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of the American Soldier*



The Army of the future

By Joseph Lacdan

The Army plans to replicate the long distances it could see in future battles during its 2021 iteration of Project Convergence, said the leader of Army Futures Command (AFC) on June 9.

The series of exercises, scheduled to begin in November, will strive to augment joint, multi-domain capabilities to help commanders hit targets at greater speed and achieve decision dominance, said Gen. John M. Murray.

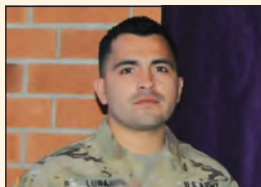
The Army is slated to position a command post

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Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) Commander Col. Patrick McFall, Command Sgt. Maj. Herbert Gill and Lt. Col. Alicia Johnson joined by Soldiers and the YPG community celebrated the Army's birthday with a five-mile run, followed by the traditional cake cutting ceremony with the youngest and oldest Soldier. On June 14, 1775 the Continental Congress formed the Continental Army to fight against British forces. Turn to page 5 for more. (Photos by Mark Schauer)

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Soldier spotlight

By Ana Henderson

Staff Sgt. Ricardo Luna currently serves as the Religious Affairs Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) at the U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) Chapel.

As the Religious Affairs NCO, Luna supports all Soldiers, their Families and civilians who are part of the YPG community. His duties include providing chapel programs, assisting with worship services, and conducting counseling for those in need of emotional support.

Luna, who grew up in Yuma, has been serving his country in the U.S. Army for nearly ten years. He is currently working on his Bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Studies and hopes to one day own his own childcare facility.

He's also been married for ten years and he and his wife have three children. In his spare time Luna enjoys landscaping, weightlifting and reading.



ABOVE: Staff Sgt. Ricardo Luna is greeting by his family following his promotion ceremony in November of 2020. (Photo by Mark Schauer) BELOW: Staff Sgt. Ricardo Luna (left) works alongside Chaplain Capt. Jeffrey Crispin and Sgt. Justin Neubert at the Yuma Proving Ground Chapel. (Photo by Ana Henderson)



YPG welcomes new Deputy Garrison Manager

By Ana Henderson

U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) recently welcomed a new Deputy Garrison Manager, Ken Musselwhite.

Musselwhite comes with a wealth of experience: he spent 28 years in the Army and has served another ten years in civil service.

Musselwhite began his civilian career in South Korea as a plans specialist and moved to the position of lead plans specialist in the five years he spent there. Before leaving Korea, he was named the Chief of the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office at Fort McCoy in Wisconsin. While at Fort McCoy Musselwhite was accepted into the Defense Senior Leader Development Program.

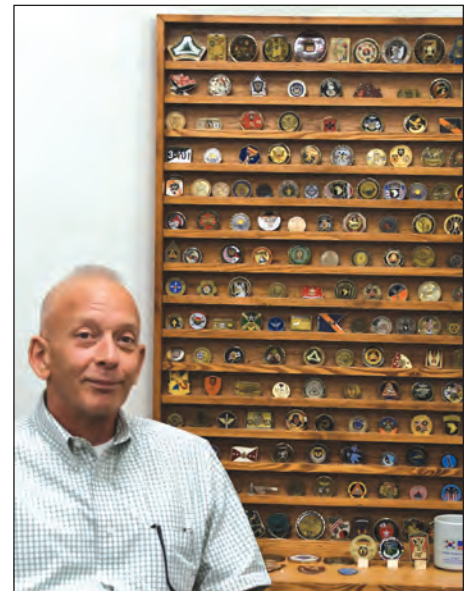
For the last two and a half years Musselwhite attended the Air War College. A requirement of the Defense Senior Leader Development Program took him back to Korea for an experiential assignment.

"You go to do a project and it's supposed to give you a broadening experience," explains Musselwhite.

At U.S. Forces Korea headquarters he was given the opportunity to work on a joint staff and side-by-side with engineers coordinating and developing theater master plans.

"Before going into the Defense Senior Leadership program, I was very focused on my specific programs. Working on that assignment helped me see there is a whole lot more and you have to consider a whole lot more in order to be effective."

Factoring the collateral effects of a decision is an important step for the Deputy Garrison Manager. He oversees the Garrison directors who lead the personnel who operate the "city" functions on the installation such as the police, fire department, operations, public works, and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation program.



Ken Musselwhite is the new Deputy Garrison Manager at U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground. He earned his impressive collection of coins during his 28-years in the Army. (Photo by Ana Henderson)

When meeting Musselwhite you may notice his calm temperament. He credits that to his time in the Army as an air traffic controller.

