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# National Military Appreciation Month

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National Military Appreciation Month was created to encourage the nation to publicly demonstrate their appreciation for the sacrifices and successes made by Service members -- past and present. The declaration summoned U.S. citizens to observe the month of May "in a symbol of unity, to honor the current and former members of the Armed Forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom and peace."

In 1999, Senator John McCain introduced legislation to make Military Appreciation Month an official designated date, both the Senate and House of Representatives

adopted resolutions calling for Americans to recognize and honor U.S. Service Members.

In April of 2004, more comprehensive legislation was passed by unanimous consent of both Houses of Congress as H. Con. Res. 328 solidified May as National Military Appreciation Month.

It also reminds the President of the United States to issue annual proclamations calling Americans to recognize this special month through appropriate ceremonies and events.





## Loyalty Day

**Wed, May 1, 2019**

Loyalty Day is observed annually on May 1st. in the United States National Loyalty Day was first observed in 1921 as a holiday for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States of America, and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom.

Loyalty Day was made an official reoccurring holiday on July 18th, 1958, although it was first recognized on May 1st, 1955.

Loyalty Day has been honored with an official proclamation every year, by every president, since its inception as a legal holiday in 1958.

## Public Service Recognition Week

**Sun, May 5th, - Sat, May 11th**

Since 1985, Public Service Recognition Week has been celebrated the first week of May, beginning on the first Sunday of the month.

Public Service Recognition Week recognizes the contributions made by public servants, including the military, at local, state, regional and federal levels.

## Victory in Europe Day - V-E Day

**Wed, May 8**

V-E Day, or Victory in Europe Day is observed on May 8th all over the world to celebrate the acceptance of surrender from Nazi Germany on May 7th, 1945. In 1945, it was celebrated as a public holiday in the United States. V-E Day currently hasn't been observed as a public holiday since 1945 in the U.S. but many countries around the world still observe V-E Day as a holiday.

## Military Spouse Appreciation Day

**Fri, May 10**

National Military Spouse Appreciation Day is celebrated on the Friday before Mother's Day in May.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan recognized the profound importance of spousal commitment to the readiness and well-being of military members with Proclamation 5184.

Congress officially made Military Spouse Appreciation Day part of National Military Appreciation Month in 1999. Subsequently, the Department of Defense standardized the date by declaring the Friday before Mother's Day every year as "Military Spouse Appreciation Day" to show appreciation for the sacrifices of military spouses.

## Armed Forces Day

**Sat, May 18**

The United States, Armed Forces Day is always celebrated on the third Saturday in May to honor Americans serving in the five U.S. military branches – the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard.

The inception of this Armed Forces Day dates back to August 31, 1949, following the consolidation of the military services in the United States Department of Defense. It was intended to replace the separate Army-, Navy-, Air Force-, Marine Corps- and Coast Guard Days but, today, the separate holidays are still observed independently.

The holiday was first observed on May 20, 1950. The theme for that day was "Teamed for Defense" which expressed the unification of all military forces.

Armed Force Day focuses on expanding public knowledge and understanding of the role of the military within civilian life and as a day of honor for all military members.

## Memorial Day

**Mon, May 27**

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday, commemorating those who have died in military service to their country. It is observed annually on the last Monday of May.

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day - an occasion to decorate the graves of the war dead - and was created in the aftermath of the American Civil War.

Memorial Day, and the long weekend that it creates, is generally seen to mark the beginning of the summer season (Labor Day marks the end).

### Decoration Day

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month.

"The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country

during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed.

The preferred name for the holiday gradually changed from "Decoration Day" to "Memorial Day," which was first used in 1882. Memorial Day did not become the more common name until after World War II, and was not declared the official name by Federal law until 1967.





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# Military Spouse Appreciation Day

**A day to honor military spouses with appropriate ceremonies and activities, Friday, May 10th, 2019.**

**Military Spouse Appreciation Day recognizes the important role our military families play in keeping our Armed Forces strong and our country safe.**

## History

The first Military Spouse Appreciation Day was observed on May 23, 1984. It was established as a one-off observance through a proclamation by President Ronald Reagan.

The day was later made into an annual observance by Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger. In 1999, the U.S. Congress declared May as National Military Month to acknowledge the service of the men and women in the military.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day, which is also sometimes known as Military Spouse Day, aims to bring national attention to the role that military spouses play in maintaining the morale of the military and in supporting their significant others while they serve the country.

A 2013 Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense report estimates that men make up just over 7 percent of the Active Duty spouse population and the number of male spouses rising each year.

Officer's spouses were often discouraged from working back in the mid-to-late 80's. They were expected to lead and support fellow military spouses in their husband's unit or squadron. If they did work, they filled mainly school teacher or administrative roles. Spouses were discouraged from pursuing professional careers on their own.

Today military spouses work in many different professions and are often encouraged by their Active Duty spouses to climb the career ladder.

A growing number of spouses have become entrepreneurs and start businesses that can be relocated when they are moved to a new location.

## Military Spouses in the Labor Market

Council of Economic Advisers

Press release: May 9, 2018

American military spouses, who number approximately 690,000, are a diverse population. Like their active duty husbands and wives, they come from varying racial and ethnic backgrounds, and bring a diversity of skills to the labor market. But military spouses face a particular challenge: they often find their labor market activities, including choices over whether to work, how many hours, and in what occupation, to be subject to the geographic and temporal constraints imposed by their active duty spouse.



Spouses of service men and women stationed abroad are particularly disadvantaged, as foreign hosts often do not grant spousal work visas.

But even stateside assignments can bring difficulties. Military families typically move every two to three years, requiring frequent labor market adjustments for those who do not have remote work arrangements. In anticipation of frequent moves, employers may be reluctant to hire military spouses or they may offer these workers a lower wage in an attempt to recover turnover costs. Moreover, short cycles in each location may make it more difficult for military spouses to recoup the costs of occupational licensing and other fixed costs of labor force participation. Indeed, military spouses may be the quintessential "trailing spouse," their situation made even more challenging because their families encounter location assignments, rather than location choices, and the result may not be conducive to employment. Indeed, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce (2017) reports that many military bases are located more than 50 miles from an urban center.

**Read the full report:**

**[www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Military-Spouses-in-the-Labor-Market.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Military-Spouses-in-the-Labor-Market.pdf)**





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### About MSEP

While military spouses are well educated and highly qualified for a range of careers, they face a 26 percent unemployment rate and a 25 percent wage gap compared to their civilian counterparts. 77% of these spouses want or need work, yet frequent relocation is often a barrier to finding and maintaining a rewarding career.

The inability of spouses to obtain and retain fulfilling employment as they relocate with the military compromises the quality of life of military families and the readiness of the military force.

The Presidential Study Directive-9 Report, Strengthening Our Military Families: Meeting America's Commitment, published January 25, 2011, highlights the need for a unified Federal government approach to help develop career and education opportunities for military spouses.

Among the target activities to accomplish this goal is increasing opportunities for military spouses to obtain private sector careers.

As a result, the Department of Defense (DoD) leveraged the successful partnerships created under the Army Spouse Employment Partnership by expanding the program to Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force spouses.

**The expanded program -- the Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP) -- officially launched in June 2011 during a ceremony at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.**

MSEP is part of DoD's broader Spouse Education and Career Opportunities (SECO) initiative, which seeks to strengthen the education and career opportunities of military spouses by providing career exploration opportunities to help them understand their skills, interests, and goals; education and training to help them identify academic, licensing, or credentialing requirements that can help them reach their career goals; employment readiness assistance to optimize their self-marketing skills; and employment connections that help them find and maintain a rewarding career. MSEP, a targeted recruitment and employment solution, creates employment connections that provide companies with direct access to military spouses seeking career opportunities and spouses with direct access to employers who are actively recruiting. MSEP currently has more than 390 partners, who have hired over 130,000 military spouses.

### About MSEP "ed"

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<https://msepjobs.militaryonesource.mil/msep/home>

## VA joins Military Spouse Employment Partnership

Press release, Friday, October 26, 2018

On October 26, 2018 the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA) announced it is advancing employment opportunities for military spouses through by joining the Department of Defense (DoD) Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP).

MSEP is a career program connecting military spouses with more than 390 affiliated employers who have committed to recruit, hire, promote and retain military spouses in portable careers.

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The MSEP is part of the DOD's broader Spouse Education and Career Opportunities (SECO) program, which seeks to reduce the 23 percent unemployment rate experienced by military spouses and 25 percent wage gap experienced by military wives. SECO provides education and career guidance to military spouses worldwide and offers free, comprehensive resources and tools related to career exploration; education; training and licensing; employment readiness; and career connections. SECO also offers free career-coaching services six days a week.

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<https://msejobs.militaryonesource.mil/msep/home>



## National Military Family Association

NMFA is the voice of military families because, for 48 years, we have proven that we stand behind service members, their spouses, and their children. Our Association is the "go to" source for Administration Officials, Members of Congress, and key decision makers when they want to understand the issues facing our families. They know we have "boots on the ground" with military families and understand better than anyone that "military families serve, too." Through the support and programs we provide, and our respected voice on Capitol Hill, at the Pentagon and Veterans Administration, our Association always looks out for the families who stand behind the uniform and for those who serve.

