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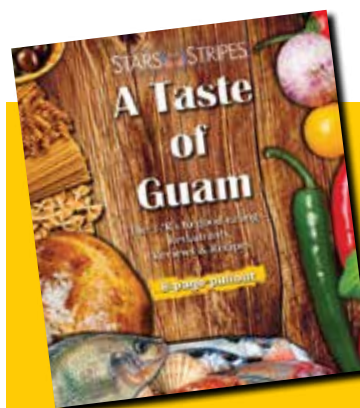


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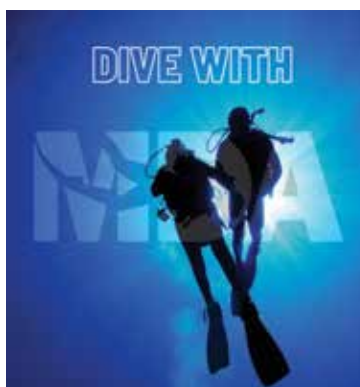


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Andersen airman's innovation saves Air Force money

STORY AND PHOTOS BY SENIOR AIRMAN HELENA OWENS, 36TH WING

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE – Has there ever been a time at work where a process or piece of equipment just wasn't cutting it? Imagine this, the average person works about a 40-hour work week. During that time they have to work with a piece of equipment that is 40 years old and gives more issues than solutions. That individual may want an upgrade. For one non-destructive inspection (NDI) technician, this was the case and he decided to take matters into his own hands. He submitted an idea, one of the 16 out of 6,500 submissions, which reached the Air Force level.

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Tech. Sgt. Patrick Oliver demonstrates how easily his prototype is to clean on Oct. 22 at Andersen Air Force Base.

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INNOVATION: Saving money

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Tech. Sgt. Patrick Oliver, noncommissioned officer in charge of NDI assigned to the 36th Maintenance Squadron at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, designed a product that saves him and his team approximately 10 minutes of daily work and an estimate of \$144,000 a year Air Force wide.

“I feel great about my idea getting to the Air Force level because it highlights the importance of our job,” said Oliver. “Usually, policies are already set in stone coming from the top down so getting to change something from the working level up to the top was awesome.”

NDI specialists find the smallest imperfections and take the corrective measures needed to keep Andersen’s equipment working safely. Andersen hosts large scale exercises annually that have many aircraft from all over the world that participate and each aircraft has to undergo testing for discrepancies. Oliver explained how they take the oil samples from the aircraft and put them into fluid holders that are then inserted into a machine called the Spectroil M Oil Analysis Unit for the test.

“Say we get an abundance of aircraft here for an exercise and they decide to all fly at once, that will require a ton of samples

to be taken,” said Oliver. “We have a certain time frame after a sample is taken for it to get tested and the old sample fluid holders were presenting a challenge to test and clean quickly. I decided to come up with a prototype to help this process go quicker and more efficiently.”

Being that Guam is a remote island, receiving supplies can be costly and limited. Finding resources that are on island or can be made here eliminates these obstacles.

“Sergeant Oliver’s re-useable oil analysis caps are locally manufactured making our unit, and now Air Force units as a whole, more self-sufficient and thus more agile and more lethal,” said Maj. Stacey Sherrill, commander of the 36th MXS. “We do not have to rely on an outside supplier, and that

is worth its weight in gold at a small island location. Furthermore, his caps eliminate the utilization of single-use plastic

and vastly reduces the amount of consumable waste and time spent cleaning. That’s a win for 36th MXS, a win for Guam and a win for the Air Force as a whole!”

While most military innovation comes from formalized changes to doctrine and organizational structures, Air Force innovation is more likely to come from efforts of individuals and operational units.

“It is only through innovation, seeing old problems from a new perspective, that we can overcome the ever-present constraints of manpower, time, money and shortening the arc towards progress,” said Sherrill. “That is why airmen, like Sergeant Oliver, who embody the innovative spirit are so crucial to an Air Force organization. They keep us pushing forward, challenging our old ways of thinking and refusing to accept the status quo. They keep us progressing towards a more lethal force.”

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– Tech. Sgt. Patrick Oliver



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Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Marianas Seabees found time to lend a helping hand to a local Guam non-profit organization at Okkodo High School in Dededo Oct. 16.

Seabees from the NAVFAC Marianas Seabee Component, Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Division, and Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 worked with the Guam Amateur Baseball Association (GABA) and a local construction company to enhance the school's baseball field.

"We maintain a strong desire to help our neighbors," said Builder 1st Class Paul Rainey. "Even as we receive mission critical orders and find ourselves distanced from others, we know our specialized skills can greatly benefit others. We saw this as a great opportunity to not only help the community, but to keep our skills sharp and provide on-the-job training for our younger Sailors."

In February, Seabees began to prepare the field for work when Guam was hit with its first cases of COVID-19 and the project was halted. The island seemed



Sailors from Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas and Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 pour and lay a cement foundation during a community relations project at Okkodo High School in Dededo on Oct. 16.

at a standstill as a public health emergency was declared, a stay-at-home order was put into effect, and military bases implemented preventative measures.

"The Seabees and Hawaiian Rock have graciously donated their time and products to make these three bleacher pads," said GABA President Bill Bennett. "When COVID hit, the Seabees weren't able to do these outside projects where they donate their time. Just recently I was notified they were able to come out and pick it back up so that was excellent news."

With the three concrete pads completed, the organization will place bleachers on them to provide baseball audiences a place

to catch their favorite local teams in action once group sports are permitted.

"I'm very happy we had the opportunity to still build our community relations despite the pandemic," said Rainey. "I enjoy showing the community our 'can do' spirit that we continue to cultivate and operate by."

Bennett said he was grateful for the help the Seabees provided even with their workload and mission assignments.

"The U.S. military has come out here in the last five years and have done a lot of work with us and for us, including the Seabees," he said. "We're really, really happy that they're able to give their time."

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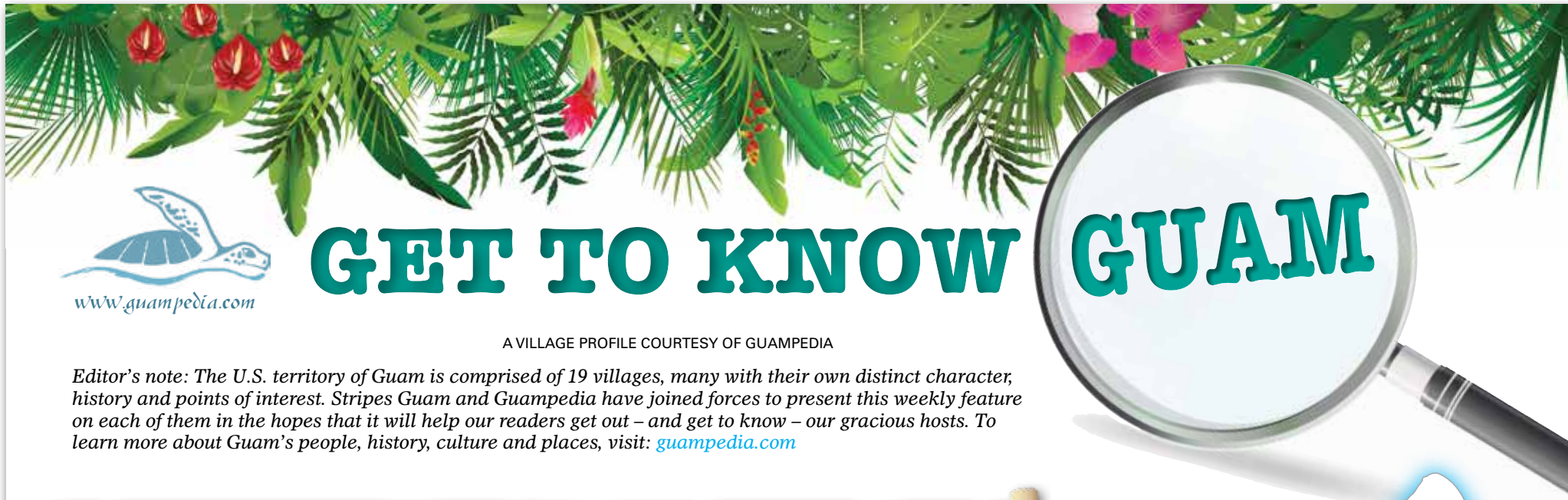
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Editor's note: The U.S. territory of Guam is comprised of 19 villages, many with their own distinct character, history and points of interest. Stripes Guam and Guampedia have joined forces to present this weekly feature on each of them in the hopes that it will help our readers get out – and get to know – our gracious hosts. To learn more about Guam's people, history, culture and places, visit: guampedia.com

