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## Highway 95 improvements set to begin

By Mark Schauer

After decades of danger, Highway 95's road to safe status is about to begin.

Starting this month, a stretch of Highway 95 from Avenue 9E to just north of Rifle Range Road is being expanded to five lanes, a project that will take roughly one year to complete.

Concurrently, long-awaited left and right turn lanes will be added to Highway 95's intersection with Dome Valley Road.

In early August, YPG Commander Col. Patrick McFall participated in a groundbreaking ceremony that kicked off this phase of lane expansion. Also at the event was YPG Command Sgt. Maj. Herbert Gill, former YPG Commander Ross Poppenberger, and numerous elected officials from local city, county, and state government. Among these were



Yuma Proving Ground Commander Col. Patrick McFall joined county, state and city representatives in a groundbreaking ceremony Aug. 4 to kick off the Highway 95 lane expansion. (Photo by Mark Schauer)

Yuma County Supervisor Darren Simmons and State Representatives Tim Dunn and Joanne Osborne, all of whom represent districts that YPG is in. Also present were Yuma

Mayor Douglas Nicholls and Deputy Mayor Gary Knight; San Luis Vice Mayor Matias Rosales; Yuma

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## Airless tires undergo punishing tropical testing

By Mark Schauer

U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground and its constituent test centers test virtually every piece of equipment in the ground combat arsenal in extreme environments to ensure it will work wherever in the world American forces are serving.

To ensure gear can survive the unforgiving rigors of jungle warfare, the Army relies on Tropic Regions Test Center (TRTC), which conducts realistic evaluations in a variety

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# Employee recognized for vital role in immunization of workforce

By Ana Henderson

When the Coronavirus vaccine became available in early 2021, it came in limited quantities and was being offered only to individuals in certain category groups.

When Yuma Proving Ground's (YPG) Medical Clinic received its vaccine supply, YPG leadership had to develop a plan to distribute the vaccine efficiently, confidentially, and keeping with social distancing requirements.

The YPG Mission Plans Division was tasked with distributing the vaccines and Operations Research Analyst (ORSA) Christina Bucu was chosen to lead the effort.

"Leading a team of individuals to do such a dynamic effort was a humbling experience," said Bucu. "To be selected to lead that distribution effort was eye opening to what program analysts do."

Typically, Bucu manages a broad range of operations research efforts to support YPG operations, but because of her background with data collection and databases she



For her role leading the YPG vaccine distribution effort Christina Bucu was presented with a Meritorious Civilian Service Award on July 27. (Photo by Mark Schauer)

was selected for the role. Bucu used a secure database that served as a survey to confidentially ask the workforce if they wanted

the vaccine, an appointment scheduling tool, roster, a time tracking tool between the two vaccine doses and also helped with selecting the location of the pop-up clinics.

"That database was probably the single most important thing that we did and it was a great asset and led to our success."

The database calculations also ensured there was zero waste of the vaccine vial, which contained 10 doses.

The effort to distribute vaccines to YPG Soldiers, their families, retirees, the civilian workforce

and coordinate vaccines for the contractor workforce was not an easy task. It involved coordination between entities such as the National Guard, Yuma County Public Health Services, YPG Medical Clinic staff, Directorate of Emergency Operations and Bucu. Not to mention the

manpower to set up 25 pop-up clinics around the installation.

"Everybody's role was incredibly important," notes Bucu.

Over a six-month period, Bucu scheduled thousands of vaccines available to the YPG community. For her role leading the effort Bucu was presented with a Meritorious Civilian Service Award on July 27.

"I was appreciative that my work was noticed and that they had taken time to recognize my effort in the distribution of vaccines," said Bucu.

Bucu is a mathematician with a Bachelors in Mathematics and Masters in Data Analytics, yet the one thing she cannot calculate is the hours the team dedicated to getting these vaccines to the YPG community.