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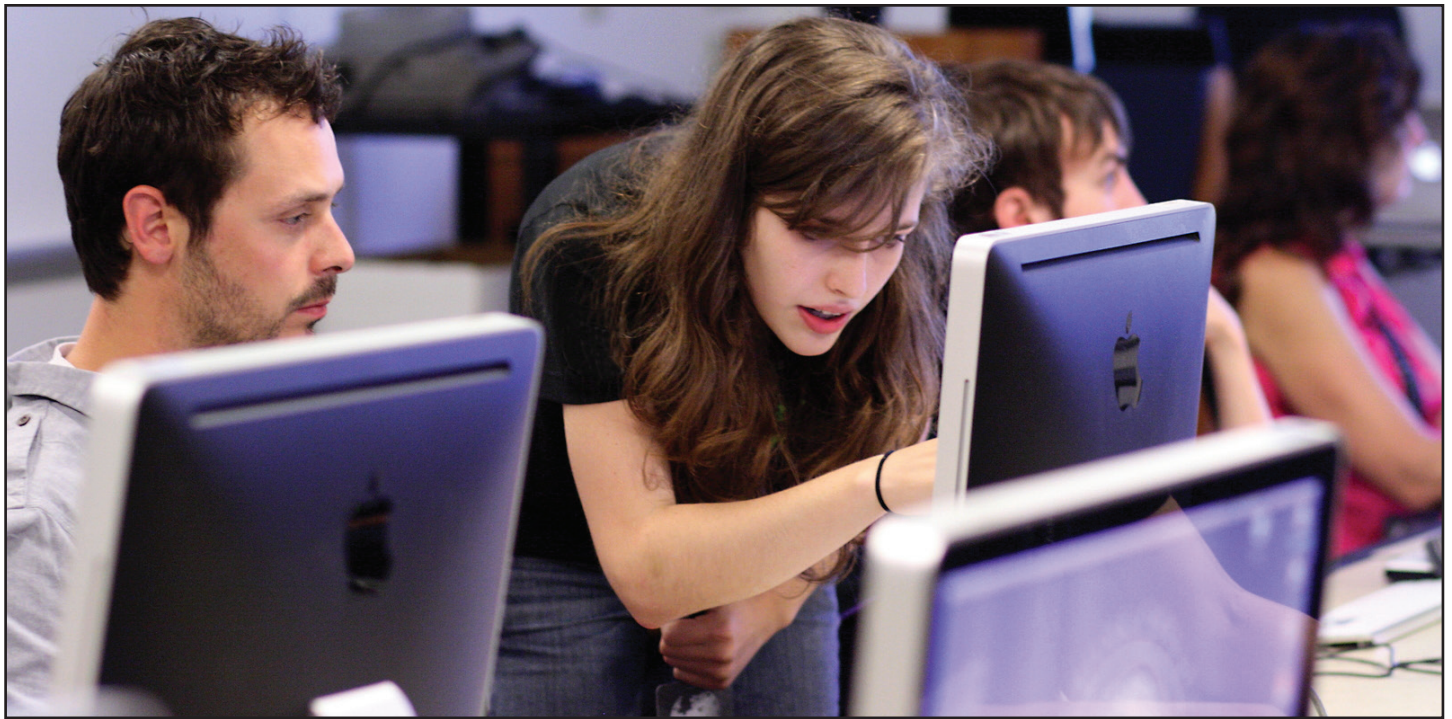
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The 2020 application will open October 1, 2019.  
<https://scholarships.militaryfamily.org/offers/nmfa-spouse-scholarship/>

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[www.militaryonesource.mil/education-employment](http://www.militaryonesource.mil/education-employment)

### Fisher House Foundation Scholarship Finder

Scholarships for Service is a free public resource for students of families with a military service background to search and access thousands of scholarship options. Every scholarship listed here is specifically tailored for active, guard and reserve military, Veterans, retired personnel or their families.

<http://search.militaryscholar.org/>

**Military spouses are skilled, diverse, and motivated, with sound work values and a strong work ethic.**

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### Licensing & Credentialing

Many states have laws to make it easier for military spouses relocating from out of state to carry their occupational licenses to a new state. Use the map and license finder tool below to find out where to apply for an occupational license in a new state. You can search by occupation, job title, license name, or state agency.

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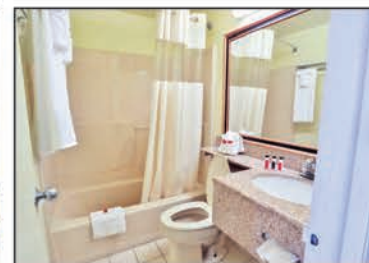
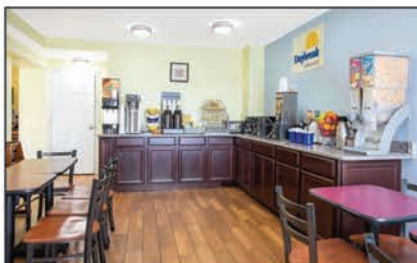
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## **Commander, Actor, Athlete Shares Life Lessons With 20th CBRNE Command Soldiers**

By Suzan Holl

20th CBRNE Command Public Affairs, February 2, 2018

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ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. -- Like a lot of American boys, retired Army Col. Gregory D. Gadson had dreams and goals of becoming a Super Bowl champion. By the time he was a senior in high school it looked like he was well on his way of making those dreams a reality.

Gadson was an all-state football player in Virginia, captain of his all-star team. He thought he was heading to the University of Virginia on a full scholarship, but the school had a change of heart.

"I gave up on my dreams of becoming a professional football player and ended up going to West Point because that was the only other place I had to go," Gadson said at the 20th Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives (CBRNE) Command's town hall meeting Jan. 26 at Edgewood Arsenal on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

But football wasn't out of the picture entirely. He played defensive tackle for the Golden Knights for all four years at

West Point finishing his collegiate career on top with Army winning the Commander in Chief's Trophy his senior year.

Gadson graduated in 1989 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the field artillery. He served in several major conflicts including Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Operation Joint Forge, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On May 7, 2007 he was in Iraq serving as commander of the 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery, when his whole life changed.

"I was returning from a memorial service for two fellow service members," said Gadson. "I'll never forget that day because the lives of those two men stuck with me. I had to wonder if it was worth it – whether their sacrifice and that god-awful time in Iraq was worth it," and that's when the vehicle he was riding in hit an improvised explosive device.



"I vaguely remember hitting the ground and coming to a stop on my back," said Gadson, "I couldn't move but I knew something was wrong." He said the last thing he recalls is telling God he didn't want to die in Iraq and then he lost consciousness.

Sgt. 1st Class Fredrick Johnson, whose vehicle was behind Gadson's, performed CPR and another soldier, 19-year-old Pvt. Eric Brown, tied tourniquets on to Gadson's severely injured legs. It was Brown's quick actions that saved his commander's life.

"Brown was one of your own," he told the 20th CBRNE Command soldiers, "And the doctor's told me that it was his actions that saved my life."

Gadson's medic didn't deploy with the battalion because of a broken ankle. When Gadson asked for a replacement the Army told him they didn't have one available. Instead they sent Brown to a two-week emergency medical technician course at Kansas State University. Brown finished the course just days before deploying to Iraq.

A week after Gadson arrived at Walter Reed Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. on May 11, he was told that the blood vessels in his left leg were so badly damaged they could no longer sustain blood flow and in order to save his life, the leg would need to be amputated. Ultimately, Gadson's right leg also was amputated, and he lost the use of his right hand and arm.

"So, I was down to one functioning limb. That was the straw that broke the camel's back. I went from a strapping 210-pound lieutenant colonel to 148 pounds with one functioning limb," said Gadson. "I quit. Nobody could blame me if I quit, right?"

Or at least he tried. "But I couldn't quit because that wasn't me. As much as I tried, as much as the world would have given me a pass, I was still a husband, a father, a soldier, and I wasn't a quitter. That wasn't me, that wasn't my character, that wasn't the person I had become."

As a former athlete, quitting was not in his character. "As an athlete, I learned to grasp the concept of living up to be the best I can be."

The one thing that football taught him about life was about living in the present and up to your own personal best. Gadson's philosophy is this, "When you put effort into being your best every day, you start to build character - it becomes who you are and you know of no other way."

Gadson said that his faith in God also played a big part in accepting his circumstance.

"I mourned, I asked those questions but ultimately I moved on very quickly. Accepting that there will be things in my life that I will never have an answer for and I will never be able to explain allowed me to move forward," he said.

"True acceptance clears the lane - you're not encumbered by the invisible chains you drag around asking 'Why me?' For me, the question 'why' looks backwards, the question of 'what' moves us forward. Our lives are in front of us, not behind us."

As fate would have it, another one of his West Point classmates, New York Giants Coach Mike Sullivan, gave Gadson a call on a Monday and asked if he'd like to go to their upcoming game with the Washington Redskins. Gadson accepted. Then Sullivan called him Tuesday and asked Gadson if he would speak to the team - and he obliged.

"I talked to the team and shared with them about effort and staying in the moment and doing the best you can every day because tomorrow is not promised."

That Sunday the halftime score was 14-3 Redskins. "Heck of talk I gave 'em, huh?" joked Gadson. But the Giants rallied and won the game 24-17 and went on to win 11 consecutive road games that culminated in Super Bowl 42 when they beat the 18 and 0 New England Patriots.

When asked by one of the soldier's in the audience if he had any Super Bowl rings and if the Giant's gave him credit for their 11 game winning streak he said, "They did! And I have two Super Bowl rings." To this day, he maintains his mentoring relationship with the Giants.

Gadson continued to move forward with life and his active duty career. In 2010 he received the NCAA Award of Inspiration as he headed up the Army's Wounded Warrior program. In 2012, film director Peter Berg gave Gadson a starring role portraying a wounded veteran in the movie "Battleship". That same year he became the U.S. Army Garrison Commander at Fort Belvoir, Va. - the Army's first double amputee commander. Gadson retired from active duty in 2014 with over 25 years of service to his country.

"It's an honor to wear the uniform so live up to it," Gadson said at the conclusion of the 20th's town hall, "Make the most of it. There's no greater satisfaction then knowing you did your best."

