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Command Corner

Over the past month and a half, I have had the opportunity to travel to Installation Management Command-Pacific Region Headquarters and Installation Management Command Headquarters. In addition, Fort Greely received visits from senior leaders over that same time period. I can confidently and proudly report Team Greely's stellar reputation continues.

Subscribing to the adage that it is not what you say about yourself, but what others say about you, it is with humbled gratitude that I thank each and everyone on Team Greely for your dedication to the mission and resolve under harsh conditions.

Another takeaway from those engagements confirm what we already know. The Army continues to operate in a fluid budgetary environment and in an era of declining resources. Here at Fort Greely, we have seen the effects of that fluid environment first-hand typified in the temporary closure of the Commissary during the government shutdown in October 2013. Whether or not the political rhetoric

of the day portends another shutdown, I would like to convey guidance and use the phrase from a very senior four-star Army leader who views the way forward as fiscal prudence matched with opportunism.

What can that mean for Fort Greely? Just in the past six-months of being at Fort Greely, I am struck by the high-level of talent, unique skills and unique abilities resident throughout our workforce, found in our families and the rest of Team Greely. I would challenge us all to do two things, first look for opportunities to volunteer and secondly, think about how you can convey your unique skills and abilities to teach someone else what you excel in. The opportunities to volunteer here at Fort Greely abound through FMWR, CYSS, ACS, the Chapel, the school system and the greater Delta Junction community. Likewise, the training opportunities abound if we take some time to consider each other's unique skills and talent. This notion of volunteerism matched with training is already

occurring and as just one example to highlight, a special thanks goes out to Delinda May and Amber Browning, who volunteer almost daily leading exercise classes so valued throughout Team Greely. Then there are those like, SGT Robert Haas and CPT Mike Long who reach outside the Greely community working with our youth coaching hockey or MAJ Scott Monson who volunteers his time with the Boy Scouts. Other community members who are stellar examples of volunteerism are Chelsea Fulmer, Allison Long, Cindi Pearson, Patti Carson and Kristina Richard. Though Kristina Richard is no longer at Fort Greely, her efforts helped to re-establish the 49th Missile Defense Battalion's Family Readiness Group. Recently, Chelsea, Amber, Allison, and Patti assisted in ensuring the Soldiers on site had a phenomenal holiday meal this past Christmas. Their efforts are welcomed and appreciated by all.

For over a decade, the Army has generally matched the issue of the day with a funded program. While that will continue to some degree, I get the sense going forward the conversation must change to better leverage what we already have. While this is certainly a leadership task, I would like to sum up by conveying my gratitude to those who already volunteer and challenge us all to invest our unique knowledge, skills and abilities to help grow one another and the leaders of the future.

— LTC Brian A. Speas



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**USAG Fort Greely, Alaska
Garrison Commander
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KUDOS Corner

Kudos to 49th Missile Defense Battalion spouses, Patti Carson, Cindi Pearson, Chelsea Fulmer, Allison Long and Amber Browning who continually and selflessly volunteer their time to ensure communications flow, organized events go effortlessly, and Soldiers and their Families have what they need to stay ready and resilient!

Patti Carson:

Where is your hometown? Toledo, Illinois

What is your complete job title? Hospitality for Family Readiness Group Secretary of Fort Greely School

What is the favorite part of your job? My favorite part of the FRG is being able to work with a great group of people that LOVE every bit of what they do. Working to make every day life at Fort Greely a little bit better for our 49th family. My favorite part of working at the school is being there every day to help make things a little bit brighter for the children and parents. I just love bringing a sparkle to their lives.

What is the most difficult part of your job? With the FRG- finding people that wish to share their talent and volunteer. The difficult part about working at the school is that it's really a love/hate thing: they (kids) grow and move on.

What keeps you motivated? My amazing family, friends and the amazing people of the 49th MDB.

How long have you been at Fort Greely? We have lived here for nine years.

What do you like most about Fort Greely? Like most at Fort Greely-memories and people. Our children literally grew up here. We could not think of a better place for our children.

What is your favorite hobby when not at work? Spending time with my family.

Favorite Alaskan Food? I have not found one that I would call my favorite yet.

Favorite spots in Alaska? Delta/Greely, I know that sounds odd, but my family and friends are here.

Chelsea Fulmer:

Where is your hometown? Columbus, Ohio

What is your complete job title? I am the FRG Secretary for the 49th, but my full time job I am the Aviation Receivables Clerk for Alaska Aerofuel, Inc. in Fairbanks. I am also a wife and a mommy to two very energetic little boys.

What is the favorite part of your job? Interacting with many different people, all with different backgrounds and experiences.

What is the most difficult part of your job? Managing my time wisely and making sure I don't forget anything. To-Do lists are my friend.

What keeps you motivated? My babies! I have to have enough energy to keep up with them!

How long have you been at Fort Greely? We have been at Fort Greely just over a year.

What do you like most about Fort Greely? Fort Greely has a unique small town feeling.

What person influenced your life the most and how? My Dad was a huge jokester and was always laughing about everything. I try to find the funny in every situation and not take things too seriously.

What is your favorite hobby when not at work?

I spend most of my free time at the FGA Fitness Center.

Favorite Alaskan Food? Alaskan Oatmeal Stout.

Favorite spots in Alaska? We went to Denali National park last year and it was beautiful. Since moving here I have only seen mostly interior Alaska, but I'm looking forward to seeing more of the coastal areas on a trip next summer.

Allison Long:

Where is your hometown? Born and Raised in Fairbanks, AK

What is your complete job title? Bank Manager, Wells Fargo Bank...FRG Leader for the 49th Missile Defense Battalion, wife, mom, CFO of the Long household!

What is the favorite part of your job? From the bank: Helping people to become financially successful. On the FRG side, providing support for anyone and anything that will help make the 49th Missile Defense Battalion and Fort Greely a better place!

What is the most difficult part of your job? The logistics of organizing something, and then making sure that it works from all angles. It is something I really enjoy, but there has to be a lot of communication to make sure it all works out!

What keeps you motivated? I like the idea that something I have done has made someone's life easier/more enjoyable etc...even if it is just for a short period of time. It's easy to make a big impact in a small community!

How long have you been at Fort Greely? I have been associated with Greely for more than five years, but lived here for three and a half.

What do you like most about Fort Greely? The people make the town; and having the accessibility to the outdoors.

What person influenced your life the most and how? My Mother: From a young age she taught us creativity, understanding, empathy and volunteering.

What is your favorite hobby when not at work? Sports, outdoors, staying active, photography, and doing it all with my family!

Favorite Alaskan Food? Muktuk? (j/k..that is not my favorite!) Salmon, Halibut and Moose!



Favorite spots in Alaska? Anything in a remote area, that you have to use a snow machine, or skis to get to...Being with my family and making memories.

Amber Browning:

Where is your hometown? Fowlerville, MI.

What is your complete job title? Stay-at-Home Mom to four children from 1-9 years in age.

What is the favorite part of your job? Bed time and getting to spend my days interacting with the kids and sharing their new discoveries.

What is the most difficult part of your job? Not sleeping in.

What keeps you motivated? My family. I'm constantly striving to do the best for them.

How long have you been at Fort Greely? 6 years and 3 months.

What do you like most about Fort Greely? The feeling of a small community.

What person influenced your life the most and how? My husband! He has always encouraged me to be myself and to be a better version of myself. Even when it goes wrong he stands beside me.

What is your favorite hobby when not at work? I like to cook, bake, and run.

Favorite Alaskan Food? I have none.

Favorite spots in Alaska? Juneau and Seward. ■

Pictured above, left to right: 49th Missile Defense Battalion spouses Chelsea Fulmer, Allison Long and Amber Browning. Not pictured: Patti Carson and Cindi Pearson

IMCOM welcomes new command sergeant major

By Neal Snyder

U.S. Army Installation Management Command

SAN ANTONIO (Dec. 12, 2013) --- Pledging to “give everything I have” to Soldiers, their Families, civilians, veterans and wounded warriors, Command Sergeant Major Jeffrey S. Hartless assumed the responsibilities of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command’s most senior enlisted advisor in a ceremony at IMCOM’s Fort Sam Houston Theatre.

Hartless takes over for departing IMCOM Command Sergeant Major Earl Rice. Rice is retiring after 32 years’ service in the U.S. Army.

Formerly command sergeant major of IMCOM’s Europe region, Hartless said the headquarters is to focus on supporting the regions and the garrison command teams. The garrisons are “the tip of the spear” in delivering services, he said.

His experience in IMCOM-Europe will now benefit the command as a whole, according to LTG Mike Ferriter, IMCOM commander. “We are blessed to have CSM Hartless on our team,” he said, calling Hartless “the perfect leader at the perfect time.”

Rice called Hartless a “personal friend and awesome leader. All ... who know Jeff Hartless know of his dedication.”

Ferriter gave the noncommissioned officer’s sword to Hartless after receiving it from Rice, symbolically passing responsibility in front of a theater filled with garrison commanders and command sergeants major in town for IMCOM’s annual leadership conference, as well as family members, friends and headquarters staff.

The role of IMCOM command sergeant major carries great responsibility, Ferriter said. Leading IMCOM takes total dedication to our Soldiers, civilians and their Families. “CSM Rice carried the load as if it were easy, and when it got hard he would look over and ask me if he could carry some of my load,” he said.