"When you are in a tower, the pilots don't need to know you are nervous too. That makes them more nervous... so you have to be level and have an even temperament."

Musselwhite has been at YPG just a bit over a month. He immediately had a good impression of the installation when he drove up to the gates.

"When someone is friendly and happy with their job — it shows. I thought to myself, 'I think I am going to like this.'" Adding, "The first reaction coming into the gate makes a difference."

The same goes for the personnel from the various Garrison directorates he's met.

"I see a lot of passion for what the people do."

Musselwhite is now branching out to the tenant units to meet the rest of the YPG community.

"I am impressed with what I have seen so far and I am happy to be here."

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YPG helping agencies connect with workforce

By Arlene J. Gentry

The Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) helping agencies have joined forces to conduct quarterly "Out and About" visits to all YPG offices. The intent is to connect with the workforce and ensure all military and civilian personnel know what services are available to them here on YPG. The YPG mission is complex; receiving services should not be.

Who's on your team

The Sexual Harassment/Assault Response Program (SHARP) is led by Arlene Gentry, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. Gentry is a Certified Department of Defense Sexual Assault Advocate. The SHARP office assists active duty and active duty family members (18 years of age and older) with cases of sexual harassment or sexual assault. Gentry is also the Volunteer Coordinator for YPG. The 24/7 YPG Helpline is (928) 920-3104. Gentry's office is located in building (bldg.) 301 on the second floor.

The Equal Opportunity Office (EEO) is led by Joeann Bailey, Equal Employment Opportunity Manager. The EEO office can assist any YPG applicant for employment, current

or former employee, and certain contract employees who feel that they have been discriminated against based on race, color, religion, sex, age (40 years of age and older), national origin, genetic information, physical or mental disability, or reprisal, in retaliation for past EEO activity may file an EEO compliant. The EEO office is located in bldg. 2100 room 10 and is open Monday-Thursday 6:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. and can be reached at (928) 328-2736.

The Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is led by Cathyann Robinson, FAP Manager and Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Robinson assists families dealing with abuse/neglect, teaches anger management classes and is also the Exceptional Family Member Program Manager. The 24/7 FAP Helpline can be reached at (928) 287-3362 and Robinson's office is located in bldg. 301 on the first floor.

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is led by Christopher Lee, EAP Coordinator. Lee provides short term counseling services, education life skills, and referral to community services. The EAP office is located in bldg. 501 on the second floor. Lee can be reached at (928) 328-2249, Monday-Thursday 6:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.



(Left to right) Natallia Parkhynchik Family Advocacy Program intern, Cathyann Robinson Family Advocacy Program Manager, Chris Lee Employee Assistance Program Manager, Joeann Bailey Equal Opportunity Office Manager, Arlene Gentry Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. (Photo by Ana Henderson)

Chaplain's Corner

What's keeping you?

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Capt.
Jeffrey Crispin



I hope this article finds you doing well, with kids out of school for the summer, COVID restrictions diminishing for those immunized, the swimming pool is open, and the chapel meeting for Sunday services for Catholic and Protestant in person.

What's keeping you going in the right direction? That could be faith, family, fun, financial gain, friends, etc. I hope these things give you a sense of purpose and meaning to motivate you on the way to being who you desire to be.

The second question is, what's keeping you from being who you want to be? There are lots of possible answers to this question.

This article is about what is keeping you from developing that first option, faith.

I went to a gathering of area pastors in Yuma in early May. The speaker stated that as people are transitioning out of the COVID restrictions, approximately 60% have returned to an in-person worship community based on their research. Numbers show, 20-30% of people worshipping in person are people that are checking out other worship communities. So there is a shift in how people are strengthened in their faith, online or in-person, and where/with which group people are worshipping. Others have stopped seeking faith building opportunities.

As I've started to get around and meet the Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) family, I've learned that some people didn't know chapel has re-opened for in-person services. COVID restrictions hit the chapel hard and there were some issues that limited our ability to help the community in ways we had previously. One issue prevented streaming the worship services was copyrights with the music. Another issue is that background checks weren't up to date and the children's programs couldn't be held for safety reasons.

I want to invite you back to the chapel for Christian worship services, 9:30 A.M. for the Catholic service and 11:00 A.M. for the Protestant service. There is a "pot-luck" dinner the third Sunday of each month, where each family brings a dish to share and we spend time after the services talking about life at YPG and how the chapel can help. There will not be kids programs in person until the background check process is completed by enough adults who are willing to spend a Sunday a month with kids during a service.