Talofofo (Talo'fo'fo) God's Country



This historic photo shows Talofofo Bay where Carolinians landed during a 1788 voyage to trade for iron. This was the first such trade mission to Guam since the Chamorro-Spanish Wars, a century earlier. Photo by Balthazar Aguon, courtesy of Guampedia

BY LEO BABAUTA,
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The village probably derives its name from the phrase “*entalo' i fe'fo'*,” which means between the cliffs. It's possible that the name is derived from another word, “*fo'fo'*,” which means a bubbling spring. As the Talofofo River and the Talofofo Falls are located in the village, the name could mean “*between the bubbling springs*.”

Village history

The original pre-Spanish inhabitants of Talofofo lived mostly in settlements along the Talofofo and Ugum rivers, although artifacts have been found in the Talofofo Caves, perhaps suggesting that people used the caves for shelter during typhoons.

In 1672, Spanish Jesuit priest Father Diego Luis de San Vitores ordered a church to be constructed at the

Pigpug settlement near Talofofo Bay, and this church became the center of the new Christian community.

The settlement never grew very large in size or prominence, although Talofofo Bay was the site of a few notable landings. One such landing was in 1788 of a large group of islanders from Lamotrek in the Caroline Islands, who arrived in canoes on a trading mission to obtain iron. It was the first such expedition since inter-island trade had come to a halt due to the Spanish-Chamorro Wars one hundred years before. The Spanish-Chamorro Wars were a series of rebellions by some of the Chamorros against Catholic indoctrination many years before.

After several months, the Carolinians departed for Lamotrek with iron and trade goods, but it later turned out that they never reached home and were probably hit by a storm. Don Luis de Torres, a Spanish-Chamorro military officer, travelled to Woleai in 1804 to reassure the Carolines that their peers had not died at the hands of the Spanish. Carolinians subsequently resumed their annual trading voyages to Guam.



Talofofo Bay was also the site of the eastern landing of Japanese forces during the invasion of Guam on December 10, 1941, when a detachment meant to land at Ylig Bay in Yona mistakenly landed at Talofofo Bay instead. The detachment marched north to Hagåtña to meet the other landing forces.

In April and May of 1944, the American forces first started preparing for the invasion of the Marianas, including bombing raids over Guam and Saipan. On April 8, the submarine USS Seahorse torpedoed the 6,780-ton Japanese converted submarine tender Aratama Maru near the eastern coast of Guam, and the burning ship made it into Talofofo Bay, sinking three days later.

From August 1944 to September 1945, after the Americans recaptured Guam from the Japanese, the military government built the new community of Talofofo in the hills where it now stands.

In the northern part of Ipan, a Flight Personnel Rehabilitation Camp was built in 1945, with a beer garden, softball diamonds, volleyball courts, and horse-shoe pitching pits. Later, a salt-water swimming pool was built. After providing for nearly 10,000 officers and soldiers, the camp was devastated in 1949 by Typhoon Allen.

In 1951, the San Miguel Church was constructed in the main village. While Talofofo had previously been a part of the municipality of Inarajan under the municipalities established in 1920 by the pre-war U.S. government, Talofofo soon became a municipality of its own after the war.

In 1972, two hunters from Talofofo, Jesus M. Due-



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nas and Manuel Degracia, discovered and captured a Japanese soldier named Sgt. Shoichi Yokoi who had been living in the jungles of Guam for twenty-eight years. Yokoi's incredible story quickly spread around the world. Instead of allowing himself to be captured by American forces in 1944, Yokoi and ten others hid in the hills of Talofofo.

Yokoi was the only survivor, making clothing from the fibers of wild hibiscus plants and surviving on a diet of coconuts, breadfruit, papayas, snails, eels, and rats. He lived in a tunnel-like, underground cave in a bamboo grove not far from Talofofo Falls. After he was discovered, Yokoi became a celebrity, after nearly three decades of seclusion. He died in 1997 at the age of eighty-two.

Points of interest

Institutions

Notre Dame High School

Nestled in the hillside of Talofofo village, Notre Dame High School established on Guam in 1968 by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, is one of three Catholic high schools on Guam, but the only co-educational facility.

Talofofo Elementary School

Constructed in 1965, Talofofo Elementary School, remains the only public school servicing the elementary-aged children of this close-knit southern village.

Historical

Talofofo Caves

This series of caves on the side of the cliffs of the main village of Talofofo are famous for artifacts and pictographs of the ancient Chamorros.

Recreational

First Beach

Island residents and visitors frequent this area that has about three large coral holes forming submerged natural pools in the waters of a beach located in Ipan just before the entrance to the main Talofofo village.

Ipan Beach Park

This shaded beach area features several pavilions and barbecue pits, along with trees that keep beachgoers cool even on hot days.

Tongan Beach

Located along Route 4, just past Ipan Beach Park, this privately owned resort offers residents a camping experience. The small resort includes a large pool and restrooms with changing areas. Several local companies and organizations have reserved the space for private parties on the beach.



Local hikers enter one of the Talofofo Caves to explore and study artifacts such as lusongs, stone mortars, and pictographs, left by ancient Chamorros. Photo by Nathalie Pereda, courtesy of Guampedia

Jeff's Pirates Cove

Now a landmark on Guam, this popular establishment features a bar and grill with local food, a gift shop, a small museum, and recreational grounds that has been owned by Jeff Pleadwell since 1979. Numerous concerts have been held there, along with a semi-annual arts and crafts fair, weddings, and other parties. A previous owner was said to have found evidence of Malay pirates having stayed in the area, inspiring the Cove's name, but in 1962 Typhoon Karen wiped out all traces of the Malay village, including a pirate ship scuba divers discovered in 1953.

Valley of the Latte

Formerly known as the Jungle Riverboat Cruise, scenic boat tours of Talofofo and Ugum Rivers go to the ancient Talofofo Village, the site of a CHamoru hut and latte stones. Visitors can enjoy CHamoru cultural activities, demonstrations, local food, and a petting zoo.