Beginning his farewell remarks, Rice stepped to the American flag and touched its fringe. “This is what it’s all about,” he said. “We get to dedicate our lives to defending this great nation.”

“This certainly isn’t about what we’re doing here [holding a ceremony], it’s about the unfailing leadership shown by our [garrison] command teams,” Rice said.

The 82nd Airborne Division, where he spent much of his career, calls itself America’s 911

service, Rice said.

Just as the 82nd has to be ready at a moment’s notice to defend the nation, he learned garrison staffs have to be ready to respond on the communities they operate. “Garrison commanders and command sergeants major are the 911 force on-call team on the installation level,” he said.

“I am proud to have served alongside each and every one of you.”

Hartless was born in Lynchburg, Va., and

graduated from Amherst County High School in 1981. He entered the U.S. Army in April, 1983, completing Basic Training, Advanced Individual Training and Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga.

During his 29 years of service, Hartless has served with the 75th Ranger Regiment; Special Operations Aviation Regiment; 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); 173d Airborne Brigade; 503rd Infantry; United States Army Garrison, Fort Polk; Warrior Transition Brigade, Walter Reed Army Medical Center; and United States Army Garrison Vicenza, Italy. He has completed multiple combat tours.

Rice assumed duties as IMCOM command sergeant major on Feb. 20, 2012. He enlisted in November 1981 and received basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, Ga. Rice held numerous command sergeant major positions including XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg and United States Forces Iraq. ■



IMCOM Command Sergeant Major
CSM Jeffrey S. Hartless



What is Ready?

The ability to accomplish assigned tasks or missions through resilience, individual and collective team training, and leadership.

What is Resilient?

The mental, physical, emotional, and behavioral ability to face and cope with adversity, adapt to change, recover, learn and grow from setbacks.

What's Different?

The Ready and Resilient Campaign integrates and synchronizes multiple efforts and programs to improve the readiness and resilience of the Army Family - Soldiers (Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard), Army Civilians and Families. Ready and Resilient creates a holistic, collaborative and coherent enterprise to increase individual and unit readiness and resilience. Ready and Resilient will build upon physical, emotional and psychological resilience in our Soldiers, Families and Civilians so they improve performance to deal with the rigors and challenges of a demanding profession.

Specifically, Ready and Resilient will...

- Integrate resilience training as a key part of the Army's professional military education throughout a Soldier's career from induction through separation or retirement.
- Synchronize and integrate key Army programs to reduce or eliminate suicide and suicidal ideations; sexual harassment and sexual assault; bullying and hazing; substance abuse; domestic violence; and any stigma or barriers associated with seeking help.
- Develop improved methods to provide Leaders and Commanders timely and accurate information and metrics to aid them in better identifying "at risk" and "high-risk" Soldiers, enabling early intervention.
- Continue to improve the Integrated Disability

Evaluation System (IDES) to shorten processing times and improve the services provided to Soldiers and their Families.

Why Is It Important?

- A healthy mind and body are essential to individual and unit readiness
- Resilience combines mental, emotional, and physical skills to generate optimal performance (i.e. readiness) - in combat, healing after injury, and in managing work and home life
- Resilient individuals are better able to bounce back and overcome adversity by leveraging mental and emotional skills and behavior by seeking out training
- Individual resilience can be built, maintained, and strengthened when viewed as an enduring concept and acquired through regular training

An Army Soldier...

- Is a skilled professional who lives by the Soldier's Creed and Army Values
- Works with strong Army Civilian teammates who embody the same resilient characteristics
- Is a valued member of the Army Team who treats all with dignity and respect
- Manages sleep, diet and mind/body conditioning to become stronger and optimize performance
- Bounces back from adversity to thrive and meet goals and objectives
- Is self-aware, seeks help when needed and intervenes to help others, treats all with dignity and respect
- Embraces challenges, solves problems, continuously learns, improves and strengthens

An Army Family...

- Is an essential member of the Army Team
- Is able to thrive and remain strong through deployments, reassignments, and adversity
- Is aware of resources, and willing to seek help for themselves and their Soldier when needed
- Supports other families, connects with their

community and makes positive contributions

An Army Civilian...

- Is a skilled professional who lives by the Civilian Corps Creed and Army Values
- Works with strong Army Soldiers to provide stability and continuity during war and peace
- Is a valued member of the Army Team crucial to support military operations and provide full complement to military occupational specialties
- Seeks out training and self development opportunities to strengthen readiness and resilience

An Army Leader...

- Leads by example, sets and enforces high standards and holds themselves and others accountable
- Establishes a climate that fosters resilience and trust
- Knows their team and equips team members with the skills to achieve missions, overcome challenges and grow
- Teaches, coaches and mentors team members through positive thinking and effective problem solving

An Army Unit...

- Is well-led and cohesive, with members proud to be part of the Team
- Is trained, resourced and equipped to accomplish assigned tasks and quickly adapt to future missions
- Is comprised of members who provide each other and their families strength and encouragement in all situations and conditions
- Is stronger and more resilient than the sum of its individual parts ■

For more information on Ready and Resilient visit www.army.mil/readyandresilient

Public Health Command employees move their feet while they meet... *an idea for Greely's Bison Trail?*

By Chanel Weaver
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One of the most common reasons many individuals do not exercise is because they don't have time in their schedule. Between working long hours, taking care of family needs, and tending to community obligations and other personal needs, there is no additional time in the day to implement a workout routine.

But a group of personnel at the U.S. Army Public Health Command have discovered a way to incorporate fitness into the day by approaching work differently. While many individuals scour buildings looking for a meeting space, these individuals conduct their meeting outdoors--and they walk while they talk. All are members of the USAPHC's Health Promotion and Wellness Portfolio.

"We like to call it our outdoor boardroom," said Col. Heidi Warrington, program manager for the Army Public Health Nursing Program.

These outdoor boardrooms are becoming a popular meeting place within the USAPHC--especially since they allow employees to take a break from the monotony of sitting at a computer for eight hours.

"When we step out of the office, and walk and talk, it breeds collaboration and allows us to brainstorm freely," said Lauren Kropp, a program evaluator at the USAPHC.

Maj. Kari Bruley, an Army public health nurse, said being outdoors causes USAPHC employees to stay focused on the mission.

"The 'outdoor office' lends itself to free thinking with few interruptions or boundaries, all the while exercising the body and mind," said Bruley.

In addition to the opportunities for contemplation and collaboration, these outdoor walking meetings allow USAPHC employees to build and sustain good health.

"After 45 minutes to one hour of walking and talking, we find that we have walked over two miles," said Maj. Lakisha Flagg, also an Army public health nurse.

"Walking and talking has become a collegial venue for us [public health nurses] to incorporate physical activity while comfortably and creatively working through both routine and complex mission requirements," said Bruley.

USAPHC personnel say walking meetings afford them an opportunity to squeeze in fitness when they can.

"We continually look for ways to help our Soldiers create environments where healthy change can take place," said Laura Vasquez, USAPHC program evaluator.

"By participating in these walking meetings, we have an opportunity to practice what we preach."

The outdoor meetings can also be conducted solo.

Dr. Steven Bullock, program manager for the Public Health Assessment Program, holds daily running meetings with himself.

"I typically run each day with my voice recorder," said Bullock. "While I am running, I record myself as I reflect on the day's events and dictate the things I have remaining to do that day," said Bullock.

He said the solo outdoor running allows him to prioritize his actions, and helps him to be more efficient at accomplishing tasks.

The former Army officer enjoys these meetings with his recorder because they provide a dual benefit in keeping him fit and healthy.

"I run in all sort of weather--rain or shine--sun or snow," said Bullock. "I really think it is a good use of my lunch hour to increase physical activity and avoid sitting for long periods of time."

Regular physical activity--along with adequate sleep and healthy nutrition--are the three pillars of Army Medicine's Performance Triad. Personnel who include these essentials to their daily routine are able to optimize their health.

Many USAPHC employees say they are grateful to work for an organization with such flexibility.

"I enjoy incorporating walking into my day," said Wana Jin, a program evaluator. "I haven't experienced this emphasis on health and wellness in other places where I've worked."

Laura Mitvalsky manages the Health Promotion and Wellness Portfolio at the USAPHC, and encourages her employees to be active during the day. Many of her staff members wear pedometers to see if they can meet Army Surgeon General Patricia D. Horoho's recommendation to take 10,000 steps daily.

"These outdoor meetings are wonderful, because they allow our employees to get away from the distractions of the office, focus solely on the issue and topic at hand, and build and sustain good health habits in the workplace," said Mitvalsky.

Lauren Shirey, public health accreditation lead and program evaluator, said she enjoys incorporating walking into her day.

"It's great to work for an organization where we can accomplish the mission and support our health and wellness goals at the same time," said Shirey. "Anyone is capable of leading a healthy lifestyle if they think outside of the box." ■

Wondering where you can incorporate this activity into your daily work routine at Fort Greely? Try the Fort Greely Bison Trail... eight feet wide and three miles long...lots of room to walk, talk, and work through mission requirements.



USAPHC program evaluators Laura Vasquez, Lauren Shirey, Lauren Kropp and Wana Jin build and sustain good health as they brainstorm project ideas.