If you are worried about dress code or being asked for money, relax. If you can wear it for work on post, you're okay for chapel. There's an offering plate at the front during the Protestant service, but that's for donations to help the chapel do good things in the community. Don't let these things keep you from coming back to chapel and building your faith.

You'll find us at the corner of Flame and Halo streets. I hope someone else finds some irony in the location too.

Next Outpost deadline: June 24th at noon

Commemorating the Normandy Campaign

By Mark Schauer

As we commemorate the anniversary of the Normandy Campaign that began on June 6, 1944, Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) honors the men and women whose efforts at what is now YPG played a vital role in freeing Europe from Nazi tyranny during World War II.

Of the 20 divisions of Soldiers that trained within the California-Arizona

Desert Maneuver Area established by then-Maj. Gen. George S. Patton, seven participated in the Normandy Campaign, including the 8th and 79th Infantry Divisions who trained at Camp Laguna.

As American Soldiers liberated Europe, their advance was greatly aided by the M2 Treadway Bridge, the Army's first modern tactical pontoon bridge, which had been rapidly tested



The M2 Treadway Bridge was the Army's first modern tactical pontoon bridge. (Archival photos)



Maj. Gen. George S. Patton established the California-Arizona Desert Maneuver Area.

at Yuma Test Branch (YTB) prior to the invasion of Normandy.

YTB engineers also developed the cantilevered delivery system for the more versatile and robust Bailey Bridge, which enabled Soldiers to construct the bridge on the friendly

side of a gap and push it across before engaging the enemy. By the end of the war, Allied combat engineers had erected thousands of these temporary bridges as retreating Axis forces destroyed permanent bridges behind them.

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Seven divisions of Soldiers who trained at the California-Arizona Desert Maneuver Area participated in the Normandy Campaign.



The U.S. Army celebrated its 246th Birthday on June 14 by Honoring the Courage of the American Soldier. "People look to our service members for strength," said YPG Commander Col. Patrick McFall in remarks at the event.



ABOVE: The U.S. Army celebrated its 246th Birthday on June 14 by Honoring the Courage of the American Soldier. "People look to our service members for strength," said YPG Commander Col. Patrick McFall in remarks at the event. BELOW: At one point during the run Col. McFall asked the Soldiers who had already crossed the finish line to go back and accompany their fellow Soldiers because, "You never leave your battle buddy." (Photo by Ana Henderson) RIGHT: Yuma Mayor Douglas Nicholls and Yuma Center of Excellence for Desert Agriculture Executive Director Paul Brierley laced up their sneakers to take part in the fun run. MCAS Commander Col. Charles Dudik and Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Davey, Border Patrol Division Chief Douglass Eckhardt and California Highway Patrol Commander Scott Lavery, where among Yuma community members who showed their support by attending the celebration. (Photo by Mark Schauer) BOTTOM: Staff Sgt. Nick Benziger was first runner to cross the finish line with a time of 37 minutes 15 seconds. (Photo by Ana Henderson)

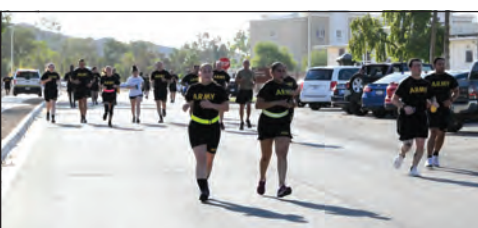


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at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, a military intelligence outstation at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, and have Soldiers at Arizona's Yuma Proving Ground and at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

The service will perform command and control operations at great lengths, including more than 2,300 miles from Fort Bragg to Yuma, creating realistic combat settings that joint forces could face in the Indo-Pacific region, Murray said during

an event hosted by the American Enterprise Institute.

Project Convergence is the Army's contribution to Joint All-Domain Command and Control, the Defense Department's joint warfighting concept. In its upcoming Project Convergence, which held its first iteration in August and September, the Army hopes to rapidly develop its tactical network, weapon systems and software to outpace its adversaries and reduce the amount of time for a shooter to identify and strike targets from minutes to seconds.

A joint board of directors leads the ongoing project, including a

representative from the newly-formed Space Force. Next year, the U.S. military plans to invite partner nations such as Australia and the United Kingdom to participate as well as incorporate elements of naval capabilities.

"[Project Convergence] is joint from inception," Murray said. "It's very collaborative. It is joined by design and will focus on joint use cases or joint mission essential tasks, bringing technologies from all of the services together."

