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New Yuma Test Center commander ready to roll

By Mark Schauer

Lt. Col. Shane Dering assumed command of Yuma Test Center (YTC) on June 2 from outgoing commander Lt. Col. Alicia Johnson in a ceremony held in front of Yuma Proving Ground's Heritage Center Museum.

Hailing from the Army Futures Command's Electronic Warfare Spectrum Superiority Division at White Sands Missile Range, Dering knew of YTC's reputation prior to choosing the billet.

"It's not an ATEC organization, but the test and experimentation events are similar, and sometimes co-supported," he said. "Yuma is not foreign to me. If you're in this business, you've either been here TDY or sent people here TDY."

Dering supported Project Convergence 20 and 21 in his prior position, and as he took command



Lt. Col. Shane Dering took command of U.S. Army Yuma Test Center (YTC) June 2 during a change of command ceremony at U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG). Lt. Col. Alicia Johnson relinquished command of YTC after the passing of the guidon to signify the transfer of authority. (Photo by Brandon Mejia)

here, he pledged to continue the work that has made YTC the Army's premier test center.

"It's the premier place for the test environment. At my level, it's seen as the largest, most complex test command."

A native of Oklahoma, Dering was commissioned in 2004 through the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning.

"When I was in college, I was in the enlisted reserves. When I graduated, I was an accountant and realized I missed the Army side of things. I was going to do one active duty tour and then go back to the civilian world—16 years later, I'm still here."

He deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan prior to joining the Acquisition Corps in 2012.

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Military spouse appreciation breakfast



Spouses of loved ones in the military at Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) gathered May 31 to enjoy a free breakfast at the Cactus Café hosted by the YPG Army Community Services Staff. YPG Commander Col. Patrick McFall thanked them for their sacrifice, service, and support for those working in our armed forces during military spouse appreciation month. (Photos by Brandon Mejia)

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Fundamentals of antiterrorism awareness

Antiterrorism Awareness Corner
Alfonzo Brown



One of the roles of your U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) Mission Antiterrorism

Officer (ATO) is to maintain a heightened level of antiterrorism (AT) awareness across the test community at Yuma Proving Ground (YPG). The ATEC ATO ensures that testing community members understand the fundamentals of AT awareness and how to be fundamentally aware of their surroundings (summarized below).

This includes sharing threat and protection information with ATEC employees who are going on temporary duty (TDY) to outside the continental U.S (OCNUS) locations.

Always maintain situational awareness of your surroundings, even as you commute to all the different testing locations on YPG. Pay particular attention to activity happening around you to identify anything unusual. If necessary, leave the area and report suspicious activity or behavior to Directorate of Operations Protection Branch or to your Mission ATEC ATO.