"It's funny how life takes you. You can have a dream or a goal and sometimes you get disappointed if it doesn't follow your path. But if you keep believing in things you never know what will happen. I'm a Super Bowl champion." 🌟



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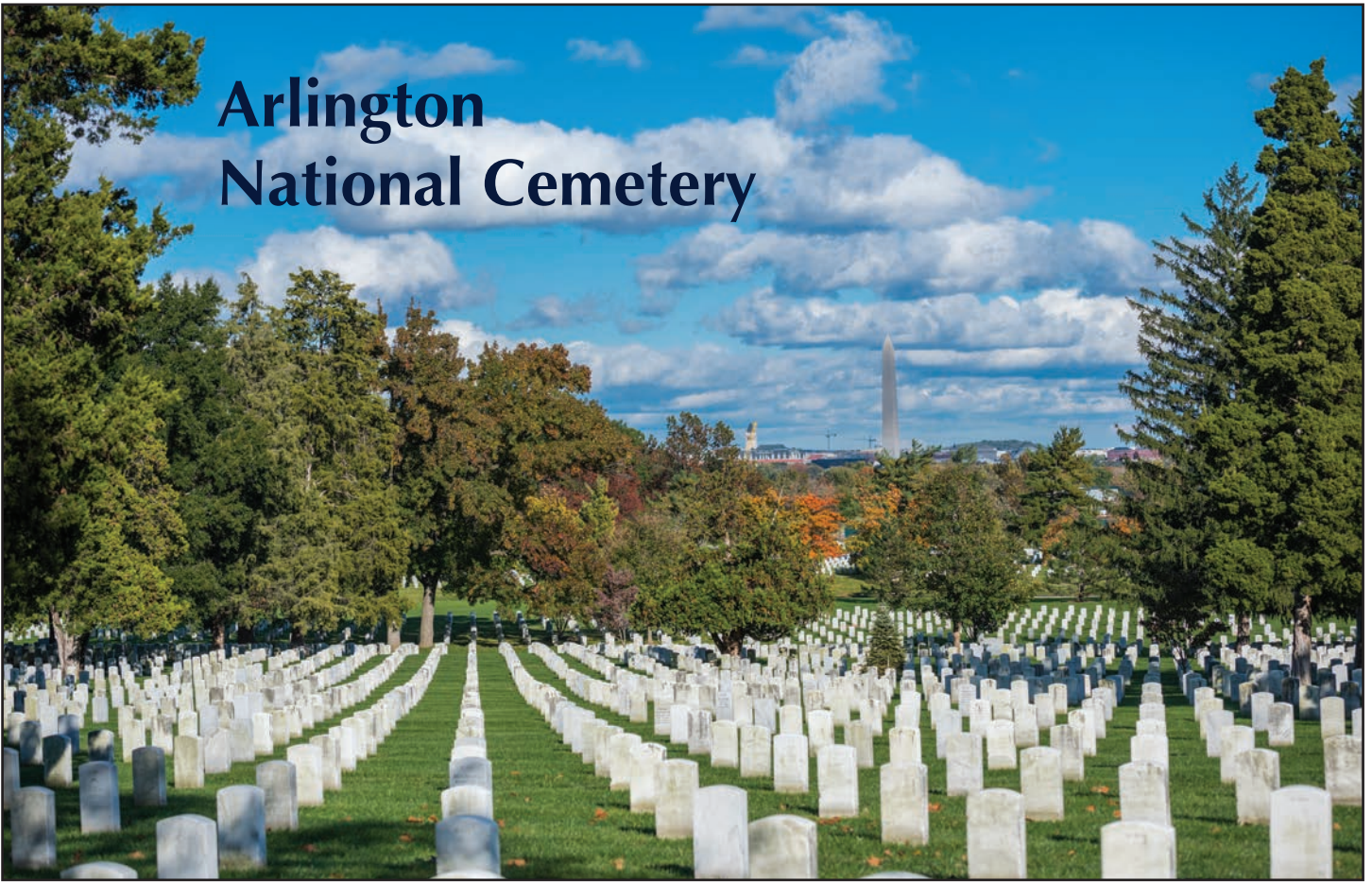


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# Arlington National Cemetery



Section 12 of Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, Oct. 29, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Elizabeth Fraser / Arlington National Cemetery / released)

## Memorial Day History

### ***The Grand Army of the Republic Established Decoration Day***

#### **Memorial Day History**

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies.

After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.

Local observances claim the event was the first springtime tributes to the Civil War dead. Even though other observances already had been held in various places.

One of the first occurred in Columbus, Miss., April 25, 1866, when a group of women visited a cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who had fallen in battle at Shiloh. Nearby were the graves of Union soldiers, neglected because they were the enemy. Disturbed at the sight of the bare graves, the women placed some of their flowers on those graves, as well.

Today, cities in the North and the South claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1866. Both Macon and Columbus, Ga., claim the title, as well as Richmond, Va.

The village of Boalsburg, Pa., claims it began there two years earlier. A stone in a Carbondale, Ill., cemetery carries the statement that the first Decoration Day ceremony took place there on April 29, 1866. Carbondale was the wartime home of Gen. Logan. Approximately 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, many of them in the South where most of the war dead were buried.

#### **Official Birthplace Declared**

Official Birthplace Declared In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., the "birthplace" of Memorial Day. There, a ceremony on May 5, 1866, honored local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed and residents flew flags at half-staff. Supporters of Waterloo's claim say earlier observances in other places were either informal, not community-wide or one-time events.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State

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View of Arlington National Cemetery, WIMSA and Arlington House.  
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legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities.

It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May, as were some other federal holidays.

Some States Have Confederate Observances Many Southern states also have their own days for honoring the Confederate dead. Mississippi celebrates Confederate Memorial Day on the last Monday of April, Alabama on the fourth Monday of April, and Georgia on April 26. North and South Carolina observe it on May 10, Louisiana on June 3 and Tennessee calls that date Confederate Decoration Day. Texas celebrates Confederate Heroes Day January 19 and Virginia calls the last Monday in May Confederate Memorial Day.

Gen. Logan's order for his posts to decorate graves in 1868 "with the choicest flowers of springtime" urged: "We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. ... Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic."

### **American Flags**

The crowd attending the first Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery was approximately the same size as those that attend today's observance, about 5,000 people. Then, as now, small American flags were placed on each grave — a tradition followed at many national cemeteries today. In recent years, the custom has grown in many families to decorate the graves of all departed loved ones.

The origins of special services to honor those who die in war can be found in antiquity. The Athenian leader Pericles offered a tribute to the fallen heroes of the Peloponnesian War over 24 centuries ago that could be applied today to the 1.1 million Americans who have died in the nation's wars: "Not





only are they commemorated by columns and inscriptions, but there dwells also an unwritten memorial of them, graven not on stone but in the hearts of men."

To ensure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law "The National Moment of Remembrance Act," P.L. 106-579, creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. The commission's charter is to "encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity" by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance.



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**The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation.**

As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada states: "It's a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day." 🇺🇸

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## Arlington National Cemetery to Expand



By Claudette Roulo, March 13, 2019

Work is expected to begin next year on a long-planned expansion of Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, the cemetery's executive director told Congress.

The cemetery now occupies about 625 acres of land near the nation's capital and is the final resting place of more than 400,000 service members and their family members.

But, after more than 150 years of service, the cemetery is running out of room.

"The expansion will add 37 acres of burial space and extend the cemetery's active life," Karen Durham-Aguilera said during a hearing of the House Appropriations Committee's subcommittee on military construction, veterans affairs and related agencies.

Arlington National Cemetery lies on the former Arlington Estate — land that once belonged to George Washington Parke Custis, grandson of Martha Washington and stepgrandson of George Washington.

By the start of the Civil War, the property had passed into the family of Robert E. Lee through marriage. In May 1861, Union troops occupied the estate after the Lee family fled south.

The property served as a Union Army camp and headquarters throughout the war, and starting in 1863, as the site of Freedman's Village, a home for freed slaves that provided housing, education, training and medical care to help former slaves transition to freedom.

The first military burial at Arlington, for William Henry Christman, was made on May 13, 1864. By war's end, more than 16,000 soldiers had been buried there.

Today, the cemetery holds funeral services Monday through Saturday (except federal holidays), conducting between 27 and 30 services each week day and between six and eight services each Saturday. Information on burial eligibility and military honors is available on the cemetery's website.

<https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/#/>



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# At The Beginning Of World War II, The Only Military Working Dogs In The Whole U.S. Military Were In Alaska.

A team of military working dogs rests outside a Douglas C-47 Skytrain circa 1945 at Ladd Field, Fairbanks, Alaska. DoD Photo: Fort Wainwright Archives

By Jack Waid, 354th Fighter Wing Historian

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## Military Working Dogs

A monument was dedicated to military working dog teams, specifically recognizing the sacrifices of dogs in combat, a tribute to the military working dog and their handlers in 2013 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

The military dog conjures up images of the Doberman on the sands of Iwo Jima or the Belgian Malinois as seen on many military installations today. It most certainly brings to mind the many images of the military working dog teams currently engaged in missions in the Middle East.

The importance of the monument at Lackland cannot be understated. It is a memorable reminder; a picture speaking a multitude of words. Its description of military working dog teams is relevant today, even here in Alaska.

In the not-so-distant past, Alaska boasted the only military working dogs in the whole of the U.S. military. In his book "War Dogs," author Michael Lemish shares that at the beginning of World War II, there were only about 50 military working dogs and they were all sled dogs in Alaska.

The use of dogs in Alaska is not a new concept. Author David Anderson said, "In interior Alaska, the history of dog team use ... can be traced to the contact period 150 years ago and before." He goes on to say dogs were used for a multitude of activities, including military applications such as exploration, accomplished primarily by the Army.

As a lieutenant in the Army, the late Maj. Gen. Joseph Castner explored the interior of Alaska. During his 1898-1899 exploration missions, he used dog teams and sleds as he

explored from the Cook Inlet region to the areas around North Pole and Fairbanks prior to heading up the Yukon River to Ft. Yukon.

During the time of the Alaskan Gold Rush of the 1890s, Army Signal Corps officer, then Lt. William Mitchell arrived in Alaska. Between 1901 and 1905, he was directed to connect Alaska by telegraph, of which previous work had been hampered by the Alaskan interior winters.

Mitchell believed he could work year round while erecting the Washington-Alaska Military Cable and Telegraph System and the big proponent of his success would come by using dogs. Thus, he sought out local dog experts who taught him the fine art of mushing.

He used his new found skills and knowledge acquired to purchase 80 dogs along with harnesses and sleds for the government. With these dogs and equipment, hundreds of miles were traversed to complete the WAMCATS within two years, well ahead of Mitchell's five year schedule.