"I don't think I could count the hours that I spent on the distribution effort. We did twice weekly meetings, we held at least 25 vaccination events for the workforce and YPG family members. In conjunction with the National Guard and Yuma County Public Health Services. We had meet and greets and site visits for those community partners. It definitely was a team effort."

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The vaccine distribution effort took coordination between the National Guard, Yuma County Public Health Services, YPG Medical Clinic staff, Directorate of Emergency Operations and Bucu (right). (Photo by Ana Henderson)

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# Familiar face fills role of Garrison Director of Human Resources

By Ana Henderson

Christopher Lee has been serving his country for more than 30 years. First, he served in uniform in the Navy for 20 years and after retirement his career transitioned into a civilian role helping members of military.

Lee's latest role is the Director of Human Resources (HR) for U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground (YPG). He is responsible for supervising several programs at the installation.

YPG employees might recognize Lee from his position as the Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) manager for the last 9 years. That program is one of three that he now oversees. The other programs included the military personnel office and workforce development program.

The YPG Education Center also falls under the Directorate of Human Resources, yet it's managed out of Fort Huachuca.

Lee's position also has him working side-by-side as a liaison with the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center H.R. resources specialist to assist with recruitment.

During the last 10 years, Lee's role as ASAP manager provided learning opportunities for his current role, "I worked closely with the previous Director, very frequently working as their alternate and sometimes providing support for any number of issues."

He served as interim Director twice. Now in the role he's established goals, "One is to continue the excellence that Chrissy Randall established in this directorate. She was instrumental in creating a new program and



Christopher Lee is the new Director of Human Resources (HR) for U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground (YPG). He is responsible for supervising the HR programs at the installation. (U.S. Army photo)

providing new levels of support in respect to the human resources aspect of our directorate."

He credits Randall for streamlining the process of getting people onboard.

For his second goal, Lee said, "I want to identify areas where we can improve our service to the community whether it's through the ASAP program or workforce development."

He hopes to, "achieve a more robust workforce development program."

Lee realizes it's challenging because the current manager of those programs fills a lot of roles, like many in the Garrison. Lee knows a small installation like YPG cannot provide all the services a larger installation can, yet he still would like to, "create great opportunities for our workforce to encourage personal and professional development and prepare them for the next grades."

# YPG welcomes dynamic new vet

By Ana Henderson

Yuma Proving Ground Veterinary Clinic's new vet, Capt. Jessica Martinoff is passionate about animals and has experience with both domestic and exotic.

She recently completed the First Year Veterinary Graduate Education one-year rotating internship at Joint-Base Lewis-McChord in Tacoma, Wash. yet her experience with them goes back to her childhood when she had a leopard gecko and realized local vets did not treat exotic animals.

"I would pour over books and read and learn as much as I could, and realized I had a passion for not just helping animals, but also healing them and helping their owners understand the process."

Martinoff has about 12 years of working with animals. Her experience is varied from volunteering at an animal shelter in her hometown of Pasadena, Calif., to working as a tour guide for the Los Angeles Zoo where she has many memorable experiences. She's given tours to Betty White and Slash from Guns n' Roses. She shares a fun fact about the music legend, "Slash donated his red tail boa to the education department at the LA Zoo as an animal ambassador. The public is allowed to touch and interact with it with docent supervision, of course."

One of her favorite internships was at an exotic animal practice in Virginia.

"I learned at an exponential pace and was exposed to new things every day. I hope one day to return to the exotics field and become board certified in reptile and amphibian medicine and surgery."

In 2018, Martinoff worked as a doctor of veterinary medicine general practitioner at an animal hospital in California then began her Direct



Yuma Proving Ground's Veterinary Clinic welcomed Veterinarian Capt. Jessica Martinoff in July. (Photo courtesy of Capt. Jessica Martinoff)

Commission Course at Fort Sill in February of 2020.