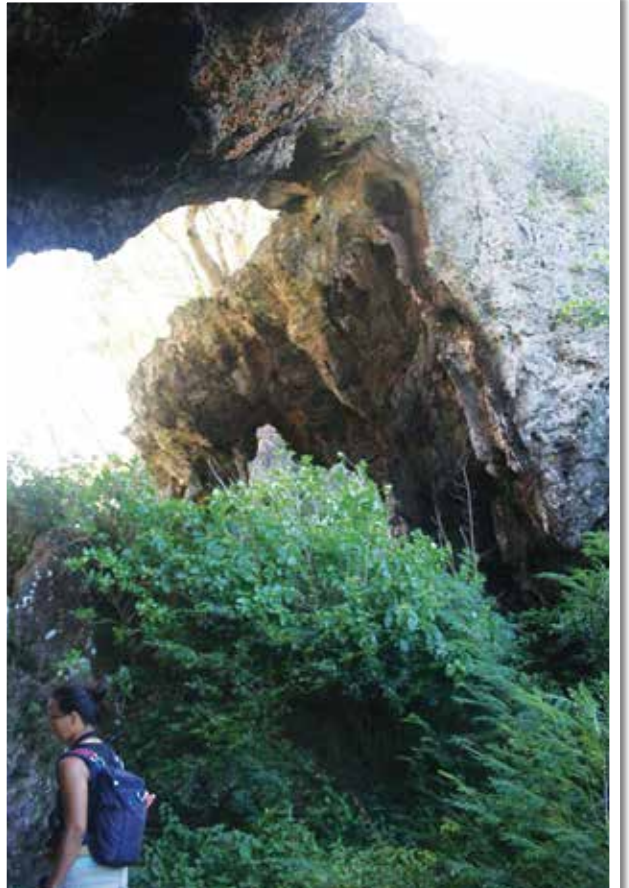
Onward Talofofo Golf Club

Designed by nine U.S. professional golfers, this course offers spectacular views. It features a relatively flat front nine, with fairways lined by tropical trees, flowers, and water hazards. Hole 6 is designed as a replica of Talofofo Falls and is good for scenic photo opportunities. The back nine is more difficult but overlooks Guam's tropical jungle and mountains.

Talofofo Falls

Located along the Ugum River, on the boundary between Talofofo and Inarajan, the Talofofo Falls are accessed by a road in Malojloj, Inarajan. At the bottom of the two-tier falls are swimming holes popular among visitors. The falls have been turned into a tourist destination, with a paved road, visitor facilities, and an entrance fee. A replica of Sgt. Yokoi's cave is nearby, as the original cave collapsed.

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This natural rock formation is called "Kissing Rock" by locals and offers hikers a spectacular view of the eastern coast of Guam, after ascending from Talofofo caves. Photo by Nathalie Pereda, courtesy of Guampedia



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Kids frolick in the water and shore of Ipan Beach, a popular weekend area for families and friends. Photo by Nathalie Pereda, courtesy of Guampedia

GUAM: Rich in history, culture

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This village at a glance

- **Population:** As of the 2010 US Census, the population was 3,050.
- **Village officials:** Vicente S. Taitague, Mayor, 2009-present; Pedro D. Paulino, Mayor, 2005-2009; Anthony C. Leon Guerrero, Mayor, 2001-2005; Vicente S. Taitague, Mayor, 1997-2001; Tito A. Mantanona, Commissioner/Mayor, 1981-1997; Roman L.G. Quinata, Commissioner, 1969-1981; Juan C. Tenorio, Commissioner, 1961-1969; Jose P. Cruz, Commissioner, 1952-1961; Vicente Cepeda, Castro Commissioner, 1941-1944; Cayetano Aguon Quinata, Acting Commissioner, 1928-1929; Vicente Cepeda Castro, Commissioner, 1920-1928; Castro Aguon Deputy Commissioner/Acting Commissioner, 1939-1941; Vicente Cepeda Castro Deputy Commissioner, 1917-1920. (Courtesy of Konsehelon Mahot Guåhan/the Mayor's Council of Guam). Note: Before World War II, the commissioners of Talofofo were appointed by the Naval governor. Starting in 1952, the commissioners and mayors were elected.
- **Village description:** Former Mayor Tito Mantanona coined the name "God's Country" for Talofofo, a nickname affectionately used by many residents and seen on signs throughout the village. At the heart of Talofofo is a four-way intersection recognized as the crossroads of this small village. Anyone giving



Governor Camacho and Sgt. Shoichi Yokoi. Photo by Guampedia

directions to a location in this village inevitably starts with this intersection, which is also at the heart of economic activity in Talofofo, with three corner stores doing business near the four-way intersection. North from the intersection is the village's Catholic church, San Miguel Church, as well as the mayor's office and houses, most of them similar to homes in suburban communities.

East from the intersection is the Onward Talofofo Golf Course, after which the road intersects with Route 17, locally known as Cross Island Road.

West from the intersection are more houses and Talofofo Elementary School, a sports field, and the

Talofofo gym. South of the intersection is the Seventh-day Adventist Church and Notre Dame High School. As the road heads downhill toward the Talofofo sub-communities of Ipan and Talofofo Bay, it passes the ancient Talofofo Caves. Sitting below the hills of the main village is the coastal community of Ipan, Talofofo. A number of secluded beaches and a scattering of houses, along with a gas station, make up most of Ipan. The area also includes Ipan Beach Park, a popular spot for barbecues. Jeff's Pirates Cove is located on the northern border of Ipan and has become an institution in the area. It is best known for its relaxed-atmosphere bar and grill, along with a small souvenir store and an outdoor area used for arts and craft fairs, concerts and other gatherings. The southern boundary of Talofofo is marked by the Ugum River (joined by the Talofofo River), which flows into Talofofo Bay. But as the Talofofo Bay park facilities are on the southern side of the bay, the area most people visit in Talofofo Bay is actually part of the neighboring village, Inarajan.

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 - Leave space for cushioning inside the carton, using bubble wrap, Styrofoam peanuts, or newspaper to protect the contents.
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Very Medium
4 hours for 2 miles

We enjoy views, fight through tall sword grass, then descend to the Agfayan River ledges for jumping, sliding, and swimming. We then hike up the picturesque middle falls, enjoy the shaded Agfayan Falls, continue to Cannonball Falls, and circle back to the start.

Bring: 3 quarts water, get wet shoes, gloves, sun screen, lunch, and camera.

Special conditions: Sword grass, walking in water, slippery rocks, and a fairly long hike.

Nov. 21
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Difficult
5 hours for 3 miles

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Bring: 3 quarts water, get wet shoes, gloves, sun screen, insect repellent, lunch, and camera.

Special conditions: Walking in water through a rocky river, steep slopes through sword grass, and climbing falls with a rope.