January: National Mentoring Month

By Deborah Coble
Installation Public Affairs

Many of us take a few moments each year to plan out our resolution for the New Year. We contemplate the goals we've met or exceeded and we think about the ones we've yet to reach. We plan our projects for the coming months; we take mental stock of our outdoor gear for the trips we wish to take; we promise to spend more time at the gym or more time in the kitchen eating healthier; we swear this cigarette will be the last and the money spent will now be saved; our wives won't complain about unfinished projects and our husbands promise to be more attentive; we'll meet all deadlines with time to spare and we won't get bogged down at work. The plans to better ourselves seem endless, but what about our plans to help others?

One of the most important things we can do at work, at home, or in any social setting is build positive relationships. Positive relationships begin to happen when we use supportive communication, share our knowledge and experiences openly with others, and learn to put others first. Those three items, communication, sharing, and putting others first, seem like a short list, but they take continual effort on our part to include unvarying evaluation of our own lives. The relationships are no longer about you. They aren't about me. The relationships become about others and the knowledge that we truly want them to succeed.

A program, that truly understands the importance of positive relationships is the Installation Management Command – Pacific Region Mentoring Program. Now three years running, this program is an opportunity for those to not only improve themselves professionally, but gain vast personal growth as well. The program supports the Installation Management Campaign Plan's Line of Effort 3: Leader and Workforce Development by providing mid-level IMCOM employees who excel in their career field the prospect to expand into multi-skilled, mobile and adaptive leaders. This program is similar to the IMCOM Headquarters Centralized Mentoring Program, but gives employees

the additional advantage of competing for a mentee position amongst a smaller group. Both programs run for one year in length and include an exceptional mentor/role model, job shadowing for stated periods of time at various locations, focused instruction on career development, diversified understanding of the organization, and developmental guidance for those outstanding employees that wish to have increased responsibilities in higher-level positions. The mentor/mentee-type programs build confidence in individuals, but more importantly, these programs create a resilient, sustainable and healthy workforce by showcasing the tools necessary to become mentor-leaders.

So why rush to fill out paperwork to meet a short suspense for a program that will take more of our personal time to complete? The answers are profound.

Becoming a mentor-leader isn't for everyone. While it doesn't involve excruciatingly painful, scientific methodologies, it does demand that we put others first. It means that we are comfortable forgoing the accolades of immediate success; allowing others to receive the awards and glory without begrudging their happiness. It means consistently measuring our actions with our words and continually evaluating our own perspectives. Mentor leaders create relationships that have positive impacts on other's lives...the focus remains on benefiting others. Those are the relationships that create enduring organizations, families and teams. By taking the route of a mentor leader we open the door to unimaginable success that continues to build and spread unto others.

Tony Dungy, author of "The Mentor Leader – Secrets to Building People and Teams That Win Consistently," describes the process best when he states, "If you do it right, as a mentor leader you may make it all but impossible for other people to give you credit." He explains that if we aren't ready to experience success without receiving any credit for it then the role of a mentor leader isn't for us.

It takes a tremendous amount of stamina to be that type of leader...that type of person. Today's culture, that most of us embrace, makes it difficult not to value what is valueless. We are taught to focus on the bottom line up front, the current quarter, the fiscal year, etc.; however, that type of shortsightedness only results in organizations that are unbalanced and threatening to collapse at the next jarring impact. There is a place, in the correct situation and setting, for the types of leaders that take charge with authority, direction and control, but it is important to understand the difference between a leader and a mentor leader.

Leaders speak of their own visions and their undeterred paths to success; they offer planned routes for us to follow...usually at a cost. They watch from high above and wait while we try

to climb the next rung occasionally shouting down motivating phrases of encouragement, but a mentor leader gets their hands dirty, they walk along side us, they are there to encourage, they are there to make sure we don't fall. The very best mentor leaders help carry us when we stumble. Mentor leaders focus down range knowing that the most significant conflicts and potential successes happen outside the immediate perimeter.

The IMCOM - Pacific Region Mentoring Program gives one not only the opportunity to experience working with a mentor leader, but a chance to see if this role is something we'd be suited for. The occurrence is infectious and loads the participant with tools and resources to share within their organization throughout the developmental training. The mentors assigned encourage us to believe in ourselves; they're there to remind us that make-believe energy and false-positive outlooks are not sustainable and won't inspire others to follow.

The program embraces opportunities for interaction and pushes the mentee to reach beyond boundaries, real or perceived, that would otherwise prevent connecting with people based on differences or levels of authority. It promotes the utilization of unexpected opportunities and to never underestimate the value of what we bring to the organization. The program, when stripped down to the essentials, is all about building lasting relationships. Those relationships and the ability to move forward as a team or fluidly left and right when the unexpected hits are what allows organizations to be and remain successful.

Perhaps one of the greatest takeaways from the program is that the role of a mentor leader is not played, but lived. In doing so, the benefits go beyond the desks, break rooms, conference tables and executive offices; they extend to our personal relationships and families. We don't need to have a following to become a mentor leader; start small. Look for ways to make a positive impact on someone's life. Don't wait for the right opportunity (more time, when you're older/wiser with more experience, more help to do the task at hand, less workload, etc.) because the desired opportunity won't present itself when we want it to.

Enroll in the next IMCOM - Pacific Region Mentoring Program then pick someone or something to make a difference with. Help cultivate a new workforce that encourages creativity and innovation. Learn to embrace cultural differences and truly see the value in communication and collaboration with others. Build the teams that replicate great mentor leaders and your organization, group or family will see immeasurable rewards. Have faith, stay focused, encourage, equip and empower others for leaders are abundantly available...mentor leaders are a rare gift. ■



Nestled in the heart of Interior Alaska is a modest log cabin bordered by snow, towering pines and pouncing puppies. Inside that modest cabin is a young girl, Madeline Clark, who is surrounded by historical artifacts, curious, fluffy cats, rustic, wooden shelves towering with books and a family full of love, patriotism, and fortitude.

Madeline, age 14, daughter of Dan and Hope Clark, is a homeschooled high school student with a passion for the military, American History and the printed word. Madeline is never at a loss for finding things to occupy her time. Her latest, and certainly one of her most successful ventures, has been to write the book, recently published by Tate Publishing, *Liberty's Daring Mission*.

It was back in April of 2011 when Madeline sat down with a notebook and pen to jot down a few lines. "It was never a chore," said Madeline, "it was fun and I would write for five minutes here and five minutes there." By July she had finished her book *Liberty's Daring Mission*.

Madeline and her mom, dad and two sisters, Ellie and Dani, are all avid readers and love to research topics especially those related to American history so when Madeline shared her hand written book to family members, both local and ones far away, it was no wonder they found the story captivating.

"Madeline asked me if I thought she could write a book. I teach them and I see what they write and all of the girls write good. I told her '...of course you can write a book!' and then she started writing it and asked what we thought about this or that. We'd tell her it was really good and it was. It wasn't just a couple of paragraphs anymore it *really* started to sound like something. She just had fun with it," said Madeline's mother, Hope Clark.

Everyone who read the manuscript encouraged Madeline to see about getting it published. Madeline, though excited at the prospect of being published at such a young

age, was not looking forward to having to type out her story but she did to help make the process easier.

"We didn't know a whole lot about the publishing process. One of my firefighters, William Boyack, has been published a couple of times so I went to ask him what the process was," said Madeline's father, Dan Clark. Boyack explained to Clark that online research was a valuable tool and to be certain that any prospective publishing company was willing to work with minors. Clark, together with the family, researched various publishing companies. When they had found a few that looked promising Clark had Madeline type up a synopsis, or brief summary, of the book to send along with the emails soliciting interest. "Tate Publishing was the first one to come back with a positive response. Their email stated, 'We work with minors and are very interested. Please send the full manuscript.' We were all pretty excited," said Clark.

Madeline wasted no time in helping her dad send off the complete manuscript and within two days of sending it the Clarks were greeted with another email surprise from Tate Publishing. The email explained that they received the manuscript and that it was under review. Attached to the email was a contract for the Clarks to sign. Tate Publishing said they were extremely thrilled for the opportunity to work with Madeline and her family.