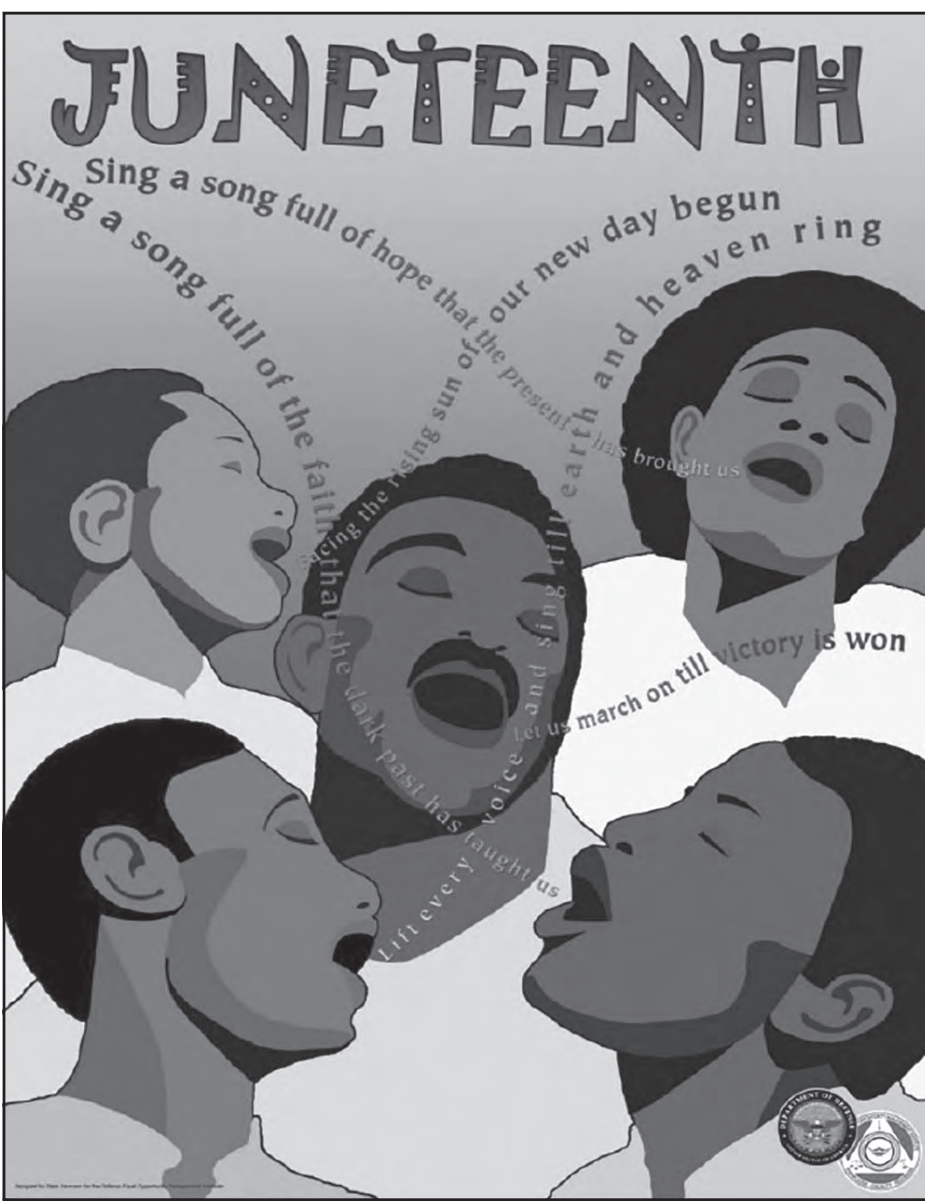
Many ATEC mission employees on YPG travel OCONUS in support of testing missions. Always remember to protect yourself and those around you, by adherence to the information in your pre-travel area of responsibility briefings. The briefings are specific to the country you may be traveling to while on official TDY. The senior commander and the ATEC Mission ATO want all of you to keep the following things

in mind.

- Do not reveal vital details about your personal life
- Do not discuss specific details about your official TDY in public settings.
- Avoid posting information about your TDY on social media platforms.
- Avoid talking about who will be at your TDY locations or why this duty is important to the military.

When traveling either on official TDY or personal leave, still maintain a protective posture about what you say, and who you are around. Heighten levels of AT awareness don't stop because we have left YPG. Be aware that adversaries are everywhere including the city of Yuma. Remain vigilant and keep in mind that you may know something; that someone else may need to do harm or disrupt of ATEC test mission.

Contact your YPG ATEC Mission ATO for more information on AT Awareness: Alfonzo D. Brown, Alfonzo.d.brown@army.mil or 928-328-6498.

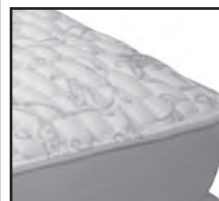


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Safety Corner

What is complacency?

By Jaysen Lockett

Complacency can be defined as self-satisfaction, and a sense of security in one's own abilities, especially when accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies. When most people think about complacency, they think of repetitive/routine work and/or doing the same tasks over several weeks/months/years that result in working in an autopilot mode. When in that autopilot mode, we get so used to things being done the same way that we do not always look at the hazards in our surroundings. We may also underestimate the risks associated with the tasks that we perform regularly or fail to notice a change in our environment when we become complacent in our daily routines. This clearly puts workers in a very dangerous position that has a high potential for an accident or injury.

However, there is another layer to complacency that has the same dangerous effects as working in an autopilot mode. That layer is focusing on personal issues while performing work duties. Nearly everyone who works experiences some life events and issues that distract them from work. A personal issue is anything from your life outside work that might make it more difficult for you to focus and perform well at work. Employees under stress are prone to mistakes, reduced productivity, and substantially increases the potential for an accident or injury.

How do we overcome this type of complacency?

It is broken down into three elements. The first answer is simple and within you! It boils down to communication and managing those personal issues so you can focus at work. When having personal issues, it is vital that those issues are communicated to someone in your organization which would include your lead, supervisor, or your



human resource point of contact. When sharing those personal issues with someone you feel comfortable and trust, they can exercise several different measures which include getting help from your Employee Assistance Program (EAP), adjusting your work tasks while you manage your personal issue, or giving you time off to deal with the issues (provided you have time accrued).