Stomp Tips:

- 1) Alcohol and hiking do not mix.
- 2) Do not bring beverages with caffeine on hikes.
- 3) Bring plenty of water with you on hikes.
- 4) When hiking, lots of little snacks are better than one big meal.
- 5) Always carry a well stocked personal first aid kit.
- 6) Carry a couple of extra shoelaces in your first aid kit. They have many uses.
- 7) Always bring a small flashlight in case you get lost, or delayed. Save your phone battery for calls.
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by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

1 Rough guess

5 Game for high rollers

10 Fall shade

14 Part of GMT

15 Trojan War figure

16 Not duped by

17 Newspaper bio

18 High-society group

19 Pantyhose flaw

20 Amount rarely paid

22 Crown

23 Prop for Picasso

24 Genesis villain

26 Rocker David Lee

28 Sleuths, briefly

29 "Mr. Robot" network

32 They show the way

35 Torn's partner

37 Complaint

38 Stomping ground

40 Rooney who played Lisbeth Salander

41 Instructive

43 Logo, e.g.

45 Whole bunch

46 Notable period

47 Notion

48 Desert basin

51 Specialized lingo

55 Misbehave

57 Deceptive statement

59 Muffin type

60 Aesop's ending

61 Pasty-faced

62 Rifle part

63 "Gladiator" star

64 Kind of cell

65 Gets rid of

66 Clergyman's house

67 Miffed

2 Leg bone

3 Off the mark

4 More prosperous

5 "Believe" singer

6 Really enjoy

7 Brady house-keeper

8 Mary Martin role

9 Sony on the NYSE

10 Bow coating

11 Artificial

12 Marquee name

13 Robe for Caesar

21 Till the earth

22 Midterm, say

25 Like some olives

27 Casual garment

30 Drought-ridden

31 Eden dweller

32 Aid in crime

33 Change, as decor

34 Put back to work

35 Harbor craft

36 Make flush

39 Literary repetition

42 Cry of pain

44 Vegan no-no

47 Spouse's family

49 Female relatives

50 Hammerin' Hank

52 Enthusiasm

53 Different

54 Culinary herb

55 "Dancing Queen" group

56 Heart of the matter

58 Head for the hills

60 Turn-of-the-century year

Answers to Previous Crossword:

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Answer San Francisco 49ers

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Difficulty: Medium

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Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answers to Previous Sudoku:

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The background of the entire page is a collage of various food items arranged on a rustic wooden surface. In the top left, there is a small wooden bowl containing green and black olives. Below it, there are stacks of different pasta shapes, including farfalle and bow-tie pasta. To the right, there is a halved avocado, a whole purple onion, a yellow cherry tomato, and a green chili pepper. At the bottom, there is a large, golden-brown baked item, possibly a flatbread or pizza, and several fresh fish, including a large blue fish and a smaller red fish. A crab is also visible at the bottom center.

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Roasted Turkey... the Guam Firehouse Cook Way!!

BY RUEBEN OLIVAS,
BBQGUAM

We love roasted turkey. And we don't wait for the holidays in order to enjoy it either. Sometimes we will BBQ the turkey low and slow, especially on a Kettle grill which seems to work out perfect for this. So we wanted to share with everyone our recipe for cooking a delicious, moist and crispy turkey.

First things first...

It is very important to defrost the turkey in refrigerator until completely thawed. This may take 2 days or more.

Soak turkey in brine overnight in the refrigerator. Use a container large enough for the turkey and brine.

Recipe for Brine:

Ingredients:

- 1 gallon water
- 1-1/2 cups of kosher salt
- 2 cups of brown sugar
- Stir until seasoning is dissolved

Directions:

1. Adjust the brine to your individual taste. More salt, more brown sugar??
2. The brine ensures a very moist turkey as well as getting the seasoning to soak thoroughly into the meat, thus enhancing the flavor.
3. Next day take turkey out of the brine and allow to drain for about 1/2 hour in the refrigerator. The refrigerator will dry out the skin and will give the roasted turkey a crispier skin.
4. Rub bird down, inside and out, with olive oil or canola oil.
5. Apply a medium amount of Santa Maria rub. Make sure that you rub under the skin of the turkey in the breast area.

Recipe for Rub:

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon sea salt
- 1 tablespoons granulated garlic powder



- 1 tablespoon of Kosher Salt
- 1 tablespoon of granulated onion power
- 1/2 teaspoon dried parsley, fine grind
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper, medium grind
- 1/4 teaspoon Accent (MSG) - optional

Directions:

1. Chop the parsley or crush it between your fingers to make it small enough to mix well with the other ingredients. Combine all ingredients and mix thoroughly. If you need larger amounts, just double or triple the ingredient amounts.
2. Set turkey on a roasting rack inside the roasting pan (must have cover).
3. Use two packages of Lipton's Onion Soup/ Dip mix. Sprinkle one over the turkey. The other mix into 4 cups of water, minimum, and pour into the bottom of the roasting pan. You may need to add more water during cooking. Do not allow the water to completely evaporate while roasting.
4. Place one stick of butter into the cavity of the turkey.
5. Place one stick of butter, 1/2 stick to each side, into the water of the roasting pan.
6. Preheat oven to 325 F.
7. Follow the cooking times for the turkey on the package.
8. Cook covered for half the recommended time and uncovered for the rest of the time. This will ensure a thoroughly cooked turkey that is also well browned.
9. Baste the turkey from time to time, while roasting, to get that shiny glaze on the skin. The butter in the water also helps crisp the skin.
10. Use a meat thermometer.
11. For a turkey with stuffing, insert meat thermometer into the center of the stuffing in the turkey cavity. The reading should be no less than 165 F.
12. For a turkey without stuffing, insert meat thermometer into the thickest part of the thigh, not on the bone. The reading should be no less than 185 F.
13. Once you reach these temperatures, take the turkey out of the oven and let it rest for about 1/2 hour.
14. If the wing tips and drumstick tips or any other part of the turkey start to get too dark while roasting, cover those parts with tin foil to avoid burning.
15. Use the turkey drippings in the roasting pan for your gravy.

I hope you enjoy my roast turkey recipe.

– bbqguam.blogspot.jp



Cranberry -Orange Relish

Ingredients:

- 2 medium oranges
- 4 cups fresh cranberries (1 pound)
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/4 cup finely chopped walnuts

Directions:

1. With a vegetable peeler, remove the orange portion only, of the peel of one orange; set aside.
2. Using a sharp knife, completely peel and section both oranges. Be careful to remove all the bitter white pith on the underside of the peel and the membrane between each orange section.
3. Using a food processor or blender with a coarse blade, grind reserved orange peel, orange sections, and cranberries.
4. Stir in sugar and nuts.
5. Chill for several hours or overnight before serving.

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Walnut, Apple Stuffing

Ingredients:

- 1 cup shredded carrot
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 teaspoon ground sage or poultry seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 8 cups dry bread cubes
- 2 cups finely chopped, peeled apple
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/4 cup wheat germ
- 1/2 to 3/4 cup chicken broth

Directions:

1. In a skillet, cook carrot, celery and onion in butter or margarine until tender but not brown.
2. Stir in sage or poultry seasoning, salt, cinnamon and 1/8 teaspoon pepper.
3. In a large mixing bowl, combine bread cubes, chopped apple, walnuts and wheat germ. Add cooked vegetable mixture.
4. Drizzle with enough chicken broth to moisten, tossing lightly.
5. Use to stuff one 10-pound turkey. May also be baked as dressing – bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes.

Yields: 10 servings

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Smoked & Grilled Turkey

BY ANNETTE “ANNIE” MERFALEN,
ANNIE’S CHAMORRO KITCHEN

Turkey doesn’t have to be served only during Thanksgiving or other holiday meal. Chamorros love to BBQ, but occasionally, we like to smoke and grill a turkey instead of the traditional BBQ fare of ribs and chicken. Whether baking, frying, grilling or smoking a turkey, I recommend brining the turkey at least 24 hours prior to cooking. Brining not only adds flavor to the turkey, but it seals in the juices during the cooking process, yielding an incredibly moist, juicy, tasty turkey.