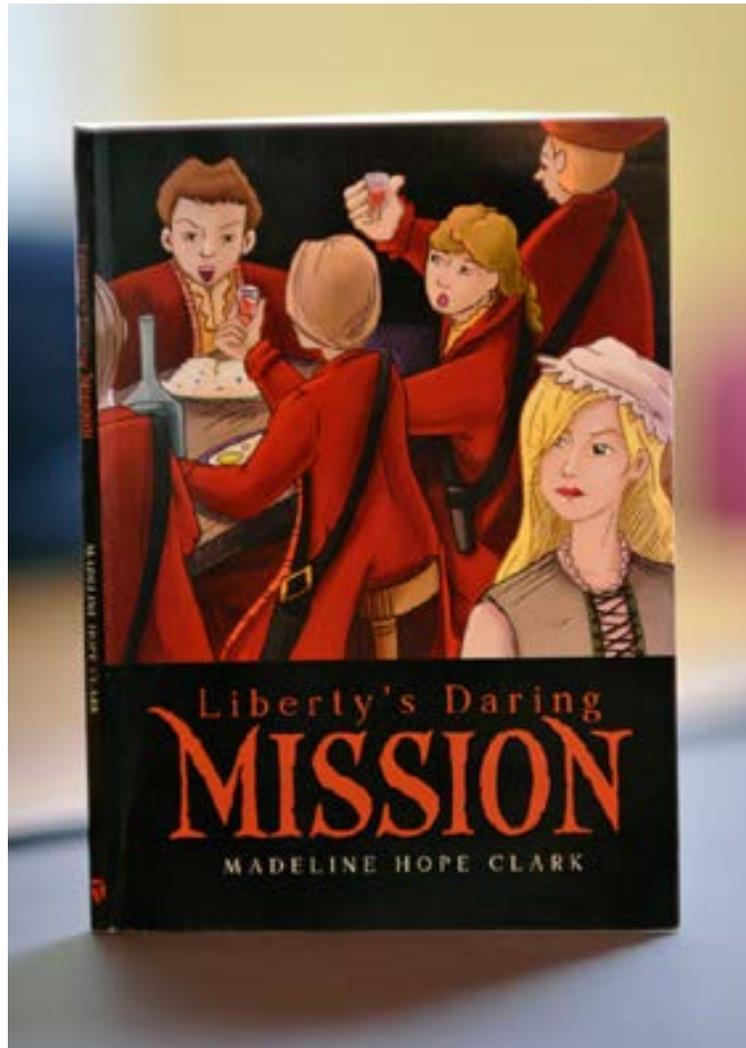
"Tate Publishing even mentioned that they receive 10's of thousands of manuscripts every year and only a single digit percentile of those go on to review and an even smaller amount go to contract, Madeline's book made it through in two days. It was a very fast process for us," said Clark.

When Madeline was asked what she thought about writing her first published book or what advice she had to give to her peers that may want to pursue the same adventure she had this to say,

Madeline Clark: *Liberty's Daring Mission*

Published at the age of 14, FGA youth leads by example

By Deborah Coble
Public Affairs



"I had fun with it. I didn't have a goal in mind to be published when I started writing it. For people who like to write they should find something they are interested in. Do lots of research because you don't want to mess things up. Eye witness reports are your best sources."

Because Liberty's Daring Mission is time-period specific the amount of research Madeline applied was paramount to the book's success. Much research came by the way of Jud Brennan a long time friend of the family. Brennan would help Madeline in clarifying some of the lingo for the time period of the book. Brennan also helped the family make their own possible bags, beautifully handcrafted leather bags, to carry flint boxes, powder horns, and any other possibles that might be needed. Brennan helped take Madeline back in time.

Patriotism runs deep for Madeline and her family. "My dad has told me stories about my great grandpa serving in World War II. He was a fighter pilot and a POW. A lot of the patriotism comes from those stories. We also read a lot of patriotic-themed books. Then my grandma sent us a YouTube video of the Star Spangled Banner that was sung by a new group called Madison Rising. The lead singer, Dave Bray, is a Navy vet and all of his songs are very patriotic."

"Madeline found this website, anysoldier.com and it was where you could send care packages to the Soldiers who were deployed. She came to us one day with tears in her eyes asking why these guys needed toilet paper, Q-tips, baby wipes and stuff like that. I explained to her that sometimes the guys end up on the front lines and it can take awhile for supplies to get to them. So, she took some of her own money and purchased a bunch of items to put in a couple of boxes and sent them off to Iraq and Afghanistan. Madeline found the website on her own just by being curious and doing research without any prompting from Hope, me or anyone else. From listening to stories about my granddad that I've passed on to her and other military people that we know...she took it upon herself to realize and understand the sacrifices that members of the military have made and continue to make," said Clark.

Along with American history, reading, writing and American pride, Madeline enjoys being outdoors. She loves the month of March for the daylight and because it starts to get a little warmer. During the summer months you will find Madeline and her sisters outside walking, hiking, playing with the dogs and enjoying everything that an Alaskan summer has to offer.

Madeline isn't sure that she'll write another

book, she has so many things she'd like to try. She is a young, carefree girl, filled with a tremendous amount of love and patriotism and will go wherever inspiration takes her.

Below is a segment from Madeline Clark's book, Liberty's Daring Mission. If you are interested in reading more visit: <http://www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore/book.php?w=978-1-62147-632-0>

Levi turned. Tears filled Liberty's eyes as she rushed to Levi.

"Levi, don't go please." Tears rolled down her cheeks. Levi held her close. "Levi, you can't go."

There was silence for a long moment. Then Levi broke the silence by saying, "Gee, Bert, you sure know how to make a guy feel bad."

Paul walked over. "Liberty's right, Levi."

"Father, I'm going. This is my fight. The cause is too important to me to let it go to waste," Levi said.

"Levi, please listen to reason. Father is right. I couldn't bear it if you were killed," Liberty begged.

Paul sighed and slowly walked back to the porch.

"I won't get killed, Liberty. I'll come back, I promise," Levi said.

Levi reached into his knapsack and pulled out a knife. He handed it to Liberty. It was his prized knife; on it, was the word America.

"Liberty, I'm coming back. I'm not letting some dirty Redcoat get the best of me. I want you to keep this for me. Keep it clean and sharp until I come back."

Liberty nodded. "I will, Levi."

Levi embraced Liberty. "Good-bye, Liberty. Remember freedom and liberty is worth fighting for." ■



The Clarks take a moment from their busy Alaskan living to pose for a family picture in front of their family's swing set. Front row: Dani Clark. Back row: Hope, Dan, Madeline and Ellie Clark. Photo courtesy Fort Greely Public Affairs

Looking to Malala



By 1LT Melkart Hawi
49th Missile Defense Battalion

When I was assigned the task to write an article on Youth Leadership Month, it was natural for me to want to tout the highly successful program that has aided many a youth in finding purpose, learning about leadership, and rising to the challenge of that program. As an officer in the Alaska Army National Guard, and having experience with the Alaska Military Youth Academy it would have been a natural matter to write about. But also as an officer of an organization that has become, increasingly global in its reach, another angle tugged at me. Through our involvement in the War on Terror, and Alaska's involvement in the State Partnership Program, we have had to interact, teach and learn from other cultures more than ever. Growing up in civil war torn Lebanon, as a Christian Greek Orthodox, while facing sectarian strife on a daily basis, qualifies me to speak of youth in distressed areas of the world. However, I determined that it was appropriate to look outside the U.S. for a story that touched me, and can inspire all of us regarding youth leadership. The story of one of the most courageous youth leaders in recent memory is ongoing and is a source of great inspiration for

all mankind.

As I browsed different websites and came across explanations of Youth leadership Month, I came across this explanation on the Women's Fund of Central Ohio:

"February is National Youth Leadership month. It is a time to recognize those young people who have the courage to take on leadership roles. Youth today are given opportunities to be leaders in their schools, homes, religious congregations, sports teams, and so much more. This group of individuals gives promise to the future."

On Oct. 9, 2012 the Taliban conducted a terrorist attack, in the Swat Valley in Pakistan. They set up an ambush for a bus, looking for their target. When the bus stopped, gunmen boarded it, and asked for their target by name. They shot their victim in the head, intending to assassinate, execute, and silence one of their outspoken opponents.

Not a remarkable event, given the numerous similar stories in the daily news from that region of the world...except the bus was a school bus, and their target was a 15-year old school girl. Her offense: At the age of 12, she advocated education for girls

and she wrote a blog sharing the details of her life under Taliban rule, describing the conflict as the Taliban attempted to control the Swat Valley. Malala Yousafzai raised the ire of the Taliban, who intimidate, assassinate, and behead their opponents. They announced their intent to kill her, but she did not run from her fight for what she believed in, her and other girls' right to education. I cannot even begin to imagine being as defenseless as a 12-year old girl, in an environment where the threat of death by terrorists is real due to the absence of law.

Yousafzai miraculously survived the attempt on her life, and is struggling to make a full recovery. She soon will undergo cranial reconstructive surgery in Britain. She was discharged from the hospital in early January of this year.

Prior to the attack, Yousafzai took a position as chairperson of the District Child Assembly Swat. She has been nominated for the International Children's Peace Prize, and won Pakistan's first National Youth Peace Prize. There is a petition to nominate her for the Nobel Peace Prize.

You know that a youth is a true leader when she can inspire

adults, across national lines, and across the world. We can learn from this brave girl about leadership, courage, and doing the right thing even under the threat of death. I will pray to summon up her level of courage should I ever need it, keeping her in mind as an inspiration. She has defeated her enemies, by making herself a beacon of inspiration in our collective minds and hearts. I impress upon our youth, and all citizens to learn from Malala, but most importantly to truly appreciate our Nation, our system and our Constitution. The world is not about baseball, video games, flat screen TVs, prom night, and football games, our (U.S.) world may be, but the world of leadership, perseverance, selflessness and faith, is wrought by the hands of people like Malala Yousafzai. ■ Sources:

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SGT Terry Hams, from the 49th Missile Defense Bn., A. Co. Military Police, poses for a photo after competing in the United States Army Alaska Combatives Tournament on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson March 22nd. Hams won his bout with a technical knock-out in the first round earning first place in the bantamweight division.

By SSG Jack Carlson III
49th Missile Defense Battalion

Alaska Army National Guardsmen from Fort Greely competed in the 2013 United States Army Alaska Combatives Tournament at the Buckner Physical Fitness Center on Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson March 21-22 to determine who was the toughest Soldier in Alaska.

With more than 100 Soldiers from across Alaska competing in eight different weight classes, competitors were divided by weight and skill level during the two day event. In the end, two Soldiers from Fort Greely earned gold medals for their performance.

