon Massachusetts Public Library. (Photo courtesy of deborahsamson.com)

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women who worked in the shipyard building war ships and subs during World War II.

Most historians agree that Deborah Sampson was the first unofficial woman to join any branch of service. Sampson joined the Continental Army in May 1781 and because women were not permitted to serve in the military, she disguised herself as a man by the name of Robert Shurtleff. She was injured multiple times, sustaining a sabre wound to her head and a gunshot wound to her thigh. She allowed a doctor to look at her head wound but removed a musket ball from her thigh herself for fear that her secret would be discovered. Sampson fell gravely ill shortly after removing the musket ball from her leg. Her attending physician discovered her gender, but kept it a secret. She was later given an Honorable discharge but had to petition congress in order to get pay that the Army withheld due to her illegally entering the Army. Eventually she did get paid but without her strength and courage would women be allowed to serve?

In 1903, Marie Curie was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, in physics, and with her later win, in chemistry, she became the first person to claim Nobel honors twice. Her efforts with her husband Pierre

led to the discovery of polonium and radium, and she championed the development of x-rays.

In 1942, Hedy Lamarr earned recognition in a field quite different from entertainment. She and the composer George Antheil, came up with the idea of a radio signaling device, or "Secret Communications System," which was a means of changing radio frequencies to keep enemies from decoding messages. Originally designed to defeat the German Nazis, the system became an important step in the development of technology to maintain the security of both military communications and cellular phones. Without Lamarr, we would still be trying to untangle that two-foot telephone cord we wound throughout the house to communicate?

No one acknowledged a lady by the name of Margaret Hamilton until without whom the moon would not have been reached. In 1958, she took a position at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and wrote weather prediction software for the newly founded computer technology. There were no classes on computer programming at the time so she and her colleagues were self-taught. She was put in charge of code writing for

YPG employee has a lifetime of memories at YPG

By Ana Henderson

Thousands of families have come and gone from Yuma Proving Ground (YPG). At one time or another the tightknit Army community played a role in their lives and made an impression on them but perhaps none like in the life of Toney Brooks.

Presently, Brooks is the Lead Equipment Specialist in the Maintenance Division at YPG. Back in 1964, he was a 6-year-old "Army brat" who moved to YPG with this family from Hawaii.

"I remember Saturday morning going to Cox Field with my Dad and watching him standing in formation before they could be released for the weekend. With all the pomp and circumstance of holding a formation. When you are a young kid it leaves an impression on you."

Brooks has fond memories of his time growing up at YPG and attending James D. Price Elementary School.

"It was a lot of fun!"

He laughs that the items now displayed outside the Heritage Center were in use when he was a child.

"The big orange land train, I remember as a kid watching the whole train run when they were doing testing."

Brooks remembers, the firing of the High Altitude Research Project

known as the HARP gun, he was seven-years-old, "It shook all the windows on Main Post."

He had a glimpse of space history too, "because they did some of the testing and running I remember seeing and touching the Moon buggy."

At the time the Mobility Test Article was displayed at YPG for an organization/open house type event.

After three years the family moved. The elder Brooks retired yet the family stayed connected to YPG because Brooks' father began working on the installation and he would help him during the summer.

Brooks followed his father's path and joined the Army in June of 1976 and worked as a tracked and wheeled vehicle mechanic. That experience let to Brooks landing a job at YPG in June of 1980: he started as a heavy mechanic helper. He never imagined as a child he would end up making a life for himself at YPG.

Brooks has 40-years' worth of stories about his time at YPG. Some of his fond memories that stand out include the time he met former President of the U.S. (POTUS) George Bush and former First Lady Barbara Bush when they visited YPG while the former POTUS prepared for a free fall jump.

"I met them briefly when they were in that motor-pull when they had a break. That was awesome to meet somebody like that."

While those are once in a lifetime moments Brooks says all his time at YPG has been fond...or else he would not still be here. Brooks has hit the mark where he can retire but says, "I am here because I love what I am doing and I am still having fun."

When he started working at YPG he was the youngster listening to stories from the veteran employees

"I loved sitting down on breaks and we would talk. He has been in Yuma all his life. He would tell us stories how Yuma ended at 8th Street or driving cattle towards this area before



Brooks laughs telling how the items now displayed outside the Heritage Center were in use when he was a child such as the land train pictured here in May of 1962. (U.S. Army photo)

the base. I would love listening to him."

Now, Brooks is the man with the stories and advice.