- Ingredients:**
- 1 turkey, about 12-15 pounds
- For the Brine:**
- 2 gallons water
 - 1 cup sea salt
 - 2 tablespoons rosemary-garlic mix (or 1 tablespoon rosemary, 1 tablespoon garlic powder)
 - 1 tablespoon dried sage
 - 1 tablespoon whole black peppercorns
 - 1 tablespoon dried thyme leaves
 - 1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes
 - 2 bay leaves
 - 4 tablespoons good quality honey
 - 2 tablespoons dark brown sugar
 - 1 tablespoon powdered chicken bouillon
 - 1 orange, sliced
 - 2 limes, sliced
 - 1 medium onion, sliced
 - 1 gallon ice cubes
- Stuffing:**
- 1 medium onion, sliced
 - 2 apples, cut into wedges
 - 1 whole head of garlic

Directions:
1. Make the brine.

- Place one gallon of water into a large pot.
- Add the sea salt to the pot of water.
- Add the herbs/spices and bay leaves to the pot.
- Add the honey.
- Add the brown sugar.
- Add the chicken seasoning.
- Give it a stir then bring the mixture to a boil.
- Pour the brine into a clean bucket (we bought a PBA-free bucket at Lowe’s).
- Add the sliced limes, orange and onion to the bucket. My daughter was being funny and called this “turkey punch” ;)
- Let the brine cool completely before adding the turkey.
- Remove the giblets and neck from the cavity of the turkey. Rinse well then add the turkey to the cooled brine. I

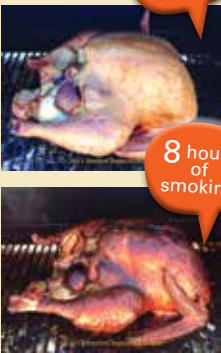


- don’t think there’s a “wrong way” to place the turkey into the bucket, but I like to place it with the legs pointing up so that most of the turkey meat is submerged in the brine. Of course, you could just add more water to the bucket until the bird is completely drowned. ;)
- Pour in the two gallons of ice cubes — about 2 pitcherfuls.
 - Place the lid on the bucket (if yours doesn’t come with a lid, use aluminum foil to cover it) then place the bucket in the refrigerator. Let the turkey soak in the brine for at least 24 hours.



2. Smoke/Grill the turkey.

- After 24 hours, remove the turkey from the brine. Chop up 2 apples and 1 onion, and peel the skin/paper off each clove in an entire head of garlic.
- Stuff the apple, onion and garlic mixture into the cavity of the turkey.
- Place the turkey in the smoker/grill. Follow the smoking/grilling directions for your smoker. I have a Traeger smoker/grill that has automatic temperature settings. Here are the procedures for using a grill (like a Traeger) that has automatic temperature settings.
- After turning on the grill, set it to 450 degrees; let the heat build up for about 15 minutes. Turn the heat back down to the Smoke setting then place the turkey on the grill, smoking it for approximately 9 hours.



NOTE: If you want to cut down the cooking time, do NOT stuff the turkey until about one hour from being done. An unstuffed turkey cooks faster than a cooked one. If you decide NOT to stuff the turkey, smoke it for 6 hours instead of 9. This is what the turkey looked like after 3 hours of smoking. After 8 hours of smoking, turn the heat up to 275 degrees and grill the turkey for one more hour or until the skin turns a nice dark brown color. If you don’t own a smoker/grill, bake the turkey at 325 degrees using the chart below as a basic guide.

Serve with your favorite side dishes. I recommend Chamorro Red Rice, Chamorro Stuffing and Fina’denne’. Enjoy!

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Bird Basics 101

How much turkey to buy

Plan on 1 pound per person for a regular bone-in turkey; about 1/3 pound per person for a boneless breast or turkey roast. Allow more, if you want plenty of leftovers, or to accommodate guests who favor only white or only dark meat. As with all raw meat, turkey can spoil quickly if not handled properly, so make the commissary the last stop on your holiday shopping trip. And make the turkey the last item placed in your grocery cart. At home, place the turkey in the refrigerator or freezer immediately.

How to thaw turkey safely

In the refrigerator: Turkeys can be thawed using one of three methods, but the safest, most foolproof, and most recommended is to thaw them in the refrigerator. In addition to being the safest method, this will also result in the best finished product. Plan ahead and allow about 24 hours for every 4 to 5 pounds of bird weight. Place the turkey, in the original wrapper, on a shallow-rimmed baking sheet or platter in the refrigerator.

• **Refrigerator Turkey Thawing Time (40 degrees F)**

Turkey Weight	Days to Allow for Thawing Turkey
8 to 12 pounds	2 to 2.5 days
12 to 16 pounds	2.5 to 4 days
16 to 20 pounds	4 to 5 days
20 to 24 pounds	5 to 6 days

The Cold Water Method: If you need to thaw the turkey more quickly, use this method. Cover the turkey, still sealed in the original wrapper, with cold water. Change the cold water every 30 minutes. Allow about 30 minutes per pound for complete thawing.

• **COLD Water Turkey Thawing Time**

Turkey Weight	Hours to Allow for Thawing Turkey
8 to 12 pounds	4 to 6 hours
12 to 16 pounds	6 to 8 hours
16 to 20 pounds	8 to 10 hours
20 to 24 pounds	10 to 12 hours

The Microwave Method: Even though thawing can be safely done in the microwave, it is the least desired method for producing a good-quality finished product, and the turkey must be roasted immediately after thawing. Follow your microwave manufacturer’s directions for thawing. Roast the turkey immediately, once thawing is complete.

How long to cook oven roasted turkey

Cook until temperature reaches 170 degrees Fahrenheit in the breast and 180 F in the thigh. Cooking times are for planning purposes only - always use a meat thermometer to determine doneness. (Approximate Timetable for Roasting a Turkey at 325 degrees F)

Unstuffed Turkey	Time to Cook	Stuffed Turkey	Time to Cook
8 to 12 pounds	2¾ to 3 hours	8 to 12 pounds	3 to 3½ hours
12 to 14 pounds	3 to 3¾ hours	12 to 14 pounds	3½ to 4 hours
14 to 18 pounds	3¾ to 4¼ hours	14 to 18 pounds	4 to 4¼ hours
18 to 20 pounds	4¼ to 4½ hours	18 to 20 pounds	4¼ to 4¾ hours
20 to 24 pounds	4½ to 5 hours	20 to 24 pounds	4¾ to 5¼ hours
24 to 30 pounds	5 to 5½ hours	24 to 30 pounds	5¼ to 6¼ hours

– Defense Commissary Agency

Tips for choosing and preparing a holiday turkey

Set yourself up for success with two simple rules: stick to the basics and start with great quality meat. If possible uses a turkey with no antibiotics or animal by-product in feed. Choose turkeys from farms that have achieved Global Animal Partnership 5-Step Animal Welfare Rating so you know your holiday bird was raised with care. For the juiciest, most flavorful meat, start with a fresh organic turkey and layer in flavor with a simple brine or herb rub. Try a brine kit, such as one from 365 Everyday Value, and then stuff chopped herbs under the skin before roasting. If you like bronzed, crispy skin, blast your turkey with heat at the beginning or end of cooking, breast side up. Roast until your meat thermometer reads 165 degrees Fahrenheit. Once done, let your turkey rest for 30 minutes before carving so juices redistribute. This locks in moisture and makes for smoother carving. It’s all about knowing where your turkey came from and the best way to lock in its juices and flavor.