As time passed, the renown of the variety of Alaskan sled and pack dogs became well-known throughout the world, and their importance would become cemented in the history of the military.

During World War I, the French government asked Alaska's Darling Kennels and Alaskan Scotty Allan, All Alaska Sweepstakes winner of the 1909, 1911 and 1912 races, to provide and train Alaskan sled dogs and sleds for the French war effort.

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One hundred-six dogs were provided from Alaska and eventually found their way to France. While in France, these dogs provided invaluable service; they opened mountainous supply routes and communication between units in the field and headquarters not previously accessible.

Their actions were so important that in his book, "Soldiers and Sled Dogs," Charles L. Dean wrote, "Three Alaskan sled dogs in French service were awarded the Croix de Guerre, France's highest military honors, for actions in combat."

It was not long after the end of World War I that the nation was again drawn into another world war. At the beginning of World War II, the only military working dogs in the whole of the U.S. military were being utilized by Navy and Army forces in Alaska.

After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, there was a real need to increase the number of military personnel in the Alaskan Territory. Gov. Ernest Gruening, Alaska Territorial Governor at the time, asked for military support and a plan was derived to create a territorial guard. Thus the Alaska Territorial Guard was formed by Maj. Marvin "Muktuk" Marston, an Army Air Corps officer.

Marston, along with Gruening, agreed to use the Alaskan native population to form this guard. Being predominately comprised of Alaskan Native Americans spread out from the Aleutians, the interior and coastal areas of Alaska, a form of transportation was needed so Marston could make contact with potential members.



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The ATG members put hundreds of miles behind them as they used dog teams and sleds over tundra, through woods and mountain passes. These teams not only scouted, but also transferred munitions, firearms and other supplies to remote areas. For his efforts, Marston was recognized as an inductee in the Mushing Hall of Fame in Knik, Alaska.

One of the more colorful joint Native and white Alaskan units to come out of World War II was Castner's Cutthroats, officially the 1st Alaska Combat Intelligence Platoon, or Alaska Scouts.

Led by Col. Lawrence Castner, men of this special unit knew how to live off the land, and by the war's end they traveled thousands of miles to gather intelligence. They did so by means of boat and submarine, on foot, and by U.S. Army-owned dog teams and sleds.

Search and rescue teams were also operated throughout Alaska during World War II, often used to locate and retrieve downed pilots.

At Ladd Field, later Ladd Air Force Base, experienced Alaskan dog handlers in the Army were brought in to help train and create policies on dog care and use in the field.

During this time, all dog operations, handling and care were the overall responsibility of the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps.

With regard to policy development, it is believed two privates at Ladd Field were utilized by the Army in particular; Pvts. George Lockwood of Unalakleet, Alaska, and Car Kawagley of Nome, Alaska, who were instrumental in the search and rescue program at Ladd.

It goes without saying that during the entirety of World War II, dogsled racing was severely interrupted. However, it was not long after the war that dogsled racing came back full swing to Alaska.

It was not long after World War II that organizations such as the Alaska Dog Musher's Association and Alaskan Sled Dog and Racing Association were established. At the same time, races such as the North American Championship sled dog derby and the Fur Rondy Open World Championship Sled Dog Race were started.

It was into this world of dogs and racing that enlisted airborne instructor and World War II veteran Joe Redington Sr., Father of the Iditarod, arrived in Alaska in 1948.



Women's Army Corps members at the Ladd Field kennels. Photo courtesy of Fort Wainwright

Shortly after his arrival, Redington was able to secure a government contract and served with the 5039th Maintenance and Supply Group from 1949 to 1957.

He, along with other dog team drivers such as Sgt. Eldon Bush and Tech. Sgt. Bud Nesji, took dog teams out to aircraft crash sites to help recover personnel and aircraft.

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of dogs and sleds may be needed in the future by the USAF Intelligence Corps.

Redington is thought to have had a strong association with the 10th Air Rescue Squadron. The 10th ARS used dog teams as part of search and rescue operations in Alaska and had jump-qualified dogs, which had to have five jumps to wear jump wings, assigned to the unit. The history of the 10th ARS is today maintained by the 210th Rescue Squadron of the Alaska Air National Guard.

In the '60s, the helicopter continued to become more technologically advanced and could reach places where only dogs could go before. The need for military dogs was beginning to fade, but not before the military found other uses for Alaskan war dogs.

Though fading, there was still a need as dogs were being studied at the Aero Medical Laboratory on Ft. Wainwright in an effort to understand the affects cold had on humans. From the lab emerged Master Sgt. Walter Millard.

Similar to Redington, Millard was jump qualified and a World War II veteran. After the war and a short break in service, Millard became a part of the Air Rescue Service and made over 250 jumps throughout his service in the military and many times with sled and dogs on rescue missions.

Millard was the first known Air Force participant in sled dog racing in the Fairbanks area. In March of 1963, he competed with huskies owned by the Aero Medical Laboratory in the preliminary heats for the North American Sled Dog Derby. Later, his Air Force "team" was invited to participate in the 1964 annual 10-mile Jeff Studdart Invitational Race.

In 1966, another big organization-sponsored team took center stage: The U.S. Army Alaska Modern Winter Biathlon Training Center dog team from Fort Richardson. At the team's head, though low in rank, was Pfc. Joe Redington Jr.

Redington Jr. was enlisted specifically by the Army to race dogs in Alaska. "They came to me and told me I was going to be drafted and then offered to enlist me and bring me back to Alaska to race for the Army on a two-year enlistment," he said.

Redington Jr., along with Sgt. 1st Class James VanHoutan, Spc. Five Larry Gibson, and Pfc. Johnny Armstrong raced and trained the dogs Redington Jr. competed with in 1966. That year, Redington Jr. won the coveted Fur Rondy trophy, bringing it back to Alaska after many years of being won by Dr. Roland Lombard from Wayland, Mass.

With things heating up in Vietnam, the military sled dog racing programs in Alaska were effectively disbanded. Redington Jr. was discharged and permitted to purchase a few of his previous military dogs and returned to civilian life, which would be the final curtain for the use of Alaskan military sled dogs in Alaska.

Whether it is pack dogs, sled dogs, sentry dogs, airborne dogs, or search and rescue dogs, the heritage of the Alaskan war dog is still seen today, specifically in the military working dog teams scattered throughout the state of Alaska at multiple military installations, our very own Eielson included. ✪

## Military Working Dog Monument



The Military Working Dog Teams National Monument stands at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, which is also home to the DOD Military Working Dog School and the Holland Military Dog Hospital. (Department of Defense photo by EJ Hersom)

JBASA-Lackland is the home to the Department of Defense Military Working Dog Program and is where the U.S. Armed Forces has been training its military working dog teams since 1958. It is the world's largest training center for military dogs and handlers and is also home to the largest veterinary hospital for military working dogs.

### 341st Training Squadron

The 341st Training Squadron provides training to military working dogs (MWDs) used in patrol, drug and explosive detection, and specialized mission functions for the Department of Defense (DoD) and other government agencies. Personnel conduct operational training of MWD handlers and supervisors and sustain DoD MWD program through logistical support, veterinary care, and research and development for security efforts worldwide.

### Working Dog Veterinary Service

The Department of Defense Military Working Dog Veterinary Service is a subordinate unit of the Army Public Health Center that is responsible for comprehensive veterinary care for all military working dogs at the Dog Center at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, as well as providing referral services to working dogs world-wide. Additionally, the DODMWDVS provides care for Transportation Security Administration (TSA) dogs undergoing training as part of the National Explosives Detection Canine Team Program, also located at Lackland. ✪



The Last Great Race, the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race is an annual 1,049 mile long-distance sled dog race from Anchorage, Alaska to Nome, Alaska. The Iditarod began in 1973 as an event to test the best sled dog mushers and teams but evolved into today's highly competitive race.

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# Military, Civilian K-9 Teams Build Partnerships

By Airman 1st Class Zachary Martyn  
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The exchange of information and practices between military and civilian law enforcement agencies isn't something uniquely human.

Working dog handlers from Trenton and Ewing Township Police Departments brought their furry companions to Joint Base MDL for some hands-on working dog training with 87th Security Forces Squadron Airmen in the aircraft on the flightline. The agencies exchanged their dog training techniques and other tactics between dogs and across organizations.

The first stage of training was to expose the civilian dogs to the C-17 Globemaster III, the U.S. Air Force's premier cargo transporter. The flightline and aircraft were entirely new to the dogs. The K-9s were walked through the aircraft and given some time to familiarize themselves with its layout and the nuances of its design.

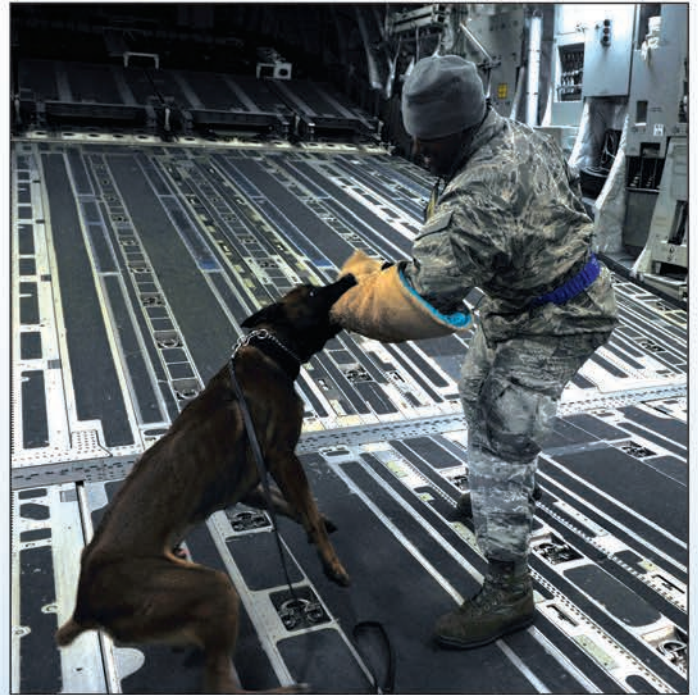
"Our time here exposes the dogs to many different environments - planes, helicopters and lots of different scenarios that are beneficial to the dogs," said Nick Lampson, Ewing Township Police Department police dog trainer. "We never know when we may be called upon to assist the military."