"I kind of that guy," he says laughing. "I'm proud of it. I truly enjoy mentoring the younger workers."

YPG has played a huge role in

Brooks' life, he and his wife even married at the YPG Chapel. Brooks knows the work is important, YPG's testing keeps our Warfighter safe, but says the people are who truly make YPG stand out, "One thing that's always been consistent. It's always been the dedication of the people to the YPG mission."

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Toney Brooks is the lead equipment specialist in the Maintenance Division at Yuma Proving Ground (YPG). He's worked at YPG since 1980. (Loaned photo)

25th annual Camp Bouse Commemoration Ceremony

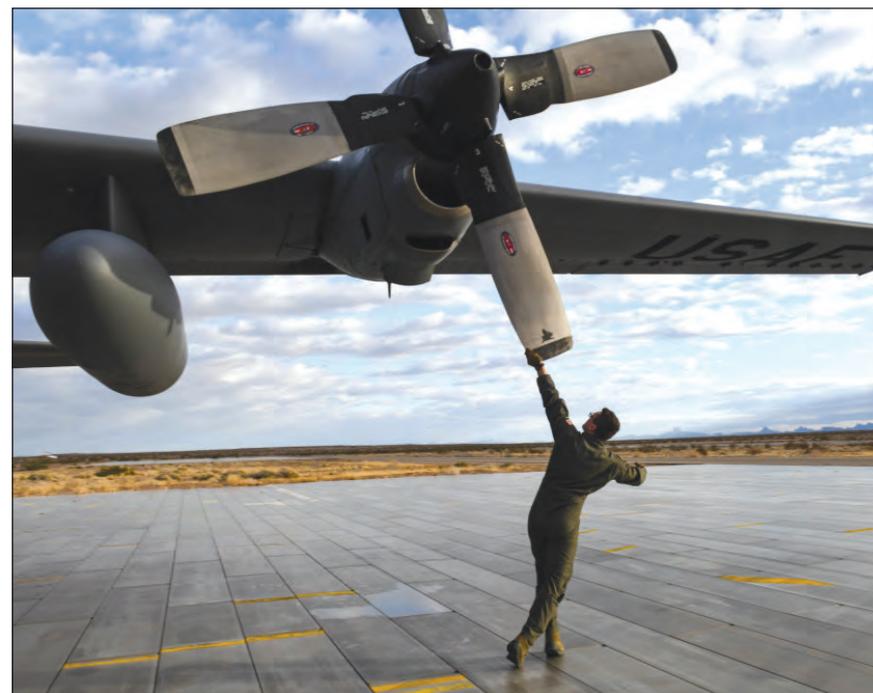


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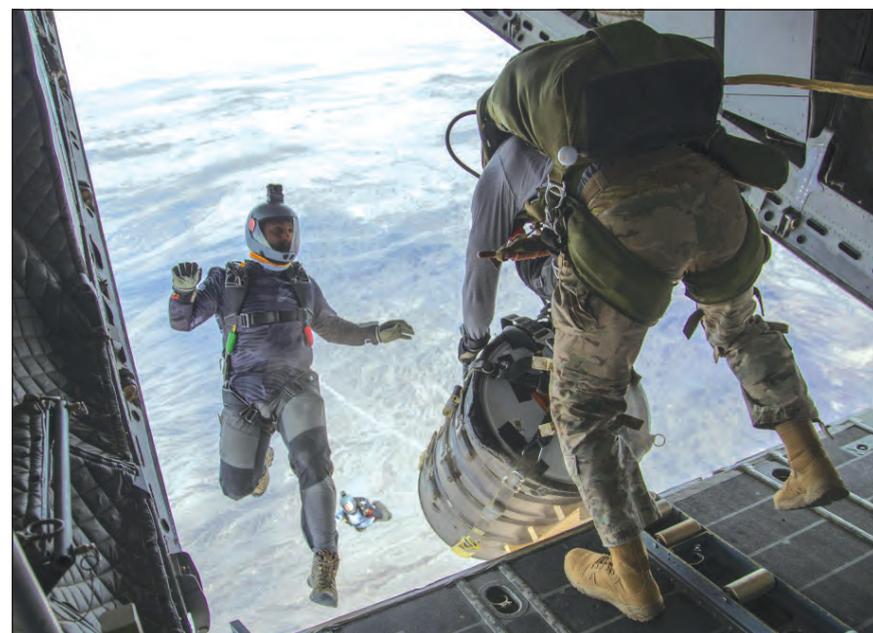
YPG Commander Col. Patrick McFall met La Paz County Sheriff William Ponce at the ceremony. Ponce was a guest speaker at the event. (Photos by Mark Schauer)