Now, as the lead Vet at YPG Martinoff plans to start with wellness appointments in mid-August. She does want the public to know, "Not all of my licenses have transferred from Washington to Arizona, and it may be up to mid-September before I can officially prescribe certain medications."

Once up and running, a long term goal is to expand the clinic's staff. "My hope is to expand the clinic's staff to include a civilian veterinarian and veterinary nurse to be able to accommodate more appointments and surgeries to meet the veterinary needs of the community."

Overall Martinoff will strive to meet the needs of the community. "My goal is to ensure the veterinary health and subsistence mission run efficiently and smoothly to provide as best care as possible to all beneficiaries of Yuma Proving Ground's Veterinary Services."



# YPG acts to keep COVID at bay

By Mark Schauer

Effective in early August, people on post at U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground resumed wearing masks indoors in most circumstances.

The move was a result of updated guidance applicable across the Department of Defense intended to arrest the spread of the Delta variant of COVID-19.

"It's all about keeping the YPG workforce safe and free of this virus," said Larry Bracamonte, YPG Technical Director.

In Yuma County, the daily number of confirmed new cases, which had fallen into the single digits for months, had risen to a seven-day average of 34 per day as of August 8. The percent positivity rate of COVID-19 tests had climbed to 4%, up substantially from less than 1% in recent months, but still far lower than the 30% recorded locally during the most dire days of 2020. Today, a reported 63% of Yuma County residents 18 and older are fully

vaccinated against the virus.

The Delta variant of COVID is reportedly significantly more transmissible than earlier variants, and more likely to result in hospitalization and poor outcomes for those who are unvaccinated. COVID vaccines are now widely available at pharmacies across Yuma County, as well as at the Yuma County Health District on a walk-in basis Monday through Thursday mornings throughout the month of August. Vaccines are also available on post, even to those who initially opted out of receiving one.

"We have doses available for Tricare beneficiaries, Department of the Army Civilians, and certain eligible contractors," said Maj. Joshua Chase of the YPG Health Clinic. "If you were previously offered one and declined and changed your mind, you are still eligible. We want to make sure we put these to the best use possible and get them in arms."

"We have vaccines to give, if you're interested," said Col. Patrick McFall,

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YPG Commander. "Regardless of who you are on this post, if you want a vaccine, I'm here to support you."

Through it all, YPG's vital mission testing equipment on behalf of Army modernization priorities has remained busy.

"Right now we're on track to slightly exceed last year's value of reimbursable hours," said Bracamonte. "Last year we were at 1.7 million reimbursable hours: I predict we will be somewhere in the neighborhood this year."

  
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# Yuma Proving Ground ammunition recovery employee uses CPR and teamwork to save man's life

By Ana Henderson

Yuma Proving Ground Ammunition Recovery Technician Josh Laudermilk headed north to Ehrenburg for a family celebration on the weekend of July 24.

While he knew his weekend would be memorable, he didn't realize it would be so eventful.

Laudermilk was spending the weekend at a RV resort along the river for a family gathering and was sitting in the water when he heard his wife yelling for their two kids. He stood up to see what was happening, and it turns his wife was trying to find their two kids because of the commotion surrounding a man who slipped while standing on a slide and was knocked unconscious.

"He had a pretty good laceration on the back of his head," described Laudermilk.

As Laudermilk walked up he found his family member who is a registered nurse applying pressure to the man's head along with the help of her boyfriend, Damien.

"He was still breathing but within a minute or so he just went limp. We



Ammunition Recovery Technician Josh Laudermilk used his CPR training to save a man's life in late July. (Photo courtesy of Josh Laudermilk)

checked for a pulse and he had no pulse."

By this time, it seemed everyone who was at the river had walked up to see what was happening.

"Everyone is screaming...everyone is freaking out."

Those who could help, joined forces and created a human chain to pull the man up the slide on to

a platform. Once on solid ground Damien began CPR. At that time another nurse walked up to scene.