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Thinking small at the Pentagon

DOD to open school focused entirely on beating drones Page 2

U.S. Army Sgt. Gage Stancell, center, looks through binoculars as Sgt. Gentry Squier describes where he saw a drone during an unmanned aerial system training exercise at Irbil Air Base in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq in April.

ANGEL RUSZKIEWICZ/U.S. Army

COVER STORY

Pentagon to open new school aimed at beating drones

By COREY DICKSTEIN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon wants to open a new school in the coming years specifically to teach troops to spot and kill small enemy drones, as the military seeks a uniform approach to defeating the small unmanned aircraft, which officials have labeled a growing battlefield threat.

The Army-led Joint Counter-Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Office hopes to open the new counter-small UAS academy in 2024 at Fort Sill, Okla., where it will become part of the Army's Fires Center of Excellence, said Army Maj. Gen. Sean Gainey, the leader of that new office. Gainey's new Arlington, Va.-based office was opened earlier this year as Pentagon officials placed an increased emphasis on the issue of small, often off-the-shelf drones that have been used against U.S. troops in the Middle East and Afghanistan in recent years.

"The [small drone] threat is evolving," Gainey said recently. "Having a synergy at the [future] schoolhouse will help the force understand how to get after this problem."

The issue has emerged in recent years as military officials have reported attacks on

American troops in places such as Iraq and Syria by Islamic State militants who used devices such as commercial quad-copter drones to drop grenades or other explosives. Defense officials have said other groups, including the Taliban in Afghanistan, have used small drones in recent years to watch American troop movements.

In testimony before the House Armed Service Committee in March, Marine Gen. Kenneth McKenzie, leader of the U.S. Central Command, warned small drones were among the most worrying threats that he has seen in the region in recent history.

"The growing threat posed by UASs, coupled with our lack of dependable ... capabilities to counter them is the most concerning tactical development in the CENTCOM [region] since the rise of the improvised explosive device," McKenzie said in his prepared remarks before the committee.

Among the issues that troops face in the fight against small drones is a scatter-shot, service-specific approach to defeating them, said Lt. Col. Dave Morgan, who works in the Joint Counter-Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Office.

"There are currently no joint



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Sgt. Gentry Squier points a dronebuster at a drone during training exercise at Irbil Air Base, Iraq, in April.

linkages or commonality to counter-UAS training across the [Defense] Department," Morgan said Friday during a virtual briefing for the defense industry on his office. "Every service is executing service-specific training. The average soldier, airman or Marine lacks adequate counter-UAS training."

The Pentagon has turned to the Army and Gainey's new office to develop those tactics and strategies for the entire military to adopt to defeat intelligence-gathering and armed drones in categories ranging from the smallest, typically off-the-shelf

drone models that weigh less than 20 pounds, to unmanned aircraft up to about 1,300 pounds, such as Russia's Forpost reconnaissance drones.

So far, Gainey said the primary methods to defeat such aircraft is through electronic warfare measures, often via drone-killing weapons that use lasers or microwave signals to disrupt the communications link between the drone and its operators.

The Army hopes it can work with the defense industry to quickly develop new anti-drone weapons that can target enemy

unmanned systems without interrupting friendly or noncombatant drones, Gainey said.

"We're at the point now where we can talk to industry about our requirements and lay out to industry [that] these are the requirements that weren't part of the original set of [counter-UAS] equipment that we want your help with, and that we want you to bring to our test ranges and show us what you're doing to get after this capability-focus area," he said.

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Pararescueman awarded Silver Star for actions

By CHAD GARLAND
Stars and Stripes

Staff Sgt. Nicholas Brunetto never expected to receive an award for his actions in combat with a Special Forces team ambushed in Afghanistan earlier this year.

"A lot of it was just being there and doing the job that I had volunteered for," the pararescueman said in an Air Force video. On Oct. 29, he received the Silver Star Medal for his lifesaving efforts in February.

The Americans and their Afghan colleagues were packing up their gear during the Feb. 8 mission when they came

under machine-gun fire from an Afghan army soldier, said Brunetto, a member of the 38th Rescue Squadron.

"There was enough dust kicked up from everyone running and the shooting that you could not tell who was actually shooting," he said. "You could see muzzle blasts still coming from the machine gun, as well

as from other areas."

Eight U.S. troops were critically injured in the attack along with three Afghan soldiers, an Air Force statement said. For one of the wounded, Brunetto realized that a blood transfusion was the only hope to save him, it said.

"Without regard for his own personal safety, [Brunetto] maneuvered back through incoming fire to retrieve vital medical equipment," said a statement from the 23rd Wing at Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

Brunetto again braved enemy fire to help carry several of the 11 wounded troops to an extraction point for helicopter evacuation, it said.

Maj. Gen. Chad P. Franks, commander of the 15th Air Force, who presented Brunetto with the medal for combat valor, praised his heroism, self-discipline, and the training and leadership.

"Today, we recognize the courage he had to act," Franks said. "Nobody would deny Nick's selfless service to America and his team that day."

Brunetto thanked his chain of command, his team, his wife and his family for their support, and credited advancements in battlefield medicine with providing vital

capabilities.

"The [people] there, myself and other guys who were able to do treatment did an amazing job and were able to keep everyone [who] was injured alive," Brunetto said.

The attack occurred in Nangarhar province, after the joint U.S.-Afghan force met with local leaders in the capital of Sherzad district, U.S. military officials had said at the time.

All of the troops that Brunetto treated survived, 23rd Wing spokeswoman Andrea Jenkins said via email, but two other Americans were killed in the incident. Earlier this year, officials also said one Afghan was killed.

The American soldiers, Staff Sgt. Antonio Rey Rodriguez and Green Beret Staff Sgt. Javier Jaguar Gutierrez, both with 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., were the last U.S. combat deaths in the country this year, which came just weeks before the signing of a U.S.-Taliban peace agreement.

For his bravery that day, Brunetto was also one of five service members named "Angels of the Battlefield" in a virtual awards gala Oct. 28. The other honorees

at the annual event hosted by the Armed Services YMCA were:

■ Sgt. 1st Class Kyle J. Wagner, a combat medic who treated casualties from a bomb blast in June 2013 despite his own injuries from the explosion.

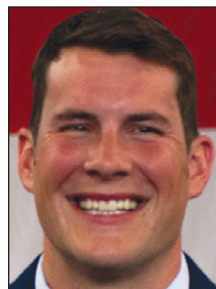
■ Petty Officer 1st Class William A. McGrath, a Navy corpsman who helped repel an enemy attack on a military airfield in Kenya where American troops were based and helped save the life of a wounded teammate last January.

■ A Navy SEAL whose name and mission were withheld due to the sensitive nature of his deployment, but who had tended to more than 200 patients during an overseas mission from 2019 to 2020.

■ Coast Guard rescue swimmer Petty Officer 2nd Class James A. Chandler, based in Houston, who saved a woman's life by performing CPR for over 30 minutes during Tropical Storm Imelda in 2019.

■ Regina Benson, a 100-year-old in Virginia believed to be the oldest living Army nurse, was also honored at the event.

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MILITARY

New Air Force 'G-suit' modified for women

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The Air Force's anti-gravity suit is designed for an elite group of airmen and astronauts who fly at super, blood-blocking speeds.