Operation Arizona Sunrise



Staff Sgt. Solomon Walker, a flight engineer assigned to the 757th Airlift Squadron, prepares a C-130H Hercules aircraft for takeoff on Jan. 29, from the U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground, to conduct joint airborne/air transportability training during Operation Arizona Sunrise. Under a distributed operations concept, five C-130s and more than 100 Reserve Citizen Airmen assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing traveled to Southern Arizona, Jan. 24–30 for the 757th AS's annual flyaway. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Tandem jumps and barrel drops: Marines perform air drop training



U.S. Marines and Army SOF conduct barrel drops and tandem jumps out of a KC-130J at Yuma Proving Grounds on February 9, 2021. This training teaches them how to jump with personnel or equipment in order to expand their mission capabilities. (U.S. Marine Corps photo)

WATER

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animals to spread across the range and get full use of the habitat.”

The drinkers are a stabilizing presence in one of the nation’s driest desert region, with mechanical apparatus to keep a steady supply of water available for wildlife. Mule deer, bobcats, coyotes, multiple bird species, even bees benefit from their presence.

“We have dry years and not so dry years,” said Steward. “One of the values of having adequate water storage out here is having a buffer in dry years—they give resiliency to our ecosystem.”

The drinkers run the gamut in age, with some concrete ones dating back to the 1950s.

“A lot of these drinkers are like granddad’s axe: it might be on its second head and fifth handle,” said Steward. “Some of these drinkers have had different troughs and tanks over the years. We’re always swapping components when something breaks.”

Wildlife officials are meticulous about keeping the drinkers a viable and perennial presence on the range.

“It’s important to keep them in the same location because wildlife get used to them and they’re an important feature of the habitat,” said

Steward. “We want to keep them up and going for the long term.”

More recent underground storage tanks for the drinkers such as one that was recently inspected on YPG’s Cibola Range are made of PVC and filled by water runoff from the desert’s rare rain events. A steady rain event can fill the 10,000 gallon tank, and they are situated with care near washes that will run, but not large ones that will run so violently that the tank fills with sediment instead of water. Experience has shown that the rain water has a lower saline level than water from local wells, which means less sediment buildup to foul water apparatus’ moving surfaces.

The PVC is also hardier than the vinyl liner inside an adjacent above-ground rain tank constructed decades ago, which tends to degrade when not continuously filled with water. This older tank has a persistent leak now, but wildlife officials have no plans to remove it.

“Even though this tank has a leak in it and isn’t what we want to depend on, it has water in it, and we won’t ever let water go to waste,” said Steward. “We can pump the water out of this rain tank and put it in our better system, because we haven’t had very much rain this year.”

An important innovation for the drinkers in recent years was the



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addition of solar-powered sensors to continuously monitor water levels.

“We were already using the existing sensors on our wash monitor systems, which range control uses to see the depths of the various washes across the range when they start running,” said Ryan Ingham, electronic technician with YPG’s meteorology team. “The pressure transducer gives a pressure reading that we convert to inches of water.”

Topographical features surrounding many of these drinkers obstruct radio signal that sends the data out, requiring some clever workarounds.

“Most of the drinkers sit inside a terrain bowl or at the bottom of a canyon,” said Ingham. “We had to create relays to bounce the signals to our existing system.”

The sensors spare personnel from having to regularly travel to extremely remote and rugged parts of the range to monitor water levels, and allow for a rapid response if there is a sudden and catastrophic loss of water in one of the drinkers. The instrumentation accurately measures the daily water loss rate, which changes with the seasons and soaring desert temperatures.

“That allows us to continuously update forecast models of the consumption rate of the animals, particularly deer and bighorn sheep,” said John Hervert, terrestrial wildlife program manager for Arizona Game and Fish. “It really helps us fine-tune

our estimates.”

“Our meteorologists can take historic weather data and come up with a trend,” added Ingham. “The longer these monitoring systems are in place, the more data we’ll have and the better picture of what the actual burn rate is.”

Though the proving ground is the nation’s largest artillery tester, it also encompasses the best preserved and protected Sonoran desert landscape in the American Southwest. The healthy proliferation of a diversity of desert creatures under careful stewardship is, undoubtedly, one of the positive results of this.

“The partnership that Arizona Game and Fish enjoys with Yuma Proving Ground is very helpful to our agency,” said Hervert.