Army Chief of Staff Gen. James C. McConville met with Navy Adm. John C. Aquilino, head of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, last weekend

to discuss how the joint force can merge capabilities in the region, including bolstering air and missile defense and long-range precision fires -- the Army's top modernization priority. McConville said that the Navy has also been building the capability of its maritime units in the Indo-Pacific.

"They want us to provide options for them and how they can compete in this environment," McConville said during the event. "And now if you think about how we compete ... I think we all have a similar goal.

"We certainly want a free and open Indo-Pacific," he added. "We want peace through strength, and



An Air Launched Effects system is loaded onto a UH-60L Black Hawk as capabilities testing commences during the first series of Project Convergence exercises at Yuma Proving Ground in 2020. The Project Convergence 21 demonstrations are scheduled to begin in the fall of 2021. (Photo by Spc. Javion Siders)



Army Chief of Staff Gen. James C. McConville, left, and Gen. John M. Murray, Army Futures Command commander, discuss how Project Convergence, a series of exercises designed to augment and accelerate joint multi-domain operations, will evolve in the 2021 iteration during an event hosted by the American Enterprise Institute on June 9, 2021. (Screenshot image)

that peace comes from the whole-of-government effort. It comes from a strong military; it comes from a strong Army. And it comes from strong allies and partners all sharing the same goals.”

Last month, the Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Aviation and Missile Center’s Air Launched Effects and Advanced Teaming science and technology program teams took part in a demonstration at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. The event was designed to build collaboration among Soldiers, engineers and scientists to deliver emerging capabilities to warfighters and reduce risk for the participants of Project Convergence 21.

Robots in the Army

The Army has also been exploring using robotics in the development of remote-controlled vehicles and tanks.

Both McConville and Murray said that the use of robotics in the Army will be for the safety and benefit of commanders and Soldiers, not necessarily to replace humans.

Murray said that machines can keep Soldiers out of harm’s way such as entering a building that could be occupied by enemies. Robots can venture in first and provide intelligence and reconnaissance to inform troops. Other areas, he said,

Soldiers should only attempt to enter.

“There are places we send Soldiers on the battlefield today that we shouldn’t be sending a machine first ... things like a river crossing, or a breach of a complex obstacle,” Murray said. “So taking Soldiers out

of the most dangerous places on the battlefield and replacing them with machines is some of the things we’re focused on.”

Murray said that the Army has focused on three factors that he believes will fundamentally change warfare by 2035 and beyond: artificial intelligence, autonomy and robotics, which are grounded by a robust and resilient network with secure data architecture.

“I think on a future battlefield a commander that is going to make a good decision ... faster than an opponent is going to have a significant advantage,” Murray said. “So allowing machines that aid human decision makers is going to be very important from a machine learning, artificial intelligence standpoint.”

Leveraging talent

Murray said about half of the 24 Soldiers the Army recruited to serve as coding specialists at AFC’s Army Software Factory were on their way out of the military before the Army

identified their unique skills. One of the Soldiers, a specialist who spent three years in the Army as a medic, taught himself coding.

“His real talent is he’s a super coder,” McConville said. “And the way we would normally manage him in an industrial age system, we would have had no idea that this young specialist codes at the level of [professional coders]. This is what we’re learning in the Army: we have people with tremendous talents. We have to have a way to figure out what talents they have and then get them in the right job and in the right place.”

Murray said to keep pace in great power competition with near-peer adversaries, the Army must develop information technology support within. The Army placed an advertisement looking to recruit coding specialists and chose 24 from 2,000 interested Soldiers. The Soldiers agreed to extend their active duty for three years to work at the AFC headquarters in Austin, Texas.



Army Chief of Staff Gen. James C. McConville during Project Convergence 2020 at Yuma Proving Ground. (Photo by Mark Schauer)

Helpful tips for the coming moving season

By The Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff

As Soldiers, civilians and families gear up for the upcoming permanent change of station (PCS) season, the Army has streamlined processes and policies to enable a safe, convenient, predictable, and user-friendly move. Improvements to make this year's moves easier include updates to the Army PCS Move App, increased reimbursements for personally procured moves (PPMs), more quality-assurance inspectors and a longer window to submit claims.

Since preparation and planning are imperative for a successful move, the Army PCS Move App, which can be downloaded for free from Google's Play Store for Android devices and Apple's App Store for iOS devices, offers information on financial management, entitlements,

types of moves, planning, scheduling and the claims process. In addition, it provides practical advice, links and interactive functions to make the PCS move a low-hassle experience.