The second element is for the leaders to develop and maintain a culture where employees feel comfortable to share their personal issues with someone in their organization. Sharing personal issues is not the most comfortable thing for most of us. However, when there is an environment where someone feels comfortable enough to share their issues, in confidence, then that leader can determine the best course of action to help the employee and remove the risk of injury.

The third element for leaders to get to know your employees and for employees to get to know their co-workers. This process allows for a leader and/or a co-worker to identify when someone is not performing the same as they normally do and is a good indicator there may be

something going on that needs to be addressed.

Complacency is a safety issue and there are no Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations that apply to it. We cannot control the thoughts within the employee's mind, but we can help to change their mindset if we train them regularly and make sure they understand how important it is for them to

stay focused on the job's safety procedures. Organizations that take the time to focus on getting managers and workers to avoid both types of complacency can prevent accidents and injuries.

Just a reminder that safety is a consistent effort. A quality, well-engaged and communicated safety program will help prevent that perilous slide into complacency. It's not enough to talk about safety occasionally; it needs to be a consistent effort by all. It's each of our responsibility to work in a safe manner and to report work observed that is being performed unsafely.

For more information on Mental Health, contact the EAP Coordinator, Scott Zaehler at x2249. The EAP can provide free and confidential screenings, assessments and assistance for a variety of problems. This service is available to civilians, retirees, active duty and their adult family members.

For more information on complacency safety, contact the Mission Safety located at building 3519.

Commander visits *Chamber Chatter*



U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) Commander Col. Patrick McFall joined KBLU 560 AM on June 8 for its weekly segment Chamber Chatter. Col. McFall spoke with Chris Wheeler on modernization efforts for the future of the Army. (Photo by Ana Henderson)

Scan the QR code with your smart phone to hear Col. McFall's appearance on Chamber Chatter.



YTC bids farewell to former commander



Yuma Proving Ground and Yuma Test Center (YTC) leadership and members of the workforce gathered June 1 to bid farewell to former YTC Commander Lt. Col. Alicia Johnson. Johnson led YTC since 2019. Johnson was showered with parting gifts and praised for her leadership. (Photos by Ana Henderson)

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Aircraft Weapons Division: the behind-the-scenes shop critical for testing success

By Brandon Mejia

With the vast array of military-type testing at U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) hundreds of those tests are conducted within an aircraft armed with munitions to assist in protecting American troops and taking out any adversary.

While pilots and gunners sit at the forefront of those tests, there's a small shop that assists throughout the entire process, ensuring that each aircraft is armed with the proper ammunition and handled through a safe and secure process – and without the personnel from aircraft weapons, the test may not be possible.

"In a field like we are [aircraft weapons], running ammunitions, helicopters, lasers, we have inherently dangerous jobs," said David Gresham, the section chief for Aircraft Weapons. "It's very much rely on your fellow worker type of job."

And that they do. The team is made up of eight personnel, smaller than many shops, and while only some have a military background, everyone brings something to the table.

"There are so many things that we do and the purpose of why they are testing it and what they are doing just varies," said Charlie Saltz, a gun crew lead that's been on the team for the last four years. "A lot of the times we are a behind-the-scenes kind of shop, you hardly see us."

Whether it is shooting 30mm rounds out of an AH-64E Apache helicopter, launching domesticated 2.75 rockets, conducting Joint Air to Ground Missile tests, aircraft weapons play a role in either loading,

unloading, or assisting with foreign objects or debris. In short, anything that is fired from an aircraft during a test at YPG involves the aircraft weapons team to ensure safety and reliability.

Jim Schremp, an aircraft technician at YPG since 1998, explained how no aircraft leaves Laguna Airfield with live ammunition loaded.

"They have to come back here [secure location] and we [aircraft weapons team] have to check it to make sure there is no rounds that go back to Laguna," Schremp said that's a term the team coined as Winchester.

"When we get assigned to a test, we handle all of the ordinance and do the loading and unloading, and we follow all the procedures for safety and handling," said Johnny Martinez, an aircraft weapons technician. Those safety procedures are known as SOP's (Standard Operating Procedures) and are the guidelines

for every test.

"We live and breathe SOP's," stressed Gresham.

With safety being the number one priority while working with aircraft ammunitions during any kind of test, aircraft weapons technician – Jose Ochoa – said that's what aircrafts weapons is known for and one aspect that he loves within the shop.

