

## Ongoing

### Army Emergency Relief

The Annual Army Emergency Relief Campaign runs from March 1 through May 15. This year's campaign theme is "Adding Strength to Army Strong."

AER is the Army's own emergency financial assistance organization and is dedicated to "Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own."

Campaign contributions make it possible for Soldiers and families to receive emergency financial assistance in the form of no-interest loans or grants. AER also provides education scholarships to spouses and children of active-duty and retired Soldiers.

Donors can help keep this 67-year tradition alive with another record-breaking campaign and help AER better serve Soldiers and families in distress.

### New Tax Center hours

The new hours for the Tax Center are Monday through Wednesday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday from 1 to 6 p.m. and Friday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

The Tax Center is located at 3450 Ile de France St.

Call 353-7783 for information.

## This Week

### MONDAY

#### ACAP briefing

The Army Career and Alumni Program offers briefings to help in the job hunt.

A Transition Assistance Program employment workshop briefing is today through Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Education Center Annex in Room 106.

Call 353-2113 to sign up or for more information.

### WEDNESDAY

#### ACAP briefings

A Veterans Affairs Disabled Transition Assistance Program briefing is today from 10 a.m. to noon at the Education Center Annex in Room 106.

A VA Benefits Brief briefing is from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Education Center Annex in Room 106.

Call 353-2113 for information.

### THURSDAY

#### Resume writing

An Advanced Resume Writing briefing is today from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Army Career and Alumni Program Center in Room 248.

Call 353-2113 to sign up or for more information.

## Quilts

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The point of the foundation was to encourage service members' healing. It's like Vicks VapoRub; apply when needed."

Roberts said she wants to make sure the quilts are available for lower ranking service members.

"While anyone deployed deserves a quilt, the foundation was designed for those little people who stand in harm's way," Roberts said. "It's the little people who go out on patrols. They need to be comforted."

QOV quilts can be requested by anyone who has been in the military and deployed to a war zone, Roberts



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## A New Reality

Clarence Bolden addresses community leaders and Soldiers during the Black History Month observance celebration entitled "From a Dream to Reality" Feb. 9 at the Last Frontier Community Center. Bolden is the executive director of the Human Resources Department for the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District. He was also attorney advisor to the command at Fort Wainwright in the late 80s, and he participated in civil rights marches led by Martin Luther King Jr. in Atlanta in the 60s.

## Upcoming

FEB. 20

### Business beginnings

A Starting a Small Business briefing is today from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Army Career and Alumni Program Center in Room 248.

Call 353-2113 to sign up or for more information.

FEB. 22

### Tell me a story

Maj. Gen. Stephen R. Layfield, U.S. Army Alaska commanding general, will read *Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot* by Margot Theis Raven at Hanger 6 Feb. 22 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Bring a blanket or rug for your children to sit on and enjoy the reading.

Participants should reserve a space by Wednesday by calling Child, Youth and School Services at 353-9879 or e-mailing [slo@wainwright.parocys.org](mailto:slo@wainwright.parocys.org).

FEB. 28

### Women's retreat

The Protestant Women of the Chapel groups of Fort Wainwright and Eielson Air Force Base will present "Seasons of a Woman's Heart," a one-day retreat with national speaker

and author Cindi McMenamin Feb. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Friends Church at 1485 30th Ave. in Fairbanks. The cost is \$30.

For more information or to register, e-mail Sherilin Anderson at [sherilin.m.andersen@us.army.mil](mailto:sherilin.m.andersen@us.army.mil) or Margaret Smith at [margasmith@aol.com](mailto:margasmith@aol.com) or call 590-8053 or 356-9734.

## Births

JAN. 24

A daughter, Alisha Simone, was born to Ashanti and Sgt. Donald Craine Jr., B Battery, 2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery Regiment.

A daughter, Maribella Angelica, was born to Michelle and Spc. Dennis Tova, C Battery, 2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery Regiment.

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A daughter, Payton Ryleigh, was born to Samantha and Spc. David Rosas, A Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment.

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A daughter, Arianna Michelle, was born to Kimberly and Sgt. Alpha-

eus Baker, Forward Maintenance Company, 25th Brigade Support Battalion.

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A daughter, Lindanna Grotte, was born to Ashley and Spc. Colby Olsen, 2nd Squadron, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division.

A son, Thomas Johnathan, was born to Jeanna and Spc. Shane Kennedy, B Company, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment.

## Chapels

### Northern Lights Religious

Education Center, Bldg. 3430

#### Sunday services

11 a.m. - Protestant Worship  
5 p.m. - Protestant Youth of the Chapel

#### Monday

6:30 p.m. - Protestant Choir practice

#### Saturday

8 a.m. - Protestant Men of the Chapel meets the second and fourth Saturday of the month

### Southern Lights Chapel

Bldg. 4107

#### Sunday services

10 a.m. - Roman Catholic Mass  
11 a.m. - Roman Catholic Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

#### Wednesday and Friday

7 p.m. - Catholic Choir practice  
Noon - Roman Catholic Mass

#### Saturday

11:30 a.m. - Daughters of Saint Anne (first Saturday of each month)

### Basset Army Community

#### Hospital Chapel

Tuesday and Thursday  
Noon - Roman Catholic Mass

#### Wednesday

Noon - Protestant Service

For more information, call 353-9825.

said. Soldiers may ask for quilts, or the Red Cross may request and distribute the quilts to military chaplains, hospitals, recovery centers, warrior transition units and family members.

"Currently, more than 20,000 quilts have been donated to previously deployed military members," Roberts said.

Retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Gary Junk and his wife, Nancy, of the Fairbanks Quilts of Valor said they search for ways to show individual support for Soldiers - especially for wounded warriors.

"We want the Soldier to know there is someone who cares for (the) sacrifice required in order to give us our freedom," Nancy Junk said.

Gary Junk, a former Vietnam-era CH-47 Chinook pilot, received a

Purple Heart Medal and said he and many others he knew found it difficult to recover in distant hospitals without their friends and family.

"The sterile hospital environment allowed little personal embellishments, and in the last 40 years, little has changed in that regard," he said.

Nancy Junk said she remembers one time in particular when a Soldier picked up a quilt from her.

"Two guys came into our store," she said, explaining one was picking up a quilt and the other already owned one. "They didn't know each other. The other guy took the first home to show him his quilt, then they were arguing over who had the better quilt."

Nancy and Gary Junk said they want service members to know they care.