"There was a handful of people who knew what they were doing and they were all just keeping the rhythm for myself and Damien."

Laudermilk spent ten years in the Marines and learned CPR while serving in uniform. Additionally, he must maintain his CRP certification as a requirement of his position at YPG. The two men took turns performing the exhausting steps of CPR. "I had to stand up and put all my bodyweight on him as opposed to just pushing with my upper body."

On the second round of

compressions, the man became responsive. Laudermilk has been in combat and seen a lot of combat injuries, yet something about seeing the man come back to life "was surreal." He adds, "I've put on tourniquets, I have dealt with Marines that didn't make it, I've recovered people from a river that didn't make it, but to see this lifeless body just lying there. He was blue and purple and then he went completely pale and as we were doing CPR you could see the color coming back to him."

Even though everyone worked tirelessly to bring the man back to life, Laudermilk was still shocked to see the CPR work.

"The whole crowd took a sigh of relief when he started breathing."

A couple minutes later the first responders arrived and used a helicopter to fly the man to a medical center. Miraculously enough, the man was back at the camp site later that night with no recollection of what happened, yet still super grateful. "He kept telling me 'thank you' and his family kept coming up to us."

Laudermilk praises the group of people who worked together to bring the man back to life. As for his family who watched on as he saved a life, they were in awe of his actions.

"My son looked at me and said, 'Wow Dad, you're like a superhero.'"

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# IMPROVEMENTS

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County Supervisors Jonathan Lines, Lynne Pancrazi, and Martin Porchas; and State Representatives Charlene Fernandez and Joel John.

"Any time a safety project comes to any U.S. military post, I support it," said McFall in remarks at the ceremony. "I want to thank each and every one of you for ensuring our YPG Family gets to work safely every day, and gets to go home to their families every day, safely."

Next summer, construction to

widen the Wellton-Mohawk Bridge to five lanes will begin. An additional \$10 million that was allocated by the State of Arizona this year will allow for a portion of the road between Rifle Range Road and the bridge to be expanded to five lanes.

Completing Highway 95's expansion to five lanes all the way to the Aberdeen Road entrance of YPG's Kofa Firing Range will cost approximately \$70 million more than has been allocated to date. State leaders hope to ensure it is completed as YPG's prominence at the forefront of Army modernization efforts continues to increase.



While speaking to the small crowd made up of state, county and city representatives, Yuma Proving Ground Commander Col. Patrick McFall said, "I want to thank each and every one of you for ensuring our YPG Family gets to work safely every day, and gets to go home to their families every day, safely."



"Any time a safety project comes to any U.S. military post, I support it," said Yuma Proving Ground Commander Col. Patrick McFall in remarks at the groundbreaking ceremony Aug. 4. (Photos by Mark Schauer)



Work along Highway is expected to begin Aug. 23 from 6 to 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Detailed information on the expansion project can be found at ADOT.gov under projects. (Graphic from ADOT)

The morning and evening commutes to and from the proving ground have long been dubbed the 'YPG 500,' an amusing sobriquet if not for the grim list of lives the road has claimed over the past decades. In command surveys of YPG personnel, having to drive daily on Highway

95 is often cited as the worst aspect of being employed at the proving ground. The road is shared not only with farm vehicles working the adjacent fields, but also with winter visitors whose presence normally doubles Yuma's population for half of the year.

## Ideas wanted: YPG to host community event in 2023

Hi, YPG Family. This is a quick head-up to let you know that YPG is looking to hold an event like the 75th and YPG 2020 on 04 February 2023! As we are in the beginning of planning, we wanted to get the YPG family involved. So, we are reaching out for theme ideas for this event. This will be YPG's 80th anniversary and YPG and '23 rhyme, so have fun brain storming!

For reference, the slogan/theme for YPG 75th was "75 years of testing for the best" and the theme for YPG 2020 was Army Modernization.

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of tropical locales.