Following the introduction to the aircraft, the dogs were tasked with patrol work. Volunteers suited up in the bite suit and either ran from the police or feigned an attack. The K-9s were evaluated on their ability to neutralize the threat and prevent the pseudo-suspect from escaping in an unfamiliar environment.

"This is a unique opportunity because their dogs have never worked on an aircraft," said Staff Sgt. Nicholas Wiggan, 87th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler.

"We get to share a lot of information while training and the partnership is invaluable."

Afterward, the military and civilian police came together to practice narcotics training with the animals. Dogs trained in narcotics detection were tasked with locating narcotics on the aircraft, so it was important they knew the layout.



The relationship between the 87th SFS and both Trenton and Ewing Township Police Departments started recently. Those involved in the training said they are excited to take on this newfound training benefit and ensure the flow of information, training and tactics between organizations is used to the best of abilities.

"Our goal is to bridge that gap between agencies," said Wiggan. "[We have the opportunity] to really experience what the local agencies do. We train dogs in one manner and they train dogs in a completely different manner. We can both learn from each other."

The partnership between JB MDL law enforcement and police is a mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and practices. Members of both parties agree they have a lot to learn from one another, and look forward to working together again in the future. ✪



Members of the 87th Security Forces Squadron train with law enforcement from both Trenton and Ewing Township at JBMDL.  
Photos by: Airman 1st Class Zachary Martyn

Just 6 percent of the population at large has served in the military, but 19 percent of police officers are veterans, according to an analysis of U.S. Census data performed by Gregory B. Lewis and Rahul Pathak of Georgia State University for The Marshall Project. Mar 30, 2017

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# Civilian Law Enforcement Looks To Transitioning Military To Fill Ranks

By Mr. Ryan Thompson (Fort Leonard Wood)

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The U.S. Army Military Police School hosted Kentucky law enforcement leaders July 18 to 19. The tour, planned by the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs, provided law enforcement from the state a look at military police training.

"The desired end state was to bring our law enforcement to Fort Leonard Wood so that they could get an overview of the training that was going on and take that back and overlay that on their curriculum," said Blaine Hedges, Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs executive director.

Hedges said the idea is to streamline the process so they can get veterans and service members into law enforcement as quickly as possible.

"When we have veterans or service members who are transitioning out of the Army who want to work in law enforcement in the state of Kentucky, we want to accelerate the hiring process and get them into the workforce faster," said Hedges.

The group wanted to see how closely military police training mirrored the type of training police officers get in the civilian world.

"We have these folks coming out of the military with a certain number of training hours, a certain number of years they have served, and we want to see where that fits in to what is required to be a POPS (Police Officer Professional Standards) certified police officer in Kentucky," said Alex Payne, Department of Criminal Justice Training commissioner.

According to Fran Root, Kentucky Law Enforcement Council executive director, there is no reason for MPs to have to complete the full extent of police academy training because of the experience and training they have already gained.

"They are not going to have to go through another 20 weeks of training before they hit the street. They are only



going to have to do about 80 hours of training before the end of their first year. They will be good to hit the streets right away,” Root said.

Hedges also made it a point to showcase service members’ passion to serve by asking current MPs questions. Hedges asked Master Sgt. James Havlin, Basic Military Police Training Division noncommissioned officer in charge, if he would be interested in civilian police work after transitioning from the Army.

“I came into the Army as an MP at age 17, because this was the only place I could get into law enforcement at that age,” Havlin said.

“I love being an MP. I can see myself doing local law enforcement once I leave the military,” Havlin added.

In addition to the training the MPs already have, Hedges said he would like to see more service members become law enforcement officers in the state of Kentucky because of who they are and what they stand for.

“The majority of the time our service members are well disciplined; they understand how to work as a team, know how to show up on time, are drug free, are of character, they come with strong values,” Hedges said. ★

## Transitioning Out

### Military To Civilian Law Enforcement

Servicemembers or veterans making the transition from the military to a new civilian career in law enforcement can feel like a perfect fit. The training and job experience you received during military service can provide valuable skill for civilian law enforcement and security jobs.

A large number of police departments and law enforcement agencies prioritize the hiring of military veterans and undertake initiatives that encourage the recruitment and hiring of candidates with service experience. In some cases extra points are applied on applications.

The process of transitioning from military service to civilian law enforcement is a challenging one that will require you to make considerable adjustments in both your practical training and your mindset. Be prepared to unlearn some of the tactics of aggression and occupation that apply only in military situations. You will learn new tactics specific to policing, including conduct during routine non-criminal encounters, adherence to constitutional rights, and the parameters for use of force—either lethal, less-than-lethal, or non-lethal. The need for security and protection gives military police veterans a number of career choices. Highly specialized skills and training, such as crisis prevention and investigation techniques and firearms handling are invaluable with law enforcement situations in the civilian workplace.

## U.S. Army Military Police School

The USAMPS is located in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and trains over 20,000 students annually in both basic and advanced law enforcement practices and processes. The USAMPS is committed to ensuring military police leaders, soldiers, and Department of the Army civilians receive top-quality, realistic training in an environment that fosters learning. The USAMPS training programs prepare these soldiers, civilians, and leaders to effectively perform their duties in MP and law enforcement units.



Practice the proper use of ballistic shields at the Army Military Police School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Photo by Staff Sgt. Kathleen T. Rhem, USA.

### *Jobs where military experience can be used:*

#### **Police and Detective Jobs**

Military and civilian law enforcement are not the same but are very similar in the training.

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# War Dogs: The Birth of the K-9 Corps

By Dr. Arthur W. Bergeron, Jr., U. S. Army Military History Institute

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Dogs have been associated with the United States Army since its inception, but their role has been primarily that of a mascot or in some other unofficial capacity. Not until World War II did the Army make the connection official.

In January 1942, members of the American Kennel Club and other dog lovers formed a civilian organization called Dogs for Defense. They intended to train dogs to perform sentry duty for the army along the coast of the United States.

Aware of this effort, Lieutenant Colonel Clifford C. Smith, chief of the Plant Protection Branch, Inspection Division, Quartermaster Corps, met with his commander, Major General Edmund B. Gregory, and suggested that the Army use the sentry dogs at supply depots. Gregory gave his approval to an experimental program, and on March 13, 1942, Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson approved Gregory's application and created the K-9 Corps.

Beginning in August 1942, the Quartermaster Corps established dog training centers at Front Royal, VA; Fort Robinson, NE; Cat Island (Gulfport), MS; Camp Rimini (Helena), MT; and San Carlos CA. The K-9 Corps initially accepted for training thirty-two breeds of dogs.

By 1944, however, that list had been reduced to seven: German Shepherds, Doberman Pinschers, Belgian Sheep Dogs, Siberian huskies, farm collies, Eskimo dogs, and Malamutes. Approximately 18,000 dogs reached training centers after examinations by Dogs for Defense. Almost 8,000 of those animals failed exams given at the centers.

Reasons for dismissal included excitability when exposed to noise or gunfire, disease, poor sense of smell, and unsuitable temperament.

The Quartermaster Corps trained dog handlers as well as the dogs themselves. Technical Manual 10-396 (1 July 1943) outlined the doctrine to be followed in the training. Normal training time for a dog was eight to twelve weeks.

First the animals went through what might be called "basic training" to become accustomed to life in the military. Then the dogs received assignment to a specialized training program--sentry dogs, scout or patrol dogs, messenger dogs, or mine dogs.

The Quartermaster Corps established war dog platoons in March 1944 to assist American military forces conducting offensive operations in Europe and the Pacific. Of the fifteen such platoons organized, seven served in Europe and eight in the Pacific. It has been said that, in the latter theater, the Japanese never ambushed or made a surprise attack on a patrol led by one of the war dogs.

The Quartermaster Corps also experimented with training dogs to locate casualties on the battlefield. Dogs were first tested for this at Carlisle Barracks on May 4, 1944.

Ultimately, the Army abandoned this program because the dogs did not or could not make a distinction between men not wounded, men who had received wounds, or men who had died.

After World War II, the Military Police Corps took over responsibility for training military dogs. They have continued to serve with distinction in other conflicts. It is estimated that the Army employed 1,500 dogs during the Korean War and 4,000 in the Vietnam War. The Army used 578 dog teams in Iraq and Afghanistan. The courage and loyalty of these dogs have continued to save lives and prevent injuries since creation of the K-9 Corps.



Luke, a retired military working dog.

Photo by: Senior Airman Zade Vadnais

## Famous War Dogs

### Most Decorated Dog In War

Chips was a Collie-German Shepherd-Siberian Husky mix who was the most decorated dog in World War II.

Chips owner donated him for duty during World War II and was trained as a sentry dog. He was trained at the "K-9" Center Front Royal, Virginia in 1942 and was one of the first dogs to be shipped overseas.

He served in General Patton's harsh Africa campaign, then waded ashore with Patton's 3rd Division, 7th Army into Sicily.

During the 1943 invasion of Sicily, Chips broke free from Pvt. John Rowell, his handler on the beach and ran toward the machine gun fire. The gun was pinning down Allied service members of the 3rd infantry Division. Chips attacked the hidden machine gun nest, biting German soldiers and pulled a smoking machine gun from its base.

According to Rowell's account of the pre-dawn raid, Chips grabbed one of the Germans by the neck and dragged him from the pill box. His three comrades followed with their hands up. The dog suffered a bullet wound, burns and scalp wounds, but was otherwise fine. Chips also helped capture 10 enemy soldiers on the same day he attacked the machine gun nest.

Chips gained notoriety for other acts during the war, including a public meeting with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1945. When the future president bent down to pet the service dog to thank him for his bravery, Chips bit him. The dog had been trained to bite humans he didn't know.

Chips was awarded the Silver Star, a Distinguished Service Cross and a Purple Heart during the war.

After controversy erupted over giving military service awards to animals, Chips medals were recalled. The Army's top brass stated that medals were for men and the dogs were considered equipment.



Chips was awarded the European Theater Medal and on the ribbon was an arrowhead with a battle star for each of the eight bitter campaigns in which Chips served. He also received a unit citation with a personal letter of commendation.

The Army had a red carpet welcome home for his discharge. He died seven months after coming home from complications of his war injuries at age 6.

In 1993, Disney Studios produced the TV movie, "Chips the War Dog" and in 2000, Smithsonian Magazine proclaimed him the most notable war time canine.

In January 2018 Great Britain's Posthumous honored Chips with their most prestigious medal for animal bravery.

## Smoky

The smallest hero of World War II stood only seven inches tall and weighed four pounds. She was "Smoky," a Yorkshire Terrier Found in a foxhole in the jungles of New Guinea in February 1944.

After she was taken to the camp, the soldier that found her sold her to Corporal William A. Wynne of Cleveland, Ohio.

Smoky used her sharp sense of hearing to warn of incoming artillery shells. She was credited with twelve combat missions and awarded eight battle stars. Smokey also survived more than 150 air raids.

One of Smoky's most famous exploits was at a crucial airstrip in the Philippine Island of Luzon. The dog pulled a telegraph wire through a small 70-foot pipe, keeping soldiers and engineers safe from enemy fire.

When not in battle Smoky entertained troops with a variety of tricks and self-taught antics.

After the war Smoky became the world's first therapy dog, visiting wounded GIs in hospitals. She and Wynne then moved to Cleveland, where she died in 1957.

In 2005, in Cleveland Ohio, Smoky and Dogs of All Wars monument was unveiled on Veterans Day. It's a life-size bronze of a smiling Smoky sitting inside a GI helmet.

The book Yorkie Doodle Dandy, is about Smoky's exploits written by her adoptive owner William A. Wynne.

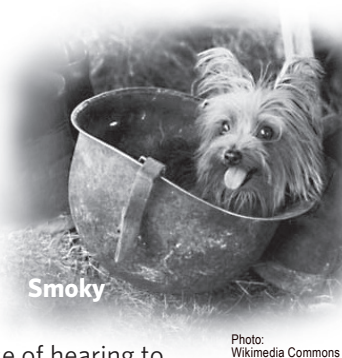


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Chips

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## Vietnam War

Marine Lance Corporal Alfredo Salazar and a German Shepherd named Keisor traveled to Camp Pendleton, Calif., for final training before being sent to the Republic of Vietnam.

"D" Company was on for a search-and-destroy mission and they were ambushed by enemy forces in 1966. Kaiser was hit in the initial barrage and died. Kaiser did more than 30 combat patrols and participated in 12 major operations. Kaiser was the first war dog killed in action during the Vietnam War.

## Nemo, a German Shepherd

Nemo began his military career with the Air Force in the summer of '64. In January 1966, Keisor as transferred to the Republic of South Vietnam and assigned to the 377th Security Police Squadron. Six months later, Nemo was paired with a new handler, 22 year old Airman 2nd Class Robert Thorneburg.

On night patrol in December 1966, Thorneburg and Nemo were about a quarter mile away from the air base. Nemo alerted Thorneburg to the presence of Viet Cong soldiers in the area. The enemy opened fire and Nemo was shot under his right eye and the bullet exited through his mouth.

The wounded German Shepherd still attacked the enemy, which gave Thorneburg the time to call in reinforcements.

Thorneburg was able to kill one Viet Cong soldier before he was shot in the shoulder and knocked to the ground.

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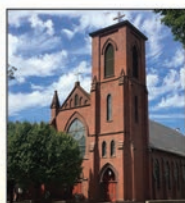
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A Quick Reaction Team rushed to the site and killed the remaining Viet Cong soldiers. During the fight, the wounded Nemo dragged himself to the unconscious Throneburg and crawled on top of to protect him from harm.

The dog would not let anyone touch Throneburg, it took a veterinarian to remove Nemo. Throneburg and Nemo both recovered from their wounds.

Air Force Headquarters directed that Nemo be returned to the US with honors. He was the first sentry dog to be officially retired from active service. Nemo served as mascot at the Department of Defense Dog Center, Lackland AFB, Texas until his death.

Only about 200 of the more than 4,000 heroic dogs who served in Vietnam made it out - those that did not die were euthanized or left behind when US troops withdrew from the war. Nemo, who became famous for saving his handler's life, was one of the fortunate dogs to return home.

### Sergeant Stubby, The Most Famous War Dog

An American Pit Bull Terrier became the most famous war dog with his exploited during World War I and was the only dog to be given the rank of sergeant

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Stubby heroic acts include participating in 17 battles, four offenses, and improving troop morale.

Stubby used his keen senses to warn of poison-gas attacks, incoming artillery fire, and to locate downed soldiers on the battlefield. Stubby was also credited for apprehended a German spy lurking in the trenches.

Sgt. Stubby was wounded in the foreleg by retreating Germans throwing hand grenades, and was also injured in a Mustard Gas attack. After the gas attack he was issued his own, specially designed, gas mask. Stubby was smuggled back home after the war.

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Sergeant Stubby

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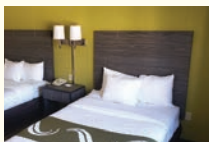
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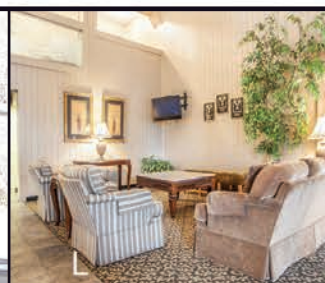
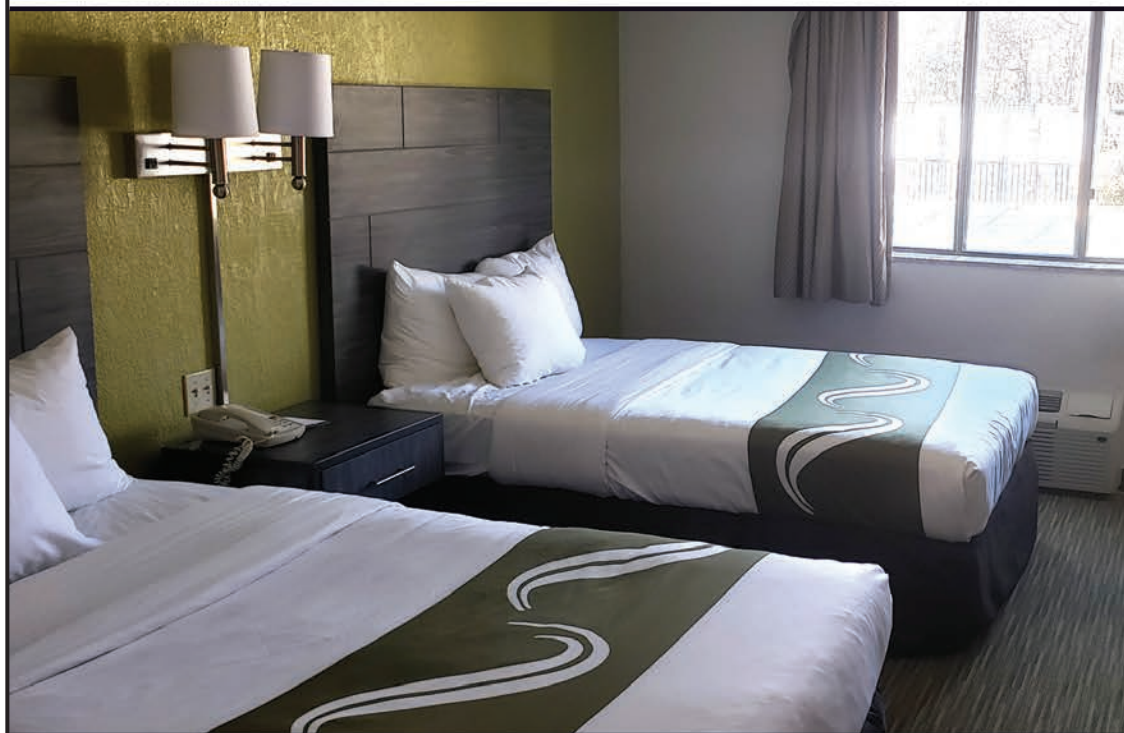
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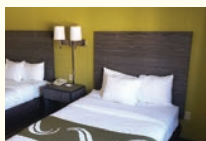
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# Military Housing Privatization Initiative

The **Subcommittee on Personnel** and the **Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support** held hearings on the current condition of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative on Feb. 13, in Washington, D.C.

The hearing was held because a series of recent reports about substandard housing at military installations across the country was brought to their attention.

"This is an important hearing. Ensuring our troops have a safe, healthy, decent place to live is paramount. I want to hear from the Pentagon and private contractors about what they're doing to ensure the health and well being of our troops and their families when it comes to housing," said U.S. Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI), the ranking member of the Senate's Armed Services Committee.

"I also want to hear from Rhode Islanders and military families about their personal experiences and encourage people who live on post or in military housing to share their stories with me on Facebook or on my website, [reed.senate.gov](http://reed.senate.gov). Hopefully, this hearing sheds a light on the scope of the issue and can help us develop solutions, make improvements, and enhance the quality of life for our troops and their families."

## Military Family Advisory Network Research: Privatized Military Housing Survey

### Executive Summary

February 13, 2019 by MFAN

The mission of the Military Family Advisory Network (MFAN) is to connect military families with leaders and decision makers. We share the stories of those who serve and respond to their needs through collaboration and, when needed, program development. After hearing from military families about issues with privatized military housing last October, MFAN began researching the extent of the problem and launched a questionnaire three months later to gain a better understanding of the issue.

This executive summary provides a high-level overview of our initial findings from the questionnaire. A full report that outlines methodology, more detailed preliminary findings, family profiles, photos, and documentation is attached.

The online questionnaire was fielded on January 30, 2019 and remained open until February 6, 2019. During that time, 16,779 individuals responded. Participants were first asked a series of questions to determine eligibility to fit the targeted demographic. They were required to either be living in privatized military housing currently, or within the past three years. The remaining questions were also neutral in nature, inquiring whether the military family's experience with privatized housing was favorable or not favorable.

MFAN also conducted 40 interviews with survey participants who shared their contact information. Over the next several months, MFAN will apply qualitative coding methods to gain a complete understanding of families' perceptions of



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privatized military housing. In the interim, initial findings show the following:

- More than half (55.53%) of respondents had a negative or very negative experience with privatized military housing.
- Issues are not unique to specific companies, 35 companies were referenced by respondents from every state in the country with privatized military housing.
- Military families are living in dangerous situations with reports of the existence of black mold, lead paint, faulty wiring, poor water quality, pesticides, and a wide variety of vermin, insects, and other animals (e.g., bats, skunks, and squirrels) in their homes.
- Families report illnesses with life-long implications caused by poor housing conditions.
- Respondents file reports and request remediation, which is often denied or ignored.
- Families report attempts by housing company silence their complaints and several report receiving threats. Many fear retribution or negative impacts on their service members' military career.
- Families have little or no recourse. Rent cannot be withheld for poor condition, mismanagement, or noncompliance with lease terms.

The sheer number of questionnaire respondents is astounding. While 44.7% of respondents responded neutrally or favorably, 55.53% dissatisfaction rate is alarming. As we continue our qualitative analysis, we will learn much more about their experiences and identify geographic "hot spots" for issue areas.

Through our preliminary research it has become apparent that there is a disconnect between our findings related to resident satisfaction and what has been reported by privatized housing companies.

MFAN recommends that the Department of Defense (DoD) collaborate with nonprofit NFEs ("non-federal entities") who support military families, such as the Military Family Advisory Network, in support of metrics-based, performance-tied initiatives to gain a more authentic understanding of the military family experience for better-informed and utilized services and programs.

**Military Family Advisory Network**

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# US Military plans release of Tenant Bill of Rights

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WASHINGTON -- All four military services of the U.S. Department of Defense are preparing a joint Tenant Bill of Rights in an effort to ensure service members and their families have safe, quality homes and communities, and clear rights while living in them. It is intended to increase

the accountability of privatized housing companies by putting more oversight authority in the hands of local military leaders.

All three service secretaries have seen firsthand and reviewed problems in housing units, and the Tenant Bill of Rights is intended to help remedy them by both protecting and empowering service members and their families. The Tenant Bill of Rights will be enforced through renegotiated leases with the privatized housing companies. The Bills of Rights will be implemented in the coming weeks. 🔄

## (THE FOLLOWING IS A DRAFT) ▪ MILITARY HOUSING PRIVATIZATION INITIATIVE BILL OF RIGHTS

### Military Housing Privatization Initiative BILL OF RIGHTS

All Residents of Privatized Military Housing are afforded protections under their tenant lease and Federal, State and Local Residential Landlord and Tenant Law. In addition, every Military Service Member and their Family members residing in Privatized Housing have the following rights:

#### 1. Safe and Healthy Homes and Communities.

Residents have the right to reside in homes and communities that are safe; meet health and environmental standards; have working fixtures, appliances, and utilities; and have well-maintained common areas and amenity spaces.

#### 2. Advocate for Housing.

Residents have the right to a housing advocate, as designated by the Installation Chain of Command, to provide advice and support to tenants and advocate for tenants' rights before the Landlord.

#### 3. Professional Property Management Services.

Residents have the right to property management services that meet or exceed industry standards and that are performed by professionally-trained, responsive, and courteous customer service and maintenance staff.

#### 4. Responsive Communications.

Residents have the right to multiple, convenient methods to communicate directly with the landlord and maintenance staff, and to receive honest, straightforward, and responsive communications at all times.

#### 5. Prompt Repairs.

Residents have the right to prompt and professional repairs and shall be informed of the required timeframe for those repairs pursuant to the applicable housing privatization agreements when a maintenance request is submitted.

If requested repairs are necessary to address an immediate life, health and safety issue, residents shall have the right to be promptly relocated into suitable lodging or other housing at no cost to the Residents until the repairs are completed.

If life, health and safety repairs are not completed within 30 calendar days, a Resident shall be offered a no-cost move into an alternative residence on the installation or within the surrounding local community.

#### 6. Dispute Resolution, Mediation, and Arbitration.

Residents have the right to have landlord-tenant disputes concerning repairs, damage claims, and rental payments resolved by a neutral decision maker. A decision in favor of the resident shall include a determination of any reduction in rent owed by the landlord to be paid or credited to the resident in accordance with the applicable state laws and regulations.

#### 7. Withholding of BAH.

Rent payments made by a resident engaged in a dispute that is being heard by the neutral decision maker shall be segregated and not used by the property owner or property manager until the Arbiter's decision regarding the matter in dispute is made, which may result in a refund to the resident or payment of rent.

#### 8. Move-in and Move-out Procedures.

Residents have the right to be fully briefed by the Landlord on all rights and responsibilities associated with tenancy prior to signing a lease, and a 30-day follow-up to review these responsibilities. Residents have the right, opportunity, and sufficient time to prepare and be present for both move-in and move-out inspections, and to submit necessary paperwork.

#### 9. Privacy.

Residents have the right to reasonable advance notice of any entrance into their rental units by a landlord, except in cases of an emergency.

#### 10. Predictable Rent.

Residents have the right to clearly defined rental terms in the lease agreement. Other than the annual BAH adjustment, Residents have the right to written notice prior to any rent adjustment.

#### 11. Fees.

Residents have the right to not pay non-refundable fees and to not have rent payments arbitrarily held.

#### 12. No Reprisal.

Residents have the right to engage government housing staff or the Installation Chain of Command regarding housing issues without fear of reprisal.

For more information, please contact Army Public Affairs at 703-693-4723, Navy Public Affairs at 703-697-5342, Marine Corps Public Affairs at 703-614-4309 or Air Force Public Affairs at 703-695-0640.



## The Deadliest Colonel

A True Story By Tim Moynihan, [www.overcomersarmy.com](http://www.overcomersarmy.com)

Carl Eifler was a giant of a man, and intimidating. But his demeanor hid a tender heart, a cunning mind and a passion to serve. Born in Los Angeles in 1906, Eifler enlisted in the Army at 15 and was stationed in the Philippines before the Army discovered his age. Sent home, the irrepressible youth lied again to join the Los Angeles Police Department. Exposed again, he was released from the force.

By 1928, Eifler was a commissioned officer in the Army Reserve and a customs inspector on the Mexican border. In 1934, he uncovered a Japanese plot to secure Mexico's cooperation for a future US invasion. He reported this to his reserve commander, LTC Joseph Stilwell, a future Army General and Commander in Burma. It was the beginning of a long association between them.

Eifler had a knack for being in the right place at the right time. He was a company commander in Hawaii when Pearl Harbor was attacked. Because of his background, he was selected to command the notorious Sand Island internment camp. He was then recruited to command Detachment 101, an early special operations force operating in Burma under the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). He was dubbed "the Deadliest Colonel" for his exploits and this nickname became the title of his 1975 biography.

The plucky colonel survived numerous injuries and two airplane crashes before his medical release from frontline service in 1943. He continued as an OSS planner developing dossiers on NAZI officers and schemes to assassinate their most dangerous scientists. At war's end, he returned to the Customs

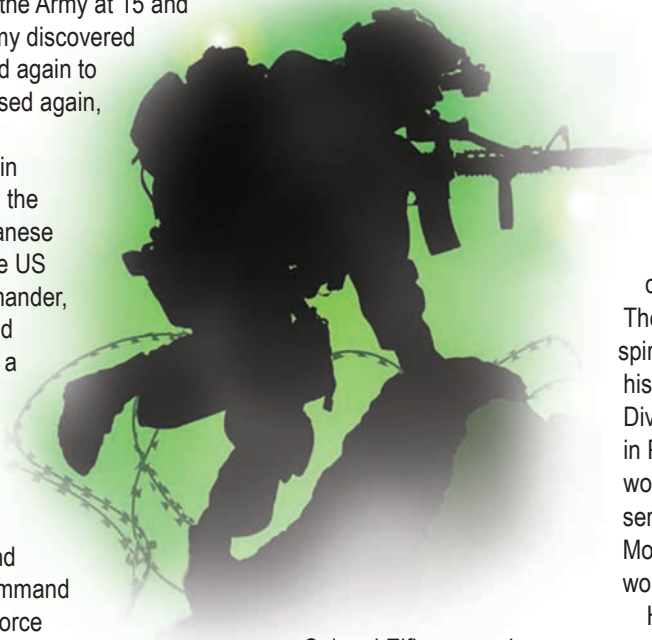
Service. But it was his lifestyle redirection in postwar years that set him apart, when a new passion gripped his soul.

Carl Eifler opened a dossier on another famous individual which led him to embrace that person's unique claims. It was Jesus of Nazareth.

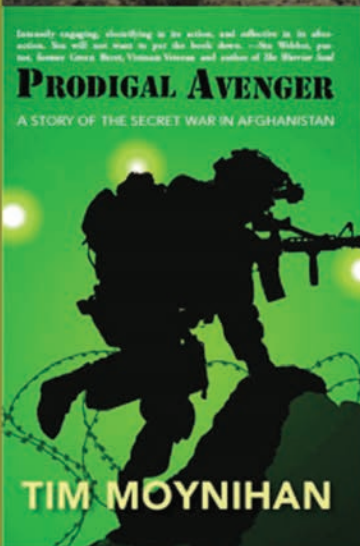
The Deadliest Colonel had a spiritual awakening and committed his life to Christ. He obtained a Divinity degree and then a Masters in Psychology. For the rest of his working life, the Deadliest Colonel served as a clinical psychologist in Monterey, CA, completing his life work as a healer.

He passed away in April 2002.