SGT Terry Hams and SPC Casey Waters, from the 49th Missile Defense Bn., earned first place in their weight class during the tournament, displaying an impressive ability to compete against Alaska's best Soldiers in hand-to-hand combat.

Displaying a wide range of mixed martial arts, Hams and Waters threw punches, grappled and kicked their opponents to win their bouts, displaying skill and talent essential to Soldiers.

Hams and Waters will now advance to compete in the all-Army tournaments at Fort Carson, Colo. this August. ■



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By Sandi DeLong
Directorate of Public Works
and
Deborah Coble
Installation Public Affairs

For decades we have been creating waste, some of it toxic, and dumping it into our environment. The damage it causes affects all of us as well as other living beings. A good portion of the waste comes from industrial production, but just as much comes from the day-to-day products we use at home. Items like plastic bottles and bags, packaging materials, electronics, etc. all contribute to what is ultimately placed in a landfill and buried.

With recycling, a large portion of our waste can be broken down into the original elements and used to produce new materials. We can reduce harmful waste from polluting the environment and at the same time, conserve raw materials. For example: for every ton of paper that is recycled, 17 trees are saved along with 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space. Energy used to recycle paper is close to 70-percent less than when paper is prepared using raw material.

The American family - now averagely sized at a squishy 3.1 persons, throws out nearly 2,600 pounds of paper each year. That's almost the weight of a typical compact car¹.

We are a culture that refuses to believe "bigger is not always



Problem worth fixing

better,” so for those of you out there still convinced that we don’t have a trash problem, here’s a bigger number for you: 2.6 million plastic drinking bottles are thrown away by us every hour of every day.

The issue with trash is not all doom and gloom. As a nation we have doubled our paper recycling efforts since the late 1990s. We are finding new ways to reduce the 120 yearly tons of carbon-dioxide our vehicles emit, and most of us realize that roughly 80-percent of our household waste can be recycled.

Our rate of recycling at Fort Greely has steadily increased each year. So far this fiscal year, FGA has recycled nearly 100 tons of material. There are four main drop off points for recyclables: 1) at the end of Denali and First Street in the housing area; 2) down from the DOL Warehouse north of AAFES; 3) in the parking lot by Building 801; and 4) directly outside of Building 643. Each location can accept a wide range of recyclable items. Every item that can be actively recycled means less trash going into our landfill or polluting the environment.

So where does the trash that we recycle on Fort Greely go? Currently materials are combined at a consolidation point then transported to Fairbanks, but the Fort Greely recycling center in Building 643 is closer to becoming fully operational and what that happens we will be able to use the recycled objects for projects here on the installation.

We are in the process of working electrical upgrades to the facility in order to have adequate capacity to operate all of the equipment. One of our biggest obstacles in setting up the space for recycling operations was the removal of the incinerator system that has been sitting idle for the past several years. Though some said it couldn’t be done, thanks to the experienced team at Cold Regions Test

Center, the incinerator was removed and will be processed through DRMO for liquidation. The newly available space is where the 2-ram horizontal baler will be placed once it arrives in late May; delivery of the biomass briquette system should arrive at roughly the same time. Some of the equipment already on site is the in-vessel composting machine, glass pulverizer, large capacity document shredder and foam densifier (reduces Styrofoam to a ratio of 90:1).

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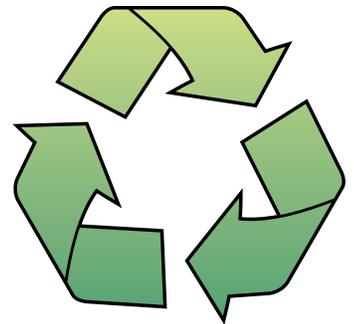
Some of the equipment can be operated while we are waiting on the electrical upgrade, so we will begin those operations as soon as equipment is assembled. The more we recycle, the more we can reuse in-house, the more we all benefit.

We are fortunate to live in one of the most picturesque states; however our ecological footprint is expanding, and the beauty we’ve come to love and take for granted, will fade. If we can’t stop the destruction, then let’s at least slow it down. Use the recycling bins; they are plentiful here, close the dumpster lids - if they stick, spray DW-40 on the track or call DPW - they are happy to assist. Walk when you can and try looking down every once in a while. If there’s a piece of trash pick it up; you can wash your hands later. If your hands are full and just can’t hold another thing, next time you’re out, pick up two pieces of trash. Spend 20 minutes outside

with your children and show them you care about their world too and pick up the little bits of refuse together.

There are so many problems in the world that don’t have a foreseeable solution, but litter where we live, isn’t one of them. ■

**Do your part.
RECYCLE.**



873-4381

We will continue to provide updates on the FGA QRP progress; however, please contact the Environmental Office if you have questions about any aspects of the recycling program at 873-4381.

¹ Statistic taken from Paper University tappi.org/paperu/all_about_paper/earth_answers

A Night To Remember

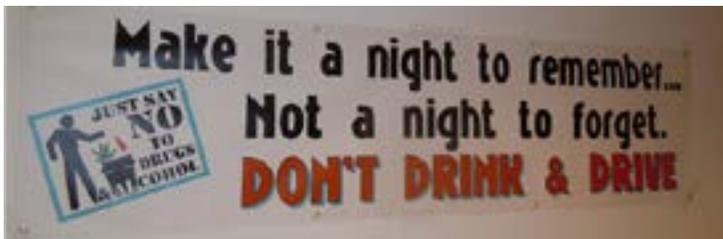
By Jack Detzel

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

On Saturday April 13 the Delta High School hosted the Junior/Senior Prom at the Fort Greely Aurora Community Activity Center. The facility was decorated by the juniors and looked fantastic. Staff Sergeant Jack Carlson of the Alaska National Guard 49th Missile Defense Battalion provided the digital music service for the evening with his vast array of music tracks. The dance floor received lots of action throughout the evening.

The theme of the prom was "Masquerade Mystique" and the colorful masks worn by all of the participants made the evening special and unique. Tiki Levinson, sponsor for the event, commented that the venue of the Aurora CAC was outstanding.

The staff from the CAC were courteous and helpful and made the evening one to remember. The Fort Greely Army Substance Abuse Program also participated in reminding everyone with posters that making good decisions is a part of adult life. ■



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Upper left: Students take to the dance floor. Upper right: A masked couple makes a grand entrance. Lower right: Fort Greely Army Substance Abuse Program hung an theme related message.

All photos courtesy Jack Detzel.

Facility of the Year Award, 2012 Commander's Cup goes to FGA

By Barb Flynn

Network Enterprise Center

For the team of contractors, DoD civilians and military personnel part of the 59th Signal Battalion, Fort Greely Network Enterprise Center, 2012 was a banner year. The remote mission they serve supports such demanding missions as the Missile Defense Agency's Ground-Based Midcourse Defense, Cold Regions Test Center, and the 49th Missile Defense Battalion. Supporting the zero-fail homeland defense mission at Fort Greely means that all systems must be available and robust, and as evidenced by their recognition in 2012, they knocked it out of the park.

uninterrupted throughout the year. The NEC also built up a robust training and standard operating procedure program, an effort that took some time to develop and perfect. Since Fort Greely does not have a Technical Control Facility, NEC personnel have often had to conduct first-line troubleshooting and fix items on the fly. It's this kind of innovation that gets the mission done, and for their efforts, the site won the DRSN Facility of the Year for 2012. The best news story, however, was for the MILSATCOM side of their mission.

NEC personnel are also responsible for connecting three key links via two Defense Satellite Communications System III terminals. When the terminals were installed, they were located a quarter mile from the earth terminals, in a cramped, crowded room.

construct a new room, working with local on-site personnel and the Alaska Field Office, to ensure adequate power, environmental, ground and ventilation. The real challenge was moving the terminals and circuits, which were not funded. Barb Flynn, and Sergeant First Class Robert Runyon decided to lead the project themselves, and moved the terminals and circuits via self-help – a huge success. Coordination and teamwork with the Alaska Field Office was also stellar. Site personnel worked hand-in-hand with the Field Office to store equipment, assist with the Interconnect Facility MSPP upgrade, provided help troubleshooting when Field Office personnel were unable to travel to the site, assisted with escorting personnel into the highly secure Missile Defense Complex and loaned the Field Office equipment, all above and beyond what is expected.

LTC Brian Hippel, Alaska Field Office Chief, travelled to Fort Greely on 16 May, and on behalf of Col. Simon, presented the 2012 Commander's Cup for DSCS, and the FOTY Award for DRSN. In his remarks, he noted that the one-team, one-fight approach, using innovation to achieve results in an austere environment, was exactly the template for the type of strong partnerships between DISA and the providers that make it happen every day. Rich Garrett, Fort Greely NEC Director, remarked it was a "Five Star Day here at Fort Greely," stating that earning the Commander's Cup was "a HUGE honor! The team has earned every inch of it their work is extraordinary and I am so proud to be a part of such a great team." ■



The Defense Red Switch Network (DRSN) was awarded the Facility of the Year, and the Defense Communications Satellite Systems (DSCS) won the DISA Pac Commanders Cup. From left to right: LTC Brian Hippel, Isaiac Estrada, SFC Robert Runyon, Barbara Flynn, Adam Polen, and Rich Garrett.