Though the deserts of Southwest Asia have been the most common location of American military involvement for nearly 20 years, the majority of the world's conflicts have occurred in tropical areas, which have ground conditions from dense jungles to savannas with 20-foot tall grasses. Testing equipment under inhospitable tropic conditions provides insights that may never be discovered in an environmental chamber. Will muddy, biomass-laden jungle terrain destroy the integrity of wheels and tires on a combat vehicle, for instance?

One recent TRTC test involved the Polaris MRZR, a military version of the popular off-road vehicle that American forces have used in places like Afghanistan in recent years.

"It is not as comfortable, but it is sturdier and heavier with a rolling cage," said Carlos Mora, TRTC test officer. "It is more mission-oriented."

The MRZR under test was outfitted with Tweels instead of standard tires. The Tweel, produced by Michelin, is an airless radial tire designed to work like an ordinary pneumatic tire.



Tropic Regions Test Center recently conducted a test with a military grade Polaris MRZR outfitted with Tweels instead of standard tires. The Tweel, produced by Michelin, is an airless radial tire designed to work like an ordinary pneumatic tire. (Photo courtesy of Tropic Regions Test Center)

In addition to the obvious advantage of never having to worry about flat tires, utilizing Tweels has second order effects that are useful for Soldiers.

"One reason for this technology is to reduce weight on those small vehicles so you don't have to carry a spare tire, jacks, or materials to fix a puncture," said Mora.

The Tweels also have the ability to conform to multiple different terrain types, and can last three times as long as standard tires. Putting the Tweels through their paces on land deep within the jungle of the nation

of Suriname that TRTC has utilized in previous vehicle tests gave the evaluation a particularly realistic operational flavor.

"All of these old mining roads and logging roads were the perfect scenario for the vehicle," said Mora. "The customer also liked the composition of the soils."

There was also the added benefit of microclimates and terrain features that are only sometimes associated with the tropics.

"We added a portion of savanna, which is a sandy terrain with small brushes," said Mora. "It turned out to

be very demanding."

Tweels are also designed to power through serious damage for far longer than even run-flat pneumatic tires. Using a drill bit, testers damaged the Tweels to simulate as if they had been shot prior to some of the evaluations.

By necessity, TRTC provides substantially more assistance to its customers than other test centers, which are located in the United States and do not require complicated visa and country clearances from various embassies and the military for American visitors.

"We always have the support of the embassy and the national police, so everything we do is sanctioned and approved by the foreign minister and the U.S. embassy," said Ernest Hugh, TRTC director. "That's part of the process we take care of to ensure the visit is seamless for the customer."

The American embassies and associated military groups within each delegation assist TRTC in securing the necessary permissions to conduct testing in a variety of countries.

"We work closely with the United States embassies in all of the host nations in which we conduct tests," said Hugh.

## Back in session



Yuma Proving Ground's James D. Price Elementary School ended summer break and started back in session on Aug. 2. The K-5 school is a vital part of post life, central to the families who live here. Named for Pvt. James D. Price, it has operated since the 1950s, educating several thousand students over the years. (Photos by Mark Schauer)

## Operation Homefront provides school must haves



The Operation Homefront's Back to School Brigade supplied 75- backpack and supplies to children of active duty Soldiers. Members of Yuma Proving Ground's (YPG) Army Community Services department organized and handed out the backpack and supplies which included pencils, pens, erasers, notebooks, composition books, paper, scissors, and crayons. YPG's Commander Col. McFall and his wife Heidi along with Command Sgt. Maj. Herbert Gill stopped by to show their support for the program. (Photo by Mark Schauer)



## Chaplain's Corner

### Leadership questions

#### Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Maj.  
Jeffrey Crispin



The Protestant chapel has been progressing through the Gospel of Mark the last several weeks and this past week there was a series of questions that a famous pastor from a generation ago, Rev. Dr. Lloyd Oglivie asked about leadership in response to Jesus sending out his disciples to preach in the small towns in northern Israel. Chaplain Oglivie had the unique opportunity to serve as Chaplain to the United States Senate from 1995 to 2003, and got to see leaders and leadership at a high level.