The new "live chat" function connects Soldiers with a live customer service representative at the click of a button. The chat function creates a communication log between the caller and the agent, which can be downloaded for record keeping.

The Army's new policy on reimbursements and allowances reimburses personally procured moves up to 100% of what it would cost the government to use an industry provider, permanently changing the Joint Travel Regulation. To enable better forecasting and scheduling, the Army now requires PCS orders to be provided 120 days

before report dates.

Upon receipt of orders, Soldiers should immediately create an account or log on to the Defense Personal Property System, upload their orders and complete all shipment applications for the move. The next step is to visit the transportation office for counseling, which will assist Soldiers, civilians and families with state-side and overseas moves. By contacting the transportation office quickly, customers will have a better chance of scheduling a convenient move, receive confirmation of booking a moving company in advance, and receive approval to conduct a PPM.

The end of May through the Fourth of July is considered the peak of the summer moving season, so Soldiers, civilians and families need to consider the timing of their PCS moves.

Since each move has unique needs and requirements, Military One Source offers strategies for smooth

moves, relocation assistance and personalized support. Their 24/7 hotline (833-MIL-MOVE) provides customer-support representatives who can provide assistance and answer questions. The Army also released three household goods claims videos, located on the Army PCS Move App, to provide answers to frequently asked questions.

During relocation time, Soldiers can claim per diem allowance for meals and incidentals for up to seven days without receipts, taking some of the hassle out of the moving process.

PCS season can be stressful, but with proper planning, the interactive Army PCS Move App, changes to entitlements, and improved quality assurance, the Army is taking care of its most valuable asset – Soldiers, civilians and their families.



Download the Army PCS Move App free from Google's Play Store for Android devices and Apple's App Store for iOS devices. The App offers information on financial management, entitlements, types of moves, planning, scheduling and the claims process. (U.S. Army photo)

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DANTES Reimbursement Program Sunset

DANTES is sun setting the College and Career Readiness Exams Reimbursement program as of October 1, 2021, due to budget reductions and fiscal constraints. Exam reimbursement requests must be submitted by service members no later than June 30, 2021 for processing. Please visit: <https://daims.doded.mil/Reimbursements/ReimbursementRegistration.aspx> to process.

In honor of Father's Day: Saving energy using Dad's advice

By Greg Skaggs

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"Do you think money grows on trees?"

YPG pays for utilities such

as electricity and water with the same operations and maintenance funding that pays for: computers, training, temporary duty orders, vehicles, etc. In these reduced budgetary times every dollar is at a premium. Every dollar wasted on electricity and other utilities takes away from all other requirements on YPG. We all need to be good stewards of the taxpayer dollars.

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Youth Services summer camp fun

Students attending the Youth Services Summer camp at Yuma Proving Ground are having fun and learning about a variety of topics. The summer camp session includes themed

weeks such as outer space, under the sea and crime scene investigations. Plus, the students take field trips to the bowling alley, library and even had swimming lessons.



ABOVE: Soldiers with the Military Free Fall School presented to students and showed them how their parachutes work. (Photo courtesy of Youth Services)

RIGHT: Reed Rider, a member of the YPG environmental office educated students on the animals inhabiting the desert around Yuma Proving Ground. (Photo by Ana Henderson)



Engineers in the making

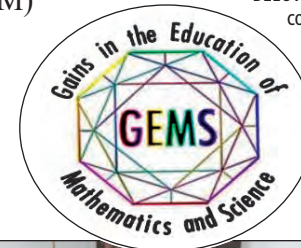
The Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science summer program kicked off June 7 at Yuma Proving Ground (YPG).

During the two week-long camps, students in grades sixth through eighth have the opportunity to learn about Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) through fun hands-on activities. The YPG Army Educational Outreach Program hosts the STEM theme program each summer.



ABOVE: Students attending the GEMS summer camp participated in team building and communication activities.

BELOW: Students learned how to conduct vehicle acceptance tests using remote controlled cars and tanks. The students, under the supervision of YPG scientists, engineers, educators and GEM coordinators, put the RC vehicles through various test courses. (Photos by Ana Henderson)



Commander on KBLU radio

Yuma Proving Ground Commander Col. Patrick McFall made a guest appearance on KBLU 560 AM's "Chamber Chatter" with host Kimberly Kahl. During his visit, McFall talked about YPG being in the forefront of Army modernization efforts and also thanked YPG's Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation team for their efforts on behalf of YPG's residents and workforce. McFall says that promoting physical and mental fitness as society emerges from the COVID pandemic is a top priority for him. (Photo by Mark Schauer)

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