Fort Greely NEC personnel supporting Defense Red Switch Network achieved a 100 percent system availability rating, exceeding the DISA standard, and voluntarily took over completing daily crypto updates during non-duty hours for sites not manned 24/7, which saved over 10,000 man hours per year. This action also ensured the MDA mission continued

Response times were not adequate, and due to Fort Greely being so close to the Arctic Circle, led to challenges even getting out to the terminals during winter, in double-digit below zero temperatures and large snow driForts. The site leadership, under the guidance of Barbara Flynn, DRSN/MILSATCOM Chief, worked to obtain \$100,000 in funding to



FGA's new command team arrives

By Deborah Coble
Public Affairs

After weeks of preparation, Fort Greely had the opportunity to once again, view two time-honored military tradition - the Change of Command and the Change of Responsibility Ceremonies.

The change of command ceremony is rooted in military history dating back to the 18th century during the reign of Frederick the Great of Prussia. At that time, organizational flags were developed with color arrangements and symbols unique to each particular unit. To this flag and its commander, the soldiers of the unit would dedicate their loyalty and trust.

When a change of command took place, the flag was passed to the individual assuming the command. This gesture was accomplished in front of the unit so that all could see and witness their new leader assuming his dutiful position. He who held the flag also held the soldier's allegiance. This symbolic tradition has survived throughout military history.

The Change of Responsibility is another time-honored military tradition. The senior non-commissioned officers also trade out in positions of leadership. The symbol and the heart of the ceremony for the Change of Responsibility is the NCO sword. When the sword is passed from the outgoing to incoming senior NCO it reminds the soldiers that the senior NCO is responsible for order and discipline. It also serves as a constant reminder that the senior NCO is responsible for the care and wellbeing of his troops.

The strength and supremacy of today's Army stems in large quantities from the observance of customs and traditions founded on need and their contribution to stability, combat effectiveness and efficient transfer of authority. ■



**Lieutenant Colonel Brian Speas,
Garrison Commander
Fort Greely, Alaska**



Lieutenant Colonel Brian Speas is a native of Las Cruces, New Mexico. LTC Speas was commissioned in 1996 after his graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY.

His military education includes: Infantry Officer Basic Course, Armor Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the Special Forces Qualification Course and the College of Naval Command and Staff. He holds a Baccalaureate degree in Management from the United States Military Academy and a Masters degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the US Naval War College, Newport RI.

LTC Speas served as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Anti-Armor Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer while assigned to 3/502nd IN, 2nd BDE, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). He next served as a Detachment Commander and Assistant Battalion Operations Officer while assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (A). From 2007 until 2011, LTC Speas served as a Company Commander, Task Force Commander and Battalion Executive Officer. This was followed by an assignment as the Special Activities Branch Chief, Special Operations Command Africa from Jun 2011 until May 2013.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal for Valor, Army Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Special Forces Tab, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge.

LTC Speas is married to the former Michelle Stewart. They have five children: James, Campbell, Andrew, John and Matthew. ■



Left: Garrison Commander LTC Brian Speas and Garrison Command Sergeant Major Christopher Brown happily cut the cake at the reception following the June Change of Command and Change of Responsibility ceremonies. Top: Fort Greely Garrison CSM Brown accepts the passing of the Non-Commissioned Officer's sword. The passing of the sword signifies the relinquishment of authority and responsibility from the outgoing command sergeant major to the incoming command sergeant major. All photos by Mary Fulton.



**Command Sergeant Major
Chris Brown,
Garrison Command Sergeant Major
Fort Greely, Alaska**



CSM Christopher Brown was born in Raleigh, NC and graduated from Harnett Central High School in Lillington, NC. He entered the Army National Guard in July of 1987 as a 45K Tank Turret Repairer and completed Basic Combat training at Fort Dix, NJ. In April of 1990 he went Active Army and became a Military Policeman and attended Advanced Individual Training at Fort McClellan, Alabama. Upon completion of AIT, CSM Brown was deployed to Iraq to join the 984th MP Co in support of Desert Storm/Desert Shield; the 984th was out of Ft Carson, CO. His second assignment was as a Team Leader for patrol MP's with the SB MP Co in Schofield Barracks, HI. After two years, he deployed to Haiti in support of Operation Uphold Democracy and served as a Protective Services Detachment Team Leader. CSM Brown was assigned to the

118th MP Co (ABN) at Fort Bragg in 1996 as a Team Leader. He was later assigned to the 65th MP Co, at Fort Bragg, NC where he deployed to Bosnia in support of KFOR/SFOR as a Squad Leader. From Fort Bragg, he was assigned to Fort Leonard Wood, MO as a Drill Sergeant. After completing his tour as a Drill Sergeant he returned to 65th MP Co (ABN) as a Platoon Sergeant and deployed to OEF and OIF I. CSM Brown later became the Operations Sergeant of the 65th MP CO (ABN) and deployed to OIF III. CSM Brown returned from OIF III and was selected to be the First Sergeant of the 108th MP CO (ABN) (ASSLT) and deployed to OIF 07-09. Upon redeployment, CSM Brown was assigned to Fort Bliss, TX for attendance at the US Army Sergeants Major Academy. Following the Academy, he was assigned as the XVIII Airborne Corps Provost Sergeant Major at Fort Bragg, NC. As the Corps Provost SGM, he deployed to Operation New Dawn, Iraq and closed the remaining detention cells holding international terrorists. Upon returning from deployment, he was assigned as the JTF-National Capital Region Antiterrorism NCOIC for Presidential Inauguration 2013.

CSM Brown's military education includes Special Reaction Team Course, Air Assault School, PLDC, Non-Lethal Weapons instructor course, ANCOG, Jumpmaster Course, Physical Security, 1SG Course, Law Enforcement Senior Leaders Course, Basic Anti-terrorism Course, the Sergeants Major Course class 59. CSM Brown is currently pursuing an Associate's Degree from Central Texas College.

CSM Brown's military awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), and the Army Good Conduct Medal (7th award). CSM Brown was awarded the Master Parachutist Badge, the Polish Airborne Badge. ■

Top: New Fort Greely Garrison Commander LTC Brian Speas accepts command during the June 2013 Change of Command Ceremony. Bottom: Fort Greely Garrison Command Sergeant Major Christopher Brown (center) passes the Installation Management Command guidon from outgoing garrison commander LTC Terry Clark (left) to incoming garrison commander, LTC Brian Speas (right).



CRTC Commander promoted to colonel

By Jennifer Lawless
Cold Regions Test Center

Family, friends, and co-workers were all smiles at the ceremony promoting Charles H. May, Chuck to his friends and family, from the rank of Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel. Although May 1, 2013 was the official date that COL May was promoted from the rank of LTC, he made the decision to stave off the actual ceremony until family and friends from out of state could attend and the weather was more agreeable to attendees. Thus, the event took place at the Fort Greely Community Activity Center (CAC), on May 30, 2013 with the skies blue and the sun shining. Attendance included his mother Joanne, brother Michael and niece Emily, friend Paul Wieneke and wife Fely, friend Charles Sweeny from Operational Test Command, wife Delinda and two sons Gareth and Ethan. COL May's in-laws, Larkin and Linda Clemons, were even able to join the ceremony via Skype. COL Young and CSM West, from the Yuma Proving Grounds, were in attendance and MG Dellarocco Commanding General, US Army Test and Evaluation Command, also attended via Skype.

The ceremony opened with Chaplain Palmer leading the attendees in prayer, looking forward to a successful future. After the prayer was complete, COL May explained to the attendees the itinerary for the ceremony and introduced the visiting guests. The promotion to the rank of Colonel is a reflection of all the good that COL May has done and all that he has achieved in his military career. His many accomplishments have led him down a path of success, a trend that will hopefully take him to new and exciting challenges in the

future. In his years in the military his awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Services Commendation Medal, the Air Assault badge, and the Diving Officer insignia. In addition to his previous commendations, traditionally an evaluation from his current duty station would be included for consideration in a promotion evaluation; however, because he had only been commanding at the Cold Regions Test Center (CRTC) since May 2012, an evaluation had not yet been created. Thus, his promotion was based on supervisory comments from his previous three general officers; each of which held positive feedback pertaining to his character, fortitude, and abilities. COL May humbly stated that, "You just do all the jobs that are given to you and do the best you can do. Good things will happen."

The loving support and pride for the CRTC Commander was evident in the smiles on the faces of his friends and family. COL May's brother read the promotion letter aloud, while the honor of pinning the Colonel's new rank to his uniform was taken on by his wife, their two sons, and his mother. Those who bore witness to the event could not help but feel a sense of family. The promotion comes with great expectations for COL May, as the promotion letter clarifies, "This officer will carefully and diligently discharge the duties of the office to which appointed by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging." A new set of challenges are on the horizon, which will no doubt be faced with good humor and tenacity. COL



May stated that he is simply, "Pleased to continue to serve and hopes to do well in his service."

The event concluded with a catered meal from the Chocolate Gypsy, with a tasty brisket as the main course. For dessert, two cakes were made for the event by CRTC Technical Director Jeff Lipscomb's wife Tina. One cake was done in traditional style, with the CRTC emblem emblazoned upon the frosting and the other was a humorous design of haphazard dotted lines, with the instructions to cut along the marks. This sharing of good food and fellowship was a great way to finish off the joyful event. ■



Top: Newly promoted Colonel Charles "Chuck" May poses with wife Delinda for a brief moment before cutting the congratulatory cake. Bottom: Col. May with family to help celebrate his promotion at the Aurora Community Activity Center in May 2013. Photos courtesy CRTC

TRADOC commander promotes new SMDC leader



Robyn Mann places a three star patch on her newly promoted husband's Army Combat Uniform during a ceremony at Von Braun III Aug. 12. LTG David L. Mann assumed command of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command and Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense following his promotion. Looking on, and officiating the promotion, is GEN Robert W. Cone, commanding general, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command. Photo by Carrie David.