Jesus has just been rejected by friends and family in his home town of Nazareth.

He has to answer the questions that separate great leaders from small pretenders:

- *Can the vision of the leader be grasped by others?*
- *Can the authority of the leader be transferred to others?*
- *Can the teaching of the leader*

*be taught to others?*

• *Can the actions of the leader be duplicated by others?*

• *Can the results of the leader be multiplied by others?*

You and I are not looking to start a major world religious movement or be national leaders, but the questions that are asked at those levels have lessons for us too. Whether we are trying to lead a group of classmates, or co-workers, or an organization, within these questions are leadership principles that apply to us all.

Jesus knew that as a leader, he had limited time to develop the people he led to continue his mission to proclaim the "good news." As leaders in development and leaders in the thick of "doing leadership," we can learn from these questions as we continue to grow ourselves and our teams. We live lives in transition, so I want to encourage you to make the most of the opportunities to lead well with the people and resources that you have now that can make an impact that will continue far into the future.

Something to think about and apply as needed.



## THIS IS MY SQUAD

### Soldier spotlight

By Ana Henderson

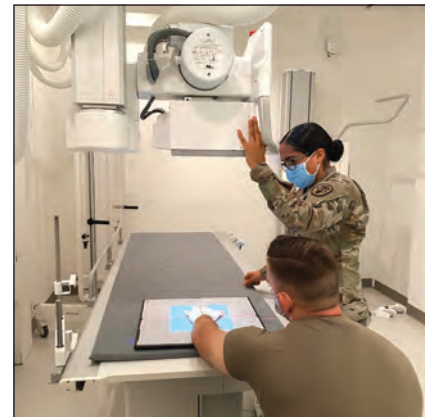
Spc. Edith Rodriguez currently serves as a Radiology Technician at the Yuma Proving Ground Medical Clinic. Rodriguez is an Arizona native: she grew up in the small town of Gila Bend and has been serving the U.S. Army for two years.

Rodriguez lives life to the fullest and is always on the go. "I'm always looking for new adventures because life is too short," said Rodriguez.

She's fascinated by science and how the body works and obtained a Bachelor's degree in Biology with an emphasis in pre-med.

Rodriguez is soaking up everything Yuma has to offer, from fishing at the lake, hiking to catch the sunrise and enjoying the food scene, "My biggest weakness is food, I love it so much. So far, the Thai food here in Yuma just hits the spot and always puts a smile on my face."

In July, Yuma's Military Affairs Council named Spc. Edith Rodriguez YPG's 2021 Soldier of the Year.



Spc. Edith Rodriguez currently serves as a Radiology Technician at the Yuma Proving Ground Medical Clinic. (Photo courtesy of Spc. Edith Rodriguez)



Yuma's Military Affairs Council named Spc. Edith Rodriguez YPG's 2021 Soldier of the Year. "I feel honored to have received this award, and I would like to thank my peers for leading me in the right direction. I know I don't walk this path alone; they will always be there to help guide me," remarked Rodriguez. (Photo by Mark Schauer)

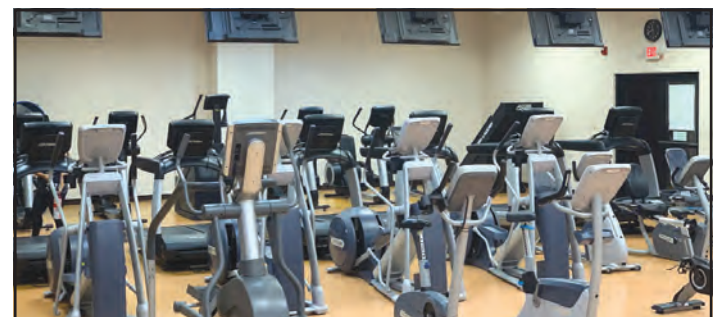
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### Basketball court open