"We all look out for each other, it is more than just putting a bullet in the chamber," Ochoa said. And he has seen that first-hand being one of the few who joined the team without a military background.

"I am constantly learning, even now nine years later, especially with the crew that we have that are all former military. They all bring something to the table," he added.

While Daniel Miranda is former military, he recognizes how those who are and aren't can combine ideas for a successful mission.

"We gather ideas or things from what this person has seen or maybe this person hasn't seen it and we put it all together and use it as one," Miranda shared having spent four years with the team.

Aircraft weapons technician Joshua Parker is the newest to join the team yet brings a ton of experience having been in the Marine Corps and working in aviation ordinance loading rounds on to F35 aircrafts.

Doing what needs to get done in the safest manner along with assisting one another is what they strive for, according to Guillermo Torres, another aircraft weapons technician. But the payoff is even greater he said.

"Being a veteran and a part of the YPG weapons department and testing procedures makes me feel like I give my one percent back now that I am not an active-duty member," shared Torres.

And that feeling resonates throughout the crew.

"To be able to help the troops and to see some of the things that come out and all the different capabilities to be able to keep the Soldier safe from afar is amazing," said Saltz. "Just to have my hand in it I feel it's a privilege for me and an honor to do it for them."

Coming from all different backgrounds, working together sometimes around the clock and managing to keep the aircrafts, pilots and those working on the range safe, the aircraft weapons team couldn't be summed up better than, "We are kind of like the eyes and the ears of the aviation division," said Schremp.



From left to right; Josh Parker, Jim Schremp, Jose Ochoa, Guillermo Torres, Daniel Miranda, Dave Gresham, Charlie Saltz, and not pictured is Johnny Martinez but all of them make up the Aircraft Weapons Division at U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground. (Photo by Brandon Mejia)

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"In Afghanistan, a lot of the MRAPs [Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles] and MATVs [MRAP All-Terrain Vehicle] we used went through ground testing in Yuma, as were a lot of our counter-IED [improvised explosive device] countermeasures. I've been a beneficiary of what the test centers do, but I may not have truly realized it at that time."

Dering appreciates YTC's longstanding reputation for excellence and feels promoting a good work-life balance is critical to maintain it.

"My priority is always morale within the organization: I've always felt that a lot of problems get solved when a majority of the people in an organization want to be there. Yuma Test Center's reputation is that the folks are dedicated professionals working in their chosen professions. Their dedication is a good thing, but you have to ensure people have a good work-life balance."

Though he spent a week at the proving ground visiting personnel earlier this spring, Dering said he looks forward to seeing much more during his command.

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"There's a large workforce to get to know, and I'm excited to see everything they do. Being out in the field is better than looking at slides," said Lt. Col. Shane Dering during his remarks at the change of command ceremony. (Photos by Brandon Mejia)



ABOVE: With members of the YPG family and distinguished guests in attendance Lt. Col. Alicia Johnson relinquished command of YTC to Lt. Col. Shane Dering. Dering will lead the test center for the next three years while Johnson heads to the Pentagon. LEFT: Airborne Test Force Chief Warrant Officer 3 David Minnis and Staff Sgt. Cody Shew started off the ceremony by jumping into Cox Field.

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Intramural sports return at YPG

By Brandon Mejia

After a nearly two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, intramural sports for those living and working at Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) has made its return.

So, whether you are active-duty military, their family members, DA Civilians, YPG contractors, retirees or living on base and above the age of 18, you can get your competition on for a multitude of sports that are returning as the year progresses.

"We are looking forward to seeing everybody again, my whole team is excited," said Steve Ward the recreation supervisor.

Upcoming intramural sports include volleyball, bowling, indoor soccer, basketball, and even individual sports like table tennis, free throw and three-point shooting competitions.

"If anyone has ideas of sports or some type of intramural play that we don't typically do out here, we would love to hear some ideas," Ward said.



"We are looking forward to seeing everybody again, my whole team is excited," said Steve Ward the recreation supervisor about the return of intramural sports at Yuma Proving Ground. Interested in taking part? Visit the @yumamwr on Facebook. (Loaned photo)

Last month the fitness center hosted a four-on-four outdoor soccer league. Prior to that, the soccer league was only done indoors, according to Ward. "This was the first outdoor soccer league that we have had in 30 plus

years."

It was also the first intramural league outside of covid and had a great turnout. Five teams competed against each other over the month-long season for bragging rights and

the right to the championship trophy.