By Jason Cutshaw

USASMDC/ARSTRAT Public Affairs

Prior to taking command of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, Maj. Gen. David L. Mann needed one more item on his uniform, a third star.

GEN Robert W. Cone, commanding general, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, promoted Mann to lieutenant general during a private ceremony in the Von Braun III building Aug. 12.

"I am so impressed with David's vision, his intelligence, his high standards and his ability as a gifted communicator that I really wanted to be here to be a part of this," Cone said. "And what a great community SMDC has. It is great to be here. There is no finer organization in the Army than SMDC.

"One of my jobs is as the head of leader development in our Army," Cone added. "And when you see a guy of Dave Mann's talents,

you've got to say 'how does the Army grow a leader to have these qualifications to take command of this tremendously complicated, technically based endeavor?' I think the Army got it right, and I am honored to be a part of today's event."

Shortly after the promotion, Cone reissued Mann with his oath of office. After the swearing-in, Mann spoke to those in attendance.

"I thank you all for joining us this morning," he said. "This means a lot to me and my family. We are truly excited to be here.

"The vitally important mission this command does for the nation is amazing," Mann added. "I am just so thrilled and honored to be able to join this team that is focused on space capabilities as well as protecting our country, and those of our allies from ballistic missiles. It is an honor."

Mann thanked his family who traveled to witness the historic occasion and said that they were the biggest reason he is where he is today.

"Most importantly I want to thank my family," Mann said. "I can't love you enough and thank you for making the trip to be here.

"My wife Robyn is without a doubt the kindest, most compassionate, loving person I have ever met," he added. "I know you all feel that way about your better halves, but I'm here to tell you, she's the one. She has taken care of so many military families throughout the years and I am honored to be her husband."

Mann was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Defense Artillery upon graduation from Millersville University in 1981. His first assignment was with the 1st Battalion, 62nd Air Defense Artillery, 25th Infantry Division, in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Mann has served at Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Stewart, Ga.; Fort Lee, Va.; Fort Monroe, Va.; Fort Carson, Colo.; Washington, DC; Fort Campbell, Ky.; White Sands Missile Range, N.M.; and Fort Knox, Ky.

Mann's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (three oak leaf clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal (oak leaf cluster), Army Achievement Medal (oak leaf cluster), Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Recruiter Badge, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge and Army Staff Identification Badge.

He was deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom twice, as well as Operation Sea Signal, among other deployments. ■





Adopt A Highway: *Keeping America beautiful*

By Treva Slaughter
Garrison Protocol

In 1980, James “Bobby” Evans, an engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation, noticed trash fly out of the back of a pickup truck. Knowing that litter clean up by city workers was costly, Evans began seeking help from local groups to sponsor cleaning of sections of highway. In 1985 the Tyler Civitan Club of Tyler Texas became the first group to adopt a section of US Route 69.

Businesses, organizations and even families can apply to adopt a section of roadway. The volunteers who donate their time and efforts to ensure America’s roadways stay relatively debris free provide each community with tangible and intangible benefits. Their efforts free the State Department of Transportation to focus resources on actual repair and maintenance of roadway rather than trash

cleanup. As a way of recognizing the efforts of volunteers, the State Department of Transportation erects a sign at each end of the adopted section with the name of the business, organization or family.

Alaska joined the growing list of states who participate in the Adopt A Highway program in 1991. Since the state began participating in the program over 664 groups have joined and volunteers have cleaned over 1,535 miles of Alaska Highways. Recently, Fort Greely adopted a one-mile section of the Richardson Highway south of the front gate. I had the opportunity to speak with Jarida Ellis, Garrison Plans and Operations Specialist, who was the tip of the spear for Fort Greely’s efforts to join the Adopt A Highway program and ask her a few questions about the application process

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Just south of Fort Greely a new Adopt A Highway sign sits at Mile Post 260/261 on the Richardson Highway. Fort Greely proudly joins in on the effort to help keep Alaska and America beautiful. Photo by Treva Slaughter.

and how Fort Greely became involved. Ellis went to the Alaska State Department of Transportation website in order to find out what was needed to adopt a section of highway; a couple of weeks after filling out and submitting the one page required in the application process Fort Greely became the proud sponsor of one mile of Richardson Highway. The process is THAT simple!

Volunteering to adopt a portion of highway is an excellent way to be involved in the greater Alaska community. The relatively small amount of time volunteers spend each year helps keep Alaska beautiful and preserve the ambiance of being in “The Friendly Frontier.” Thank you to all our volunteers for helping keep Alaska beautiful! ■

Wounded Warrior hunt success

By Rick Barth

Directorate of Public Works

Fort Greely had their first successful bow hunter harvest a bull moose in the fall of 2013. Currently only hunters who have state draw permit for DM795 were eligible to hunt here on post. Since BRAC Fort Greely discontinued any hunting programs on post. With the exception of a reduction of airfield moose back in 2009 which was not a true hunt. In 2012 we made the installation available to DM795 hunters. Last year we had no hunters participate. Here on post hunters are limited to archery or crossbow only IAW state regulations.

DM795 hunts are for disable vets who are currently 50 percent disable or greater. I have submitted a change to the state regulation that hopefully will go into effect in 2015 that will only allow 100 percent disabled vets who are purple heart recipients to hunt. I also requested a harvest change allowing them to take any moose except those tending a calf. This change has been well supported by all our state and federal officials including the Governor office.

Our goal is to get wounded warrior hunters who have been injured in combat an opportunity to have a successful moose hunt here in the future. We are fortunate here on Fort Greely to have so many moose and the ability to provide them to our heroes who may have all but given up on the idea of being able to get out into the field ever again.

Our lucky hunter is Shane Rhoton a disable army vet from Fairbanks pictured below. ■



Directorates of Logistics now Logistics Readiness Centers

By General Dennis L. Via

Commanding General, U.S. Army Materiel Command

As part of the ongoing reshaping of Directorates of Logistics Army-wide, the Army Materiel Command (AMC) has rebranded DOLs "Logistics Readiness Centers."

The fundamental mission of the LRC is to support the Soldier at home station by providing installation and Army logistics readiness.

This transition to LRCs better aligns to Department of the Army naming conventions; more accurately reflects their mission under AMC; and provides a conceptual framework to reshape LRCs as AMC's "Face to the Field." It is much more than just a name change; but rather a concept that will eventually set the conditions to integrate all of AMC's capabilities at the installation level under one umbrella.

LRCs serve as AMC's focal point for installation services at home station, with 73 LRCs located across the Army in the United States, Europe, and East Asia. The LRCs integrate and synchronize AMC capabilities in support of senior commanders and installation tenants, providing a single hub on the installation for customer access to the Army sustainment base. The Army Sustainment Command, as AMC's operational arm, has the responsibility for the management of the LRCs.

LRCs manage installation supply, maintenance, and transportation, to include food service, ammunition supply, clothing issue facility/clothing initial issue point, hazardous material, bulk fuel, personal property/household goods, passenger travel, non-tactical vehicles, rail, and garrison equipment.

The transfer of DOLs from Installation Management Command to AMC in October, 2012 provided a number of benefits for the Army. The transfer reduced redundancy, standardized processes throughout all of the DOLs, improved contract management, and enhanced quality and visibility of services.

The link to the national sustainment base is critical to the future success of the LRCs. Soldiers and Commanders now have behind

them the full power of a global logistics command, able to access not only needed Soldier services, supply, and maintenance support, but also permitting technical reach-back to the entire AMC enterprise. Under AMC, in addition to being connected to the sustainment base, LRCs are also connected to each other. This provides them the flexibility to support surge requirements and more effectively utilize AMC maintenance assets.

Before the transfer of the DOLs, each installation managed its own contracts through the Mission and Installation Contracting Command. ASC developed a contracting strategy called the Enhanced Army Global Logistics Enterprise, or EAGLE, to address inconsistencies in requirements and level of services. This program addresses maintenance, supply operations, and transportation services in more than 40 locations in the continental United States, as well as Alaska and Hawaii, using basic ordering agreements for task order competitions. This allows standardization of performance work statements and greater competition among the basic ordering agreement holders, with the goal of reducing cost and increasing small business participation. It also reduces administrative contracting costs by using one contracting strategy for multiple contracts in many locations.

As we implement this transition, our goal is to remain flexible and responsive to senior installation commander requirements, and to provide services to today's Soldiers at reduced cost, while planning for future changes in Army strategy and advances in Army equipment, with a primary enduring mission of sustaining a CONUS-based expeditionary Army prepared to meet future contingencies. ■



New man at the helm

By CPT Michael Odgers
49th Missile Defense Battalion

Fort Greely, Alaska – The 49th Missile Defense Battalion has a new Commander at its helm, LTC Michael Hatfield. Hatfield assumed command during a Change-of-Command ceremony at Fort Greely, Alaska Sept. 11th.