The basketball court inside the Yuma Proving Ground Fitness Center is now open. The court had been used to hold fitness cardio equipment to help keep patrons socially distanced. Now the equipment is back in the cardio room and the court is open for play. Due to new requirements, those using the facility will now have wear a mask. (Photos courtesy of Steve Ward)





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## August safety awareness: slips, trips and falls

By Jeni Williams

Slips, trips, and falls are one of the leading causes of injuries as well as fatalities in the workplace. According to Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), slip, trip, and fall incidents cause about 15% of all accidental deaths and are second to vehicle mishaps as a cause of fatalities while on the job. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that there are roughly 700 fatalities per year caused by slips, trips and falls.

OSHA maintains regulations on walking/working surfaces that against hazards including clutter, protruding articles, and wet conditions. Hazards can harm everyone in a facility regardless of job title or responsibilities.

There are no formal training requirements set forth by OSHA for slips, trips, and falls. Nevertheless, employees must be trained to be familiar with and avoid hazardous conditions.

For more information on slips, trips and fall please log into Sharepoint under "hot topics" to access the August Safety Awareness Training. Please be patient as the video takes a few minutes to load. Teleworkers using a virtual private network may want to view the video from work over your local area network.

After viewing the training material

use the drop down menu located below the training link under "acknowledgements", choose the training you have completed (i.e. 08 August Slips Trips Falls) and then click on the small square box just below the training title (your name and date will auto populate) then click "submit." The square box must be clicked in order for the training/signature to be validated. The Safety Office will then send you a completed certificate that you will upload to ATTM. Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) employees use ATTM to track mandatory training. Other Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) tenants should follow their local guidelines.

Once you are in ATTM, scroll down to YPG – CY21 SAW Training (August Module) and upload the certificate you receive from the Safety Office.

As always, the training information that is provided each month is guaranteed to be useful, relevant as well as entertaining! So whether you are Army Test and Evaluation Command Mission, Garrison, Military Free Fall School, Medical Clinic, Contractor or any other YPG tenant, this training is for you!

If you have any questions, please contact Jeni Williams at 928-328-2323/928-581-6920 or via email at [jeni.m.williams2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jeni.m.williams2.civ@mail.mil).



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# Keeping the workforce safe

By Ronald Van Why

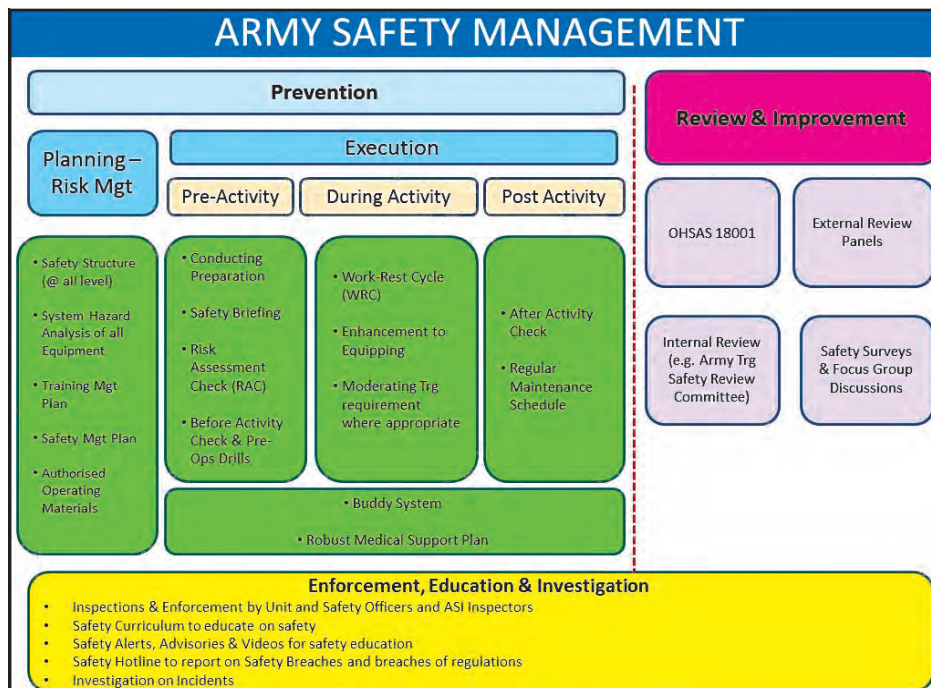
Safety in the workplace has always been the installation Safety Office's primary concern. There are many factors at Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) that if overlooked, could inevitably result in an accident. There are certain industrial standards that we follow, in order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the workforce.

## Sample of Standards

- American National Standards Institute Z-10
- International Organization of Standards 45001
- U.S. Army 385-10
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration Safety Management Guidelines
- Behavior Based Safety
- Fundamentals of Scientific Management
- New View of Safety Management

## Safety Management System defined

Safety Management System (SMS) is a systematic approach to managing safety by organizational goals, policy, structure, planning, accountability and safe standard operating procedures. SMS is implemented, monitored, and controlled for continuous improvement, achievement and sustainability in maintaining the standard by managing the risks associated with the organization. It's a system that is designed to reduce an occupational risk to a level that is as low as reasonably practical, thereby preventing harm to people. The system is designed to identify, assess and control hazards to all people involved, employees and the public. There is a substantial body of evidence that an efficient SMS can reduce any financial exposure or damage to the reputation of the Army, by bringing down the number of accidents. Safety is one of the Army's core values and is integral to mission success. Safety enhances our



This graphic shows the Army Safety Management Approach. Visit the website listed to learn more about Army Safety Management Information System <https://mishap.safety.army.mil/>.

Soldiers' and civilians' confidence and enables the Army to conduct tough and realistic training and to operate effectively during missions.

The Army safety system is benchmarked to international safety standard. The Army takes a comprehensive approach in planning and executing training and day to day operations safely. There are safety measures put in place at all phases to mitigate the risk, and to manage injuries should incidents occur.

## Safety is an Individual Responsibility:

During the hiring and enlistment, process, employees and servicemen are briefed on the Army safety system. This includes the buddy system where employees and servicemen are told to look out for one another, and to take responsibility for their own safety. All employees and servicemen can call for safety stoppages when they spot any safety breaches during training or day to day operations. Safety education is constantly reinforced in everything that we do!

## Safety is a Command Responsibility

Safety education and training are constantly reinforced through the various courses, monthly safety trainings, and through risk assessments that are completed for every job series and special event.

Our command continually enforces the various safety regimes (e.g. work-rest cycle, temperature-taking, hydration, heat acclimatization etc.) to ensure that all employees and Soldiers are suitably prepared to undertake training and day to day operations progressively. We have developed a safety management plan to identify potential risks and establish mitigating measures.

## Safety is an Organizational Responsibility

The Army has employed prominent safety experts and professionals to review various aspects of Army safety. At the system level, there are safety committees at the various levels of command (i.e. battalion, brigade, formation/division and Army) to oversee safety in the Army, YPG is no different. There are also

various safety and technical specialist forums (e.g. Army Safety Board, Land System Safety Review Board etc.) to manage risks when new equipment and platforms are being introduced into the Army.

The Army and YPG is committed to strengthening and sustaining a safety culture for all servicemen and the entire civilian workforce. Near miss reporting is encouraged, and at YPG you can call in any safety concern or near miss to 928-328-2214. In addition, the Army has introduced a new SMS known as the Army Safety Management Information System 2.0 (ASMIS 2.0), which is designed to aid Army leaders in predicting when and where the next mishap will happen.

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