Team Aviation Soccer Squad was the team to beat, as they took home the first championship trophy during the intramural soccer league that ran from March 30 to May 2.

"This builds a community camaraderie through all of us that work and live out here," said Ward. "It's a good time, you see people that either live or work out here that you don't get to see all the time."

The YPG Air Delivery team showed up in full force for bragging rights and won in league play, but fell short in taking home the championship trophy.

Regardless, Ward hopes it kick-starts others to get involved in the upcoming sports. Those interested can find the upcoming dates through their Facebook page by searching @yumamwr.

"They will also see postings on marquees and monitors throughout the installation, and flyers will be posted around the base," Ward said.

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Chaplain's Corner

YPG losing two but gaining a bunch more

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Chaplain Maj.
Jeffrey Crispin



Hello Yuma Proving
Ground (YPG) Family,

As alluded to in the last
edition, there are some
transitions underway at the
YPG Chapel.

Staff Sgt. Ricardo Luna
medically retires this month.
Thanks for his service to
the Army and our YPG
community. He's from
Yuma, so some of you may
still see him around town.

I came down on orders
to backfill a school, so my
family is headed out by the
end of June for a year at Ft.
Leavenworth. I grew up
about an hour west of there
and have family in the area,
so it's the one chance in my
career to be close to some of
them. Someone told us before
we arrived that, "You're sad
to come and then you are sad
to leave." They were right.
We have met some amazing
people who are passionate
about the work they do and
are thankful for our time on
the YPG mission together.
You are losing two but

gaining a bunch more.

Luna's replacement arrives
in August and more to follow
on her arrival.

I want you to give a big
YPG welcome to Chaplain
Ryan Pearse and his family
coming from the greater
Washington D.C. area. He's
excited about the opportunity
to serve at YPG and has some
background that I think will
make him a good fit with the
community here. Talk to him
and see if you can find out
what I'm talking about.

In addition, with the help
of the U.S. Army Mission
and Installation Contracting
Command and Resource
Management teams, there
should be three more new
faces at the chapel in the near
future. There's contracting
work underway for a worship
musician to help support
the Catholic and Protestant
worship services on Sunday
mornings.

I'm also very excited that
there's a hybrid contract
approaching completion
for a Children's Religious
Education service of two
part-time adults with the
required qualifications to
re-start in-person children's
religious education. That's
been a goal the entire time

but let me summarize that
it has been complicated.

They are going to provide a
Sunday morning and once a
week after school program
for school aged kids, a
monthly teen youth group,
and an annual Vacation Bible
School for the community.
They will welcome
volunteers to assist them.

Finally, we received word
this week that there's going
to be some long overdue
work to repair the slab issues
at the chapel, so if you see
our trees disappearing, that's
the reason.

Please be patient with
Sgt. Neubert as he keeps
everything moving forward
the best he can the next few
weeks. He has been doing
lots of great work that you
don't get to see.

As I sign off, I'm going to
share something a poet wrote
that is my parting prayer for
each of you. "Believe in a
love that is being stored up
for you like an inheritance
and have faith that in this
love there is a strength and
a blessing so large that you
can travel as far as you
wish without having to step
outside it."

Hope & Joy,
Chaplain Jeff Crispin



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Future STEM leaders at work



Kicking off a full week of Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science (GEMS) students from Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) and Yuma-area schools were welcomed by YPG Commander Col. Patrick McFall June 6. Students engaged in hands-on exercises with YPG engineers to learn simplified versions of testing capabilities and how they incorporate science and math. (Photos by Brandon Mejia)



Library unveils new Touch2Play pad

By Ana Henderson

The Yuma Proving Ground Library has a new Touch 2 Play interactive pad for patrons to enjoy. Users

Carpenter.

“Most of the time they are in here laughing and clicking on the screen and trying to challenge parents on the games.”

The pad resides in the children’s area but can be used for all ages though the target age is three-to-seven-year age range.

Also at the library is the summer reading program, Registration started June 13. There are also hands-on board



The Touch2Play pad has a variety of fun and educational games for patrons to enjoy. There is even a multiple player mode where users can challenge another user. (Photo by Ana Henderson)

can play educational and sports games, work to solve puzzles and crosswords. The learning games can help young kids learn the ABCs and numbers. The pad also has a multiple player mode.

“The kids really seem to love it,” explained Supervisory Library Technician Bianca

games, a Lego table, video game room, craft room and TV area in the library for the public to enjoy.

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