Hatfield is no stranger to Fort Greely. He served with the 49th Missile Defense Battalion from 2006-2009 as a Crew Director and Battalion Executive Officer, before returning to the 100th Missile Defense Brigade in 2010, where he served as a Missile Defense Element Crew Director.

LTC Hatfield, a former combat medic, graduated from Ohio University in 1996 and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant and branched Air Defense Artillery. He served in a variety of ADA positions within the Ohio Army National Guard before taking an Active Duty Guard Position with the 100th Missile Defense Brigade, Colorado Army National Guard in 2003.

Coming back to Fort Greely was a bit of a home coming for Hatfield. “I feel more at home here than I do in Colorado Springs,” remarked Hatfield. “This feels like 1985 small town Ohio, where I grew up. This is a great place to set up roots.”

Even with his familiarity of Fort Greely and

his family’s fond memories, that did not mean the decision came without consternation. With the thought of severing the roots Hatfield and his family had made in Colorado, the question of whether this was the right time to return had to be answered. Hatfield felt there was unfinished business and that he had a responsibility to return. After several family discussions, right up to the application deadline, the family was ready for potential change and Hatfield submitted his application.

“I believe in mission first people always. I want to develop agile leaders and resilient families dedicated to meeting our operational demands,” commented Hatfield about his leadership philosophy. “I want to develop and mentor leaders of character who are committed and competent. I want us to be good stewards of our resources, all so that we can be a globally responsive and regionally engaged force prepared to defend the United States against a limited ICBM attack.”

If you were to sum up his leadership philosophy in a few words it would be fair, firm and consistent.

“I believe that being firm, fair and consistent stabilizes the force and ensures that all Soldiers understand what is required of them,” Hatfield continued. “That consistency is essential in moving forward.”

The Hatfields have been adjusting well to Fort Greely. There had been a discussion of whether to live off post or on post. Hatfield

had wanted to enjoy the peace and serenity of his own patch of land, but the rest of his family wanted the convenience of on post living. He was out voted 5-1.

They have been thriving well and participating in the community. His oldest daughter, Cassidy (16), is attending the local high school and plays soccer. His youngest daughter, Madison (12), is attending the middle school and is a member of the Radio Flyers club, and his two sons, Ethan (8) and Elijah (6), are having a blast playing soccer, riding their bikes and playing with all the neighbor kids. ■





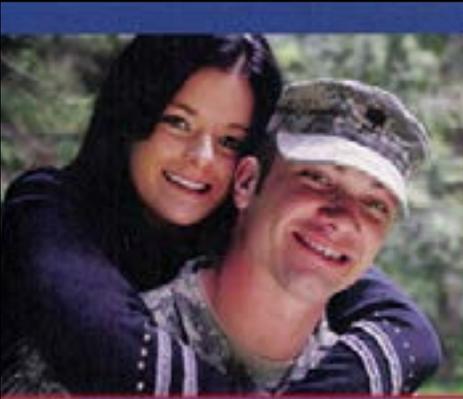
LTC Michael Hatfield, 49th Missile Defense Battalion looks out to his troops as he assumes command on Sept. 11, 2013.



LTC Michael Hatfield, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, COL Edward E. Hildreth III, 100th Missile Defense Brigade and MAJ Scott Monson, 49th Missile Defense Battalion enter a Change of Command ceremony as the Official Party. LTC Michael Hatfield took command of the battalion during a ceremony at the post gym, Fort Greely, Alaska Sept. 11. Pictured far left: LTC Michael Hatfield, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, passes the guidon to CSM John Drew, 49th Missile Defense Battalion during a Change-of-Command ceremony at the Fort Greely Fitness Center, Sept. 11, in which Hatfield took command of the battalion. Pictured right: PFC Grant Endres, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, gives flowers to Stacey Hatfield, the wife of LTC Michael Hatfield, during a change-of-command ceremony. Hatfield took command of the 49th Missile Defense Battalion during a ceremony held at the Fort Greely, Alaska Fitness Center Sept. 11.

All photos courtesy SGT Julio Velez.





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First Hike - "Walk Of Lights"

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Parks statewide will host a first hike program to celebrate the national movement sponsored by America's State Parks to have all 50 states offer first day hikes. DJTA along with Alaska State Parks and Delta Nordic Ski Club are proud to coordinate this event together. Dress warm and ready to walk. The theme of this year's event is to be as brightly lit and festive as you can. Prizes will be awarded to best lit walkers who make the entire round trip! Not feeling festive? Please at least have a headlamp or flashlight. The route will be illuminated with ice candles!

First Hike - "Walk of Lights"

WHEN
Wednesday, Jan. 1st 2014 at 3-5pm

WHERE
Sullivan Roadhouse, Delta Junction, AK, United States

Degree of Difficulty: EASY
 An All Ages Event
 Handicap Accessible
 Sociable Pets Welcome on Leash



Afternoon Lineup

2:45 - Park at Sullivan Roadhouse
 3:00 - Depart Roadhouse as a group
 3:30 - Group starts to arrive at the mid way turn around - State Parks Building
 3:30-4:00 - Warm up & enjoy hot beverages & cookies @ Parks
 4:15 - Depart for return trip to Roadhouse
 4:45-5:00 - Costume Contest & Lighting and Releasing Wish Lanterns!

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Below are a few upcoming events and announcements throughout the Delta-Greely community:

The Delta Library Baby Laptime program meets Tuesday mornings from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.. Babies up to 3 years-old and a parent or caregiver are invited - no registration needed. Join Miss Angie for songs and stories that help develop a love of books and reading.

Preschool Story Hour meets every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to Noon at the Delta Library. Three to 5 year-olds and a parent or caregiver will enjoy a story, craft and healthy snack. Children must be registered for each session so we can prepare materials - call the library at 895-4102.

The Knitting Circle meets on first Mondays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Delta Community Library. Everyone welcome -- come knit, sip tea, swap patterns and trade yarn with like-minded yarn lovers -- yes, we're also crochet friendly!

Junction Readers Book Club meets third Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Delta Community Library. Join us for lively discussions - we read one book per month. No dues or fees, and we order books as needed. Tea, cookies, and good company included. For more information, call the library at 895-4102.

Delta Community Library
2291 Deborah Street, across from City Hall. Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. Closed on Sundays. Wi-Fi is active from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. You can logon to their website at mydeltalibrary.org. Call 895-4102 to renew or reserve materials.

There's a FREE movie every Friday and Saturday starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Aurora Community Activity Center. Call 873-4782 for movie listings.

Need help with your budget or planning out your retirement? Call Angela Murphy, M.S. Personal Financial Management, AFC at 873-4649 today.

Jan. 1-31: National Mentoring Month and National Blood Donor Month.

Jan. 4: Learn to Swim classes begin today at the Fort Greely Fitness Center. Call 873-2696 to check times.

Jan. 4: Infant Preschool Aquatic Program starts today from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Fort Greely Fitness Center. Call 873-2696 for more info.

Jan. 7 & 21: Delta Jct. City Council Meeting, 5 pm at City

Hall. If you are interested in what's going on in the City of Delta Jct., you are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Jan. 8: "Can You Retire at 65?" Financial Readiness Class from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Gabriel Auditorium Conference Room. Call 873-4649 for more information. at the Gabriel Auditorium Conference Room. Call 873-3284 for more information.

Jan. 16: Installation Commander's Round Table Monthly Meeting 3:30 p.m. at the Aurora Community Activity Center. All FGA members are welcome to attend. Come enjoy free-flowing conversation with the commander. Call 873-5023 for more information.

** Note: All dates/times and events are subject to change. This list is not all inclusive; to list everything is neither possible nor practical.*

A few January safety tips from your Fort Greely Garrison Safety Office:

Snow, snow drifts and ice mixed with extreme cold can make driving treacherous. Help make winter car travel safer with these

safety tips.

Keep emergency gear in your vehicle for long trips and every day trips. Carry items like cell phones, flashlights, jumper cables, sand or kitty litter (in case your vehicle gets stuck) ice scraper, blankets or sleeping bags and water and snacks for everyone in the vehicle. Let someone know what route you're taking and when you plan to arrive so they can alert authorities if you don't get there.

If your car stalls or gets stuck in snow, light two flares and place one at each end of the car, a safe distance away. Make sure snow has not blocked the exhaust pipe. Then stay in your vehicle and open a window slightly to let in fresh air. Wrap yourself in blankets and run your vehicle's heater for a few minutes every hour to keep warm.

Vehicle-moose collisions pose the greatest danger to both people and moose; Alaska has the highest rate of moose-vehicle collisions in the world. The most important safety precautions are to slow down while driving and to always give moose plenty of space.





Sexual Harassment Assault Response Program (SHARP):

SHARP Provides awareness and prevention, training and education, victim advocacy, response, reporting and follow-up for sexual harassment/assault issues. Army policy promotes sensitive care, advocacy, treatment, reporting options for victims of sexual harassment/assault and accountability for those who commit these crimes.¹ For the purpose of this policy,

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On the cover: A crisp and starry night dances over Donnelly Creek. Photo courtesy of Sebastian Saarloos. If you'd like a chance to have your Alaskan photo on the cover of the Interceptor and displayed in Garrison Headquarters Building 501 for a year submit your photo to the Installation Public Affairs Office (deborah.a.coble2.civ@mail.mil) prior to the 15th of every month.

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