But the "G-suit" donned by Air Force aviators since going into use in 2001 was designed to fit a standard male body type, and its shortcomings have become clear with the growing number of female fighter pilots who now wear one.

Late last month, five female fighter pilots tested a modified version of the so-called advanced technology anti-gravity suit that is designed to better fit women or any male pilot with an atypical build, the Air Force said in a news release.

G-suits, sometimes called anti-G suits, are designed to prevent a pilot from blacking out during high levels of acceleration force that cause blood to pool in the lower part of the body, leaving the brain starved of blood and oxygen. Inflatable bladders push blood toward the torso and exert pressure on the lungs.

The new version of the suit has been modified in two major ways. First, it has wider lacing panels in the waist, thigh and calf that allow the user to adjust it to varying body proportions.

Second, the suit comes with an option for a tailored, or "darted," waist that does not interfere with a waist bladder that inflates during maneuvers with high G-force, the Air Force said.

"In the past, some pilots with



SAVANAH BRAY/U.S. Air Force

First Lt. Elizabeth Pennell, a T-38 pilot, steps into an F-16D Fighting Falcon at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., while testing a modified version of the Air Force's G-suit in late October.

a shorter torso have had issues with [G-suits] that were too large riding up and causing bruising on the rib cages, while pilots who are hard-to-fit may have had one size that fits through the legs, but need a smaller size in the waist," Charles Cruze, a human systems division engineer with the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, said in the news release. "Now, the waist can be darted up to 3.75 inches, allowing for a more custom and accurate fit,

preventing both of those issues."

Congress gave women the green light to pilot combat aircraft in December 1991, and in April 1993, then-Secretary of Defense Les Aspin lifted the Pentagon's prohibition on women taking combat aircraft assignments.

According to the Air Force's Personnel Center statistics, the service has just over 800 female pilots, with another roughly 580 women serving as navigators or

air battle managers.

The female pilots testing the modified suits flew almost 20 sorties Oct. 26-30 in two-seat F-16D fighter jets out of Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. They conducted low- and high-G basic fighter maneuvers and specific movements intended to evaluate the modifications, the Air Force said.

A pilot wearing a standard G-suit occupied the jet's second seat to ensure safety during the testing, the Air Force said.

The test pilots also evaluated the suits during regular activities such as sitting, standing, walking and climbing into and out of the aircraft, the Air Force said.

Test pilot Capt. Brittany Trimble, an F-16 Fighting Falcon instructor pilot, found the darted waist a noticeable improvement.

"I honestly didn't expect to notice much of a difference because I'd never noticed significant issues with the [G-suit] sizes before, but I was pleasantly surprised that these upgrades increased [the suit's] functionality significantly under G," she said in the news release.

"As more women strap into fast jets to get the mission done, I think the Air Force is heading in the right direction," Trimble said.

The modified G-suit could be available to pilots within one to two years based on the Air Force's current acquisition protocol, Sharon Rogers, the lead test engineer, said in the news release.

"These tests are important because they will ultimately increase the lethality of those who no longer have their mask slip down during a sortie, their G-suit crunch under their waist, or the extra fabric of a too big anti-exposure suit get in the way of their movements in the jet," Trimble said. "These don't seem like big issues, but everything counts in the air, and having gear that fits and works as intended should be the standard."

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USAF's new rescue helos have roots in Vietnam War

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The first pair of the Air Force's new "Jolly Green" rescue helicopters — an aircraft with a legacy tracing back to the Vietnam War — arrived earlier this month at Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

The 23rd Wing and 347th Rescue Group received two HH-60W Jolly Green II helicopters, flown in from Lockheed Martin's Sikorsky Training Academy in Stuart, Fla., the Air Force said in a news release.

The service in February unveiled the name of its new combat rescue helicopter, which follows the tradition of the Vietnam-era HH-3E Jolly Green and the HH-53 Super Jolly Green. The original chopper earned its nickname from a mashup of its green exterior paint and a toga-clad, green-hued cartoon giant featured in a 1960s-era canned-vegetable advertising campaign.

The delivery of the two helicopters marks the beginning of the service's transition away from the HH-60G Pave Hawk model, which airmen have been flying for more than 26 years, the Air Force said.

The service will continue to use Pave Hawks until the planned acquisition of 108 Jolly Green IIs is complete, the Air Force said.

The Jolly Green II features many

overall improvements over its predecessor, including better defensive system, hover performance, electrical capacity, avionics, cooling, weapons and cybersecurity, the Air Force said.

The helicopter's primary mission will be conducting operations into hostile environments to recover isolated personnel during war, both day and night, the Air Force said.

It will also be employed for non-war-fighting operations such as civil search and rescue, medical evacuation, disaster response, humanitarian assistance, NASA space-flight support and rescue command and control, the Air Force said.

The Air Force developed the original HH-3E helicopter, dubbed the Jolly Green Giant by U.S. troops, by modifying Sikorsky's CH-3 transport helicopter. The choppers entered the Vietnam War carrying armor plating and armament for its primary mission of combat search and rescue of downed airmen.

With a watertight hull, the chopper could land on water, and its large rear door it could be easily loaded and unloaded.

With aerial-refueling capability, it also had range, setting a record for helicopters in 1967 by flying nonstop from New York to Paris, according to the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

Crewmen of the HH-3 choppers were



ANDREA JENKINS/U.S. Air Force

An HH-60W Jolly Green II taxis at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., on Nov. 5. The Air Force received two of the helicopters, marking the beginning of a transition away from the HH-60G Pave Hawk model.

awarded 24 Air Force Crosses, more than 190 Silver Stars one Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War.

Air Force Secretary Barbara Barrett underscored the importance of the crews operating combat search and rescue missions during the February naming ceremony in Orlando, Fla.

"Reviving the Jolly Green name honors our combat search and rescue crews past

and present," Barrett said.

"Americans owe these courageous airmen the very best equipment," she said. "The new combat rescue helicopter, the HH-60W, improves range and survivability for safer search and rescue operations everywhere, every time."

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MILITARY

Afghan pilot in hiding after DOD backtracks on US entry

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KABUL, Afghanistan — A helicopter pilot reputed to have killed more Taliban than anyone else in the Afghan air force is in hiding after the Pentagon reversed its decision to approve his move to the United States.

In early October, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service and the Defense Department approved Maj. Mohammed Naiem Asadi's request to seek refuge in America, along with his wife and 4-year-old daughter, because they were in "imminent danger of being killed by the Taliban," approval documents and emails shared with Stars and Stripes show.

But on Oct. 28, just hours before they were to about to leave, Asadi was told plans had changed. He would learn the Pentagon had withdrawn its endorsement.

The Pentagon had indeed approved Asadi's application to seek refuge in America, said a DOD official who could not be named due to not being authorized to comment on the case. The military changed its stance after a few senior leaders had objected that this decision had been made without their approval, the official said.

The U.S. military confirmed Nov. 6 it had pulled its support for Asadi and his family.

"The appropriate officials determined that DoD could not support the request," Army Maj. Rob Lodewick, a Pentagon spokesman, said in an emailed statement.

The Pentagon's reversal shocked one of the military officers who vouched for Asadi and had promised to host the pilot and his family upon arrival.