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Vice President Kamala Harris delivers remarks to Department of Defense personnel at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., Feb. 10, 2021. (Photo by Lisa Ferdinando, DOD)

WOMEN

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the Apollo missions. Would we have ever made it to the moon without her? Hamilton's contributions also allowed Sally Ride to become the first American woman and (at the time) youngest American to enter space. Ride joined NASA in 1978 and went to space in 1983.

Ella Fitzgerald, known as the "First Lady of Song" and "Lady Ella," an immensely popular American jazz and song vocalist who at the very first Grammy Awards in 1958, won

not one but two Grammys. She also made history as the first African American woman to win the award.

In 1963, writer, feminist and women's rights activist Betty Friedan published "The Feminine Mystique", which explores the idea of women finding fulfillment beyond traditional

roles. The book quickly became a sensation, creating a social revolution by dispelling the myth that all women wanted to be happy homemakers and marking the start of what would become Friedan's incredibly significant role in the women's rights movement.

Shirley Chisholm was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and served as the first black congresswoman in 1968. She went on to serve seven terms.

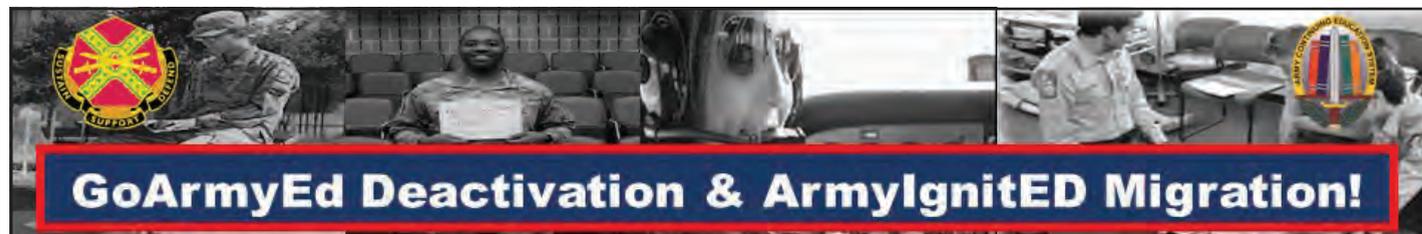
In 1964, Amelia Boynton became both the first African American woman and the first female Democratic candidate to run for a seat in Congress from Alabama. The following year, she helped lead a Civil Rights march during which she and her fellow activists were brutally beaten by state troopers. The event, which became known as Bloody Sunday, drew nationwide attention to the Civil Rights movement.

Sandra Day O'Connor is a retired Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the U.S., who served from her 1981 appointment by President Ronald Reagan until her retirement in 2006. She was the first woman to serve on the court.

In 2013 the U.S. military removed the ban against women serving in combat positions.

In January 2021, Kamala Harris was sworn in as the first woman and first woman of color Vice President of the U.S. "While I may be the first woman in this office, I will not be the last," Harris said after being elected.

All of these women led with their vision, intelligence and empathy. Take a good hard look in the mirror because the woman staring back at you is the future and you can impact change just as the ladies who have gone before us. May we know them, celebrate them, raise them, and may we be them.



GoArmyEd Deactivation & ArmyIgnitED Migration!

What's Happening?

GoArmyEd was deactivated on 12 FEB 21 to facilitate the migration of the Federal Tuition Assistance (TA) program to ArmyIgnitED which will house ALL past, present, and future TA and Credentialing Assistance (CA) Education records.

Important Dates:

- ❑ **12 February 2021:** GoArmyEd Deactivated. Soldiers ARE NOT ABLE to request TA and there is NO access to their TA data (until 8 Mar 21).
- ❑ **25 February 2021:** ArmyIgnitED will be temporarily offline. Soldiers will NOT be able to request CA or have any access to their CA data.
- ❑ **8 March 2021:** ArmyIgnitED reactivates and TA and CA program services resume. Soldiers will be able to access all their TA and CA records and request future TA/CA funding in ArmyIgnitED.

How does this affect my TA and CA?

TA Requests

- NO NEW TA REQUESTS UNTIL 08 MARCH 2021.
- TA requests in ArmyIgnitED on or after 08 Mar 21 must have a future start date on them.
- There will NOT be TA for requests created in ArmyIgnitED for classes that have already started. NO EXCEPTIONS



CA Requests

- Soldiers wishing to utilize CA from 9 March - 21 April 2021 must submit their CA request by 1159 CST on 24 February 2021.



How can I create my ArmyIgnitED account?

Creating Your Account

- Future use of TA and CA will require an ArmyIgnitED account to request TA and/or CA funding.
- Soldiers can create an ArmyIgnitED account by going to www.armyignited.com and selecting "Get Started"



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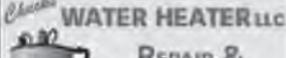
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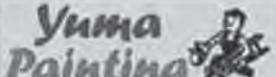


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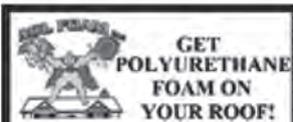
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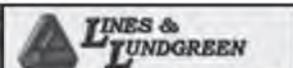
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Chaplain's Corner How are you?

By Chaplain Capt. Jeffrey Crispin

We ask other people this question on a pretty regular basis. It's an important question to show concern for the well-being of family, friends, co-workers, or making conversation with someone who is providing a service for you.

Sometimes we are better than other times at waiting and listening to the answer. I want to encourage you to slow down and take the time to listen. I think many people are having pandemic fatigue and the measures we are taking to help with physical well-being are taking an emotional and relational toll. Let's look out for one another.

But I want to go one step farther in asking the important question of "How are you?" Have you asked, and answered, that question for yourself recently? In my work as a

Chaplain, I see people who are really good at helping others who don't do such a good job caring for themselves. There's a saying that, "People in the helping professions are great at giving advice, but the worst ones at receiving it." That might not be you, but what if it is?

I want to encourage you to think, "How am I?" Answer your own question, and then where needed, make a plan to improve. There are a bunch of great people here at U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground that are willing to help if you find an area where what you're doing isn't working. Reach out and we'll walk through it together; remember that the Chaplain has complete confidentiality, so I'll do my best to connect you to opportunities to improve. The goal is so you can answer someone else's question, "How are you," with, "I'm doing better and better."



Chapel Valentine's Day fun!



Angelica Ivey the Youth Services Coordinator/Educator organized a goodie bag giveaway at the Yuma Proving Ground Chapel on Valentine's Day following Sunday Service. Chaplain Capt. Jeff Crispin picked up the bags for his children Ezra, Elisha and Ian who were overjoyed to receive the goodies. (Loaned photos)

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Cactus Café serves up romance



ABOVE: The Cactus Café staff served up delicious New York strip steak and Florentine stuffed chicken breast for Valentine's Day Dinner. RIGHT: (Left to right) Yuma Proving Ground Command Sgt. Maj. Herbert Gill and his wife Amanda and YPG Commander Col. Patrick McFall and his wife Heidi, among other guests, had a great time at the restaurant as Betty Ramirez (center) served their meal. (Loaned photos)



Coffee drive-through fosters community togetherness

By Mark Schauer

Yuma Proving Ground's (YPG) Family Advocacy Program hosted a coffee drive-through for post residents and personnel in mid-February, and the post's Family Readiness Group brought the coffee—along with 150 sandwiches from Chick-fil-A and rock-painting kits for kids.

“We have a lot of new Families and Soldiers on our post who don't know where our services are or what services are out here to help them,” said Cathyann Robinson, Family Advocacy Program manager. “The intent of the program was to put all of the helping services in one location. Keeping in mind the COVID restrictions, we made it an outdoor and drive-through event.”

Folks who drove through got a chance to safely interact with people from offices like Army Community Service and the SHARP program, along with personnel from the post chapel and veterinary clinic.



Yuma Proving Ground's (YPG) Family Advocacy Program hosted a coffee drive-through for post residents and personnel Feb. 8, 2021. Event goers had the opportunity to meet members of YPG's Family Readiness Group and personnel from the Army Community Service SHARP program, post chapel and veterinary clinic. (Photos by Mark Schauer)

“Even though it is a small post, our family mission still stands,” said Robinson. “There are a lot of services and program available: For the families to know where they are is the key.”

Dozens of cars drove through during the hour-long event.

“It's a good way for all of the new people or existing people to learn about the resources that are here on YPG that they may not know about,” said Emily Connor, who heads YPG's Family Readiness Group. “They can see who the face behind the phone number is.”

More family advocacy activities are on tap in the months ahead, including a super hero event at YPG's Child Development Center in April and a family communication workshop at the post chapel in May.

“It's an opportunity not just for the community to see the helping services, but also an opportunity for the providers to do some networking,” said Robinson.

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