Colonel Eifler earned numerous awards and citations during his life and was a 1988 inductee in the MI Hall of Fame. A well-deserved honor for his devotion to serving God, country and his fellow man.



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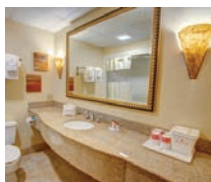
Special operator Jake Drecker is intent on a mission across borders to eliminate a brutal terrorist cell which may hold an American missionary hostage. Intelligence is sketchy. Success unlikely. Jake's boss, LTC Mike "Pancho" Sanchez, wonders at Drecker's motivations--and about a mysterious rogue unit roaming the battlespace. The CIA's willingness to sacrifice Drecker's team and the hostage only adds to the mystery, forcing Pancho to pursue the truth about the missionary's past. Time is running out as Drecker drags his team on a quixotic rescue operation into the very belly of the beast--a mission they cannot survive unscathed.

"Moynihan's polished prose is fast-paced, and his gritty descriptions are sometimes starkly poetic."

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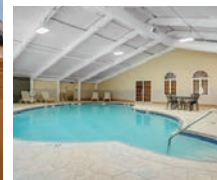
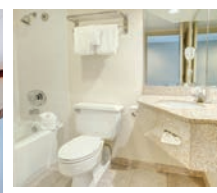
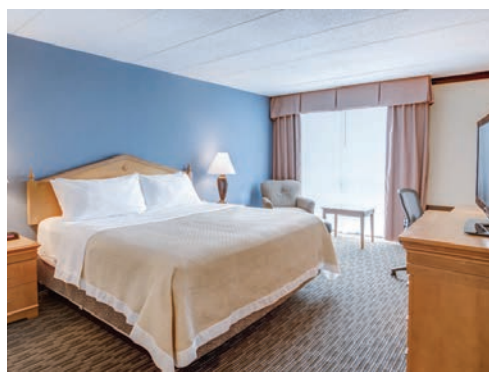
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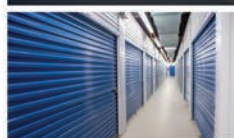


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## DUNS OUT, SAMMI IN!



**To become a contractor for the United States Federal Government, a business needs to be registered.**

On March 18, 2019, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) announced that Ernst and Young LLP (EY) was awarded a one-year base and four option period, \$41.8 million contract for entity validation services for the federal award process.

Entity validation services are critical because the federal government must validate the identity of each entity (company, individual or organization) wanting to do business with the government.

Dun & Bradstreet, who established the Data Universal Numbering System, or DUNS, had held the contract for twenty (20) years. The DUNS number has been an established and unique identifier for entities doing business with the government.

With the new EY contract award, the DUNS number will be replaced. Dun & Bradstreet has agreed to continue to work with GSA and EY during the transition.

### **The DUNS Number**

DUNS stands for Data Universal Numbering System. A DUNS number is a unique 9-digit identifier assigned to each physical location of a business. It was developed by the Dun & Bradstreet Corporation and only offered by the company as well. To get registered in SAM a business needs a DUNS number. So basically, a private company held the keys to the federal marketplace. Many of those in the government did not like that, it was viewed as a monopoly, so a new government owned system needed to be put in place.

### **The SAMMI Number**

SAMMI is an acronym which stands for:

**SAM • Managed • Identifier**

Ernst and Young LLP will be picking up the contract from Dun & Bradstreet for at least 5 years.

### **How will the implementation be carried out?**

Well, for now, it's a bit too early to tell. One of the most recent changes that the GSA made for SAM registration requirements didn't pan out so well. In fact it caused a 74% reduction in new SAM registrations.

The best thing that contractors can do for now, as far as preparing for the SAMMI number, is to just keep a pulse on federal contracting news.

### **FAQ on the GSA's website has to say about the expected date:**

<https://interact.gsa.gov/blog/entity-validation-services-frequently-asked-questions-faqs>

"To enable a successful transition to the SAMMI while minimizing the impact to Government operation, IAE has planned for an extensive transition period and anticipates transition to the new UEI be completed by 2020."

**The System for Award Management (SAM) is an official website of the U.S. government. There is no cost to use SAM.**  
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# DOD Official Describes Missile Defense Strategy

Jan. 29, 2019 | By David Vergun

[www.defense.gov/explore/story/Article/1743058/dod-official-describes-missile-defense-strategy/](http://www.defense.gov/explore/story/Article/1743058/dod-official-describes-missile-defense-strategy/)

James H. Anderson, the assistant secretary of defense for strategy, plans, and capabilities, spoke about the 2019 Missile Defense Review at the Brookings Institution in Washington, Jan. 29. He noted that the strategy covers the Defense Department's three lines of effort: lethality, partnership and reform.

**Here are his main points:**

## 1 - The Threat

China and Russia are developing advanced cruise missiles and hypersonic weapons that can potentially overcome United States defenses. North Korea has tested intercontinental ballistic missiles that are capable of reaching the U.S. and could be armed with nuclear warheads. And, Iran's space program could accelerate development of an ICBM system that might be able to reach the U.S.

## 2 - 2019 Missile Defense Review Goal

Diplomacy and deterrence are the primary strategies to protect the nation, deployed forces and U.S. allies from missile attacks. Should that fail, the U.S. is developing a layered missile defense system as well as offensive capability.

## 3 - Lethality Strategy

- Upgrade existing radars and sensors.
- Increase the number of ground-based interceptors by 20 to 64, along with developing a new kill vehicle for the GBI Develop small, high-energy lasers that can be fitted on unmanned aerial systems.
- Arm F-35 Lightning II aircraft with tracking capabilities and possible missile intercept at the early boost stage.
- Increase the Navy's fleet of Aegis-equipped destroyers from 38 to 60.
- Improve space-based sensors to detect and track missiles.
- Conduct a feasibility study of space-based missile intercept capability.
- Conduct a Standard Missile-3 Block IIA test against ICBMs by 2020.
- Leverage the SM-6 for both defensive and strike operations.

## 4 - Partnership Strategy

- To address regional threats and protect partners, Anderson said the U.S. will deploy additional terminal high altitude area defense, Patriot and Aegis Ashore platforms.
- In turn, partner nations are building up their air and missile defenses, with the possibility of integrating them with U.S. systems. For example, he noted that NATO has an operational Aegis Ashore site in Romania. A second site, to be operational in about a year, is being built in Poland, which will house SM-3 Block IIA missiles. Denmark and the Netherlands have sea-based radar systems that can locate missiles.

## 5 - Reform Strategy

DOD must adopt processes and cultures that enable development and procurement of missile defense systems in a streamlined and cost-effective manner, Anderson said.

**"We must not fear test failure, but learn from it and rapidly adjust," he said.**

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emplaced at  
Fort Greely, Alaska  
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California.**

The Missile Defense Agency's  
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## Missile Defense Agency Awards Lockheed Martin Contract To Design, Manufacture And Construct Homeland Defense Radar-Hawaii

Press Release No: CR-241-18, Dec. 18, 2018

<https://dod.defense.gov/News/Contracts/Contract-View/Article/1717218/>

Lockheed Martin Corp., Moorestown, New Jersey, is being awarded a \$585,206,351 fixed-price incentive delivery order for the Homeland Defense Radar - Hawaii (HDR-H).

The contractor will design, develop, and deliver the HDR-H radar providing autonomous acquisition and persistent precision tracking and discrimination to optimize the defensive capability of the Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) and counter evolving threats. This award is the result of a competitively awarded acquisition in which one offer was received. Fiscal 2018 and 2019 research development test and evaluation funds in the amount of \$51,389,757 are being obligated at time of award.

The work will be performed in Moorestown, New Jersey; and Oahu, Hawaii. The exact location in Oahu, Hawaii, will be determined at the conclusion of the ongoing site selection and National Environmental Policy Act processes.

The period of performance is from Dec. 18, 2018, through Dec. 17, 2023. The Missile Defense Agency, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, is the contracting activity (HQ0147-19-F-0018).

### Lockheed Martin's Long Range Discrimination Radar

(LRDR) is expected to make the delivery to the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) in 2020 at its site in Clear, Alaska, US.



Computer-generated image of the Homeland Defense Radar in Oahu, Hawaii, that Lockheed has been contracted to design and build for the Missile Defense Agency. (LM image)

Lockheed Martin has designed a solid state radar system that is on schedule to deliver on time and is on track to achieve its mission to defend the homeland."

MDA will use the radar system as a critical sensor to protect the US from ballistic missile threats. The agency will use the round-the-clock acquisition, tracking and discrimination data provided by LRDR to enable defence systems to engage ballistic missile threats.

### Lockheed Martin's

Headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, Lockheed Martin is a global security and aerospace company that employs approximately 100,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services. This year the company received three Edison Awards for ground-breaking innovations in autonomy, satellite technology and directed energy.

### Lockheed Martin Corp., Moorestown

Lockheed Martin in Moorestown, South Jersey's workers will be building the best equipment possible to counter threats for our military. The Moorestown, township plant is already home to about 3,450 employees, making it one of Burlington County's largest private sector employers.

The contract will bring more high-tech jobs to South Jersey in support of our national defense. The work performed at the site are high-paying jobs and great news for the economic future of the area.

Moorestown, township is in Burlington County, New Jersey, which is an eastern suburb of Philadelphia. Moorestown was ranked number one in Money magazine's list of the best places to live in America in 2005. The magazine screened over a thousand small towns and created a list of the top 100 for its August 2005 issue.

<https://money.cnn.com/best/bplive/winners.html>

Moorestown earned the top spot because of its true community feeling, in addition to its plentiful jobs, excellent schools and affordable housing.

Another one of its attributes is its proximity to JBMDL (Fort Dix, 22 miles, Lakehurst, 40 Miles, McGuire AFB, 25 miles), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which is about a 15-minute ride away. Nearby communities include Mt. Laurel, Cherry Hill, Vincentown, and Burlington. This region is just a beautiful suburban setting with lots of scenic residential towns and all the things that one would expect to include great school systems and lots of great shopping and restaurants. ☺



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