"The family was about to travel to the U.S. in good faith, that they had followed the proper process, and been approved," said Bryan P. McAlister, a former Army pilot who was Asadi's advisor. "Who is going to finally do the right thing, and let them come to the United States, where the American people are ready to receive and care for them?"

Asadi said there is no way



RESOLUTE SUPPORT/DVIDS

In a screenshot from a 2017 NATO Resolute Support video, then-Capt. Mohammad Naiem Asadi talks about flying helicopters for the Afghan Air Force. Now a major, Asadi and his family had been approved to come to the U.S. for their protection until the Pentagon reversed its endorsement of their exit.

he can return to his old life out of fear of both the Taliban and retribution from the Afghan government.

The 32-year-old flier is said to have killed more Taliban than any other pilot in the Afghan Air Force during thousands of flight hours, Afghan and U.S. military officers told Stars and Stripes.

Asadi protected an American pilot who crashed his A-29 Super Tucano attack turboprop in northern Afghanistan this summer, said a letter of commendation signed by Air Force Capt. Robert V. Yost.

Asadi led a flight of two MD-530 attack helicopters that scrambled to protect the crash site in Taliban-contested territory, and Asadi's efforts were vital to the pilot's rescue, Yost wrote.

"The incident was just one of countless events where Maj. Asadi's actions have protected and saved lives," he wrote.

But for all his heroics in the air, Asadi and his family faced



QUINTON RUSS/U.S. Air Force

Afghan pilot Maj. Mohammad Naiem Asadi receives final instructions before a solo flight in a MD-530 helicopter, Oct. 16, 2012 at Shindand Air Base, Afghanistan.

threats at home. Among several threatening letters and phone calls was one this spring, in which the Taliban demanded Asadi's father hand over his son,

or his entire family would be killed.

Asadi applied to come to the U.S. under Significant Public Benefit Parole, a temporary

status for noncitizens in need of protection. He hoped to apply for asylum, which can take years, while safely in the United States.

Documents show he passed several background checks, and on Oct. 5, the Pentagon endorsed his application.

"Applicant and his family are in imminent danger of being killed by the Taliban," said the document, signed by Assistant Secretary of Defense Ezra Cohen. "Threat to applicant is directly related to faithful execution of the job he was trained, equipped and advised by the U.S. to do."

But the day he was supposed to leave, Asadi said his appointment at the U.S. Embassy was canceled. No reason was given.

He then received a phone call from the Afghan air force's commander, demanding Asadi report to his office. He hadn't told his command he applied to a U.S. program to leave the country.

He did not report, concerned he could be deemed a deserter by those who didn't know or care that he was applying through official channels, and fearing that he would be thrown in prison among the Taliban.

He learned later the Pentagon had placed his case on hold, before withdrawing the endorsement.

"We were the ones who raised our hands and said, 'we're not quite sure we checked all the boxes when we endorsed this thing,'" the defense official said. "We don't want to be put into a position of facilitating the departure of an active duty Afghan military officer."

Asadi is now somewhere in Afghanistan under U.S. protection. His young daughter has adapted well to life in hiding, he said, but for him and his wife, the disappointment and uncertainty have been overwhelming.

"I cannot go backward," Asadi said. "And I cannot go forward, because I am not allowed to go forward."

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Over 5K sailors with critical skills eligible for \$30,000 bonus

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WASHINGTON — Some sailors are entitled to a reenlistment bonus of at least \$30,000 after the Navy added more critical skillsets to its eligibility list.

The Navy added 78 more skillsets eligible for the fiscal year 2021 Selective Reenlistment Bonus list allowing about 5,220 additional sailors to receive the money, according to the service.

Sailors receive a skillset code after they have completed training for certain skills or knowledge, such as learning a new language or how to repair specific equipment.

"[The bonus] rewards sailors who attain training and skills most needed in the fleet and helps meet critical skill reenlistment benchmarks, while enhancing [the] Navy's ability to size, shape, and stabilize manning," according to the Navy fact sheet on the bonus.

The Navy plans to spend slightly more than \$379 million on reenlistment bonuses once the fiscal year 2021 defense budget is approved, according to the service. The Defense Department is operating now under a continuing resolution while it waits for Congress to pass the defense funding bill.

The bonus is only eligible for sailors who

have 14 years of service or less, broken up into three zones. Zone A is for sailors who have served up to six years, Zone B is for service between six to 10 years, and Zone C is for 10 to 14 years of service.

There are five bonus levels depending on the need for a specific skill: \$30,000; \$45,000; \$60,000; \$75,000, and \$100,000. Sailors will receive half of their bonus upfront and the remainder will be spread out over the rest of their enlistment, according to the Navy. In addition, if a sailor reenlists in a designated combat zone, they can receive the entire bonus tax free.

The Navy said the service is constantly updating its bonus award levels, so sailors

who do not take advantage of the money soon could lose out later.

The bonuses have also increased payouts for 14 skillsets but decreased the money for 51 others. The Navy removed 44 skillsets from the bonus list and left the money amount the same for 107 skills, according to a Navy fact sheet.

Sailors must submit their request for the bonus between 35 and 120 days prior to their reenlistment date, the fact sheet states.

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MILITARY

Semper tankers

Marines holding on to community spirit as 100-year legacy ends

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The Marine Corps is ditching tanks, but its tankers are working to preserve their unique subculture, some with hopes that their special breed may one day be called on again.

"We are small and we are all really cut from the same cloth," said Maj. Ronald "JR" Valasek, an armor officer who launched a YouTube channel this summer where the tight-knit community can document its own legacy. "I will always be a tanker."

Dubbed "100 years of Marine Corps Tankers," the channel was born days after the 4th of July, as



Valasek

tank companies were closing and their M1A1 Abrams tanks were being hauled away. The Marines who crewed them were being asked to retrain,

change services or retire.

"It's a way for us to keep our stories alive," Valasek said in a phone interview. "The series is going to go for as long as I have interviews."

He was inspired to launch the weekly video series after realizing many current or former tankers have memories and feelings to share. It's been "like therapy," he said, adding that it had spurred old friends to reconnect off-camera, too.

In parts oral history, pep talk and eulogy, the episodes occasionally open a window into the final days of the service's remaining tank units, slated to be shuttered by 2023 — one century after the Corps received its first six M1917 tanks from the Army.

Master Gunnery Sgt. Daniel Formella, operations chief at the North Carolina-based 2nd Tank Battalion, spoke with Valasek in late July, just hours after his battalion's M1A1s were loaded onto railcars at Camp Lejeune



PATRICK KING/U.S. Marine Corps

Marines with 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, track through tank trails on Camp Lejeune, N.C., for the last time July 27.

for the last time.

"It hurts seeing that [tank] ramp empty. Oh, it hurts," Formella said. "I've been trying to hold it together all week."

It's like losing a loved one, said Valasek, a 17-year veteran. Another heartbreak was knowing he and others will retire in a few years without the traditional ceremony on the tank ramp, standing under crossed 120 mm cannons, as their mentors and heroes had in years past.

The Marines got the news in the spring, when Marine Corps Commandant Gen. David Berger published a vision for the service's future without heavy armor and several other units. But it's a demise that's long been foretold.

"This day has been coming for ... 30 years," Chris Juhls, a retired gunnery sergeant, said in July. "It just so happens it's now,

and there's nothing we can do about it."

Servicewide cuts to equipment, units and personnel are partly meant to free up money for modernization without asking Congress for a bigger budget.

While Valasek didn't expect tank units to be unscