

Community Briefs

AAFES 'Maleficent'

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has teamed up with Disney to provide Soldiers and their Families the opportunity to see "Maleficent" on May 30 — the date of its U.S. release. Show times are 7:15 p.m. May 30-31 and 4 p.m. June 1.

PWOC summer

Fort Polk's Protestant Women of the Chapel has wrapped up its spring semester, but will continue to meet throughout the summer for Bible study and fellowship Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Child care is provided at MPC and drop-off begins at 9:15 a.m. Visit the PWOC Facebook page — PWOC Fort Polk — or email PWOCFortPolk@gmail.com.

Father's Day buffet

Fort Polk's Warrior Community Center hosts a Father's Day buffet June 15. Reservations are required. Seating schedule is as follows: 9:30-11 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; and 1:30-3 p.m. Cost is \$16.95 for adults, \$7.95 for children and free for those under age 5. Reservations may be made Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 531-4440 for more information.

Camp Warrior

Fort Polk's Child, Youth and School Services' Camp Warrior takes place in two sessions: June 14-18 and July 13-17. Registration for the first session is through June 6 and the second session through June 30. Cost is \$100. Camp is open to Family members of active-duty military, Department of Defense civilians, Fort Polk contractors and active Guard or Reserve, currently enrolled in grades six-12.

Registration is held at Parent Central Services, bldg 400, Radio Road. Call 531-6004 for more information.

Water fun

Beginning Saturday Fort Polk's Splash Park is open seven days a week from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

AAFES comic

The Fort Polk Exchange is offering a free Captain America comic book to patrons, the 17th military-exclusive issue from Marvel Comics since 2005.

Summer reading

Allen Memorial Library hosts a summer reading program June 16-July 30. Registration begins June 9. All ages can participate. Call 531-2665 for more information.

Recycling program benefits everyone

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FORT POLK, La. — As a result of the Fort Polk Net Zero Waste initiative, an employee training program for recycling has been put into place by Fort Polk contractor Sikorsky Support Services, Inc. Sikorsky provides aircraft maintenance on the UH-72 Lakota program.

The goal of Fort Polk's Net Zero Waste program is to eliminate waste sent to landfills by 2020.

Sikorsky's onsite environmental coordinator Mike Hess, developed and incorporated Net Zero Waste training into Sikorsky's new personnel training, and later added it as a component of the annual refresher training for all onsite personnel.

Hess, along with other contractors supporting the 5th Aviation Battalion, have partnered with Sgt. Randall McDonough, 5th Aviation recycling coordinator, to develop and maintain a first-rate program by embracing the Net Zero Waste mindset.

The 5th Aviation Battalion and Sikorsky have become successful at recycling commodities, such as paper. Using the Curbside Recycling Program, McDonough reports that the 5th Avn Bn and Sikorsky have collected more than 1,500 pounds of paper for recycling from Dec. 1 to May 1. The Curbside Paper Recycling Program provides participating organizations with recycling containers, and collects full containers by appointment. Collection weights are then reported back to the organization.

Hess said if recycling is done well, funds generated and saved will benefit Soldiers.

"The alternative is spending this money by paying someone to send paper to a landfill," he said.

McDonough said the most effective management tool is to make it easy to do the right thing, and difficult to circumvent that process. He said the program's success was due largely to the support of his command who have made recycling a priority.

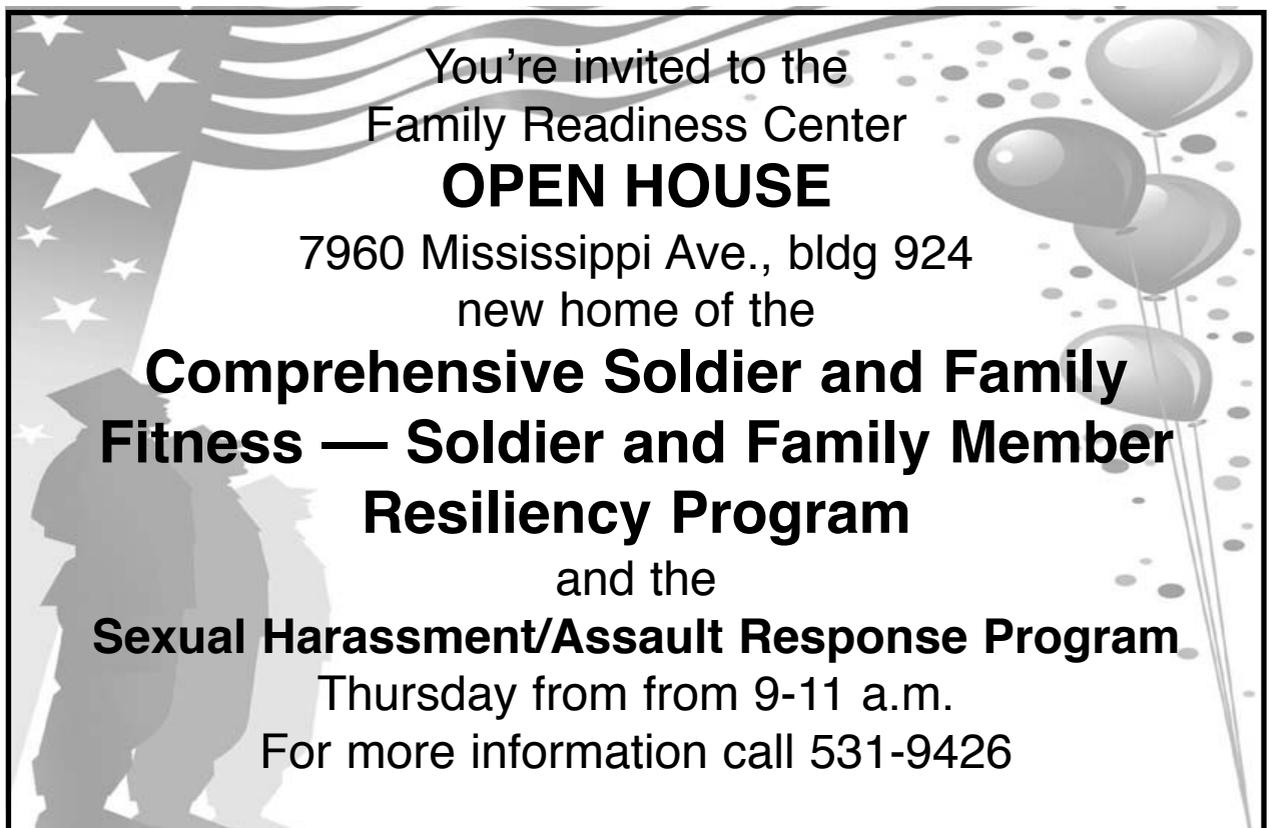
Hess said providing training and resources, and setting standards and achievable goals, can provide direction to promote forward movement. He added a good attitude is essential to success.

Both Hess and McDonough agreed that implementing an incentive program serves as a positive motivator for recycling. Sikorsky offers a "Safety Dollar" program for employees that exceeds the standards set by the company and the installation. The Safety Dollars may be redeemed for items from an online store. All major subordinate commands are enrolled in Riches from Recycling — a recycling incentive program to receive funds from the Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation for morale and welfare activities, based on their recycle weights.

In addition, the 5th Aviation Battalion and Sikorsky have reduced their paper consumption by ensuring that double-sided printing is a standard; new printers purchased have the option for double-sided printing; and documents are proof-read digitally for errors to prevent reprinting.

Soldiers, civilian employees, contractors, tenants, and everyone who visits or lives on the post are challenged to evaluate NZW opportunities by rethinking purchase needs, reducing consumption, reusing/repurposing items when possible and recycling items to recover materials.

For more information about participation in the Curbside Recycling Program and how to access funds earned in the Riches from Recycling program, please contact Tammy Veillon, Installation Sustainability Coordinator, at tammy.g.veillon.civ@mail.mil or call (337) 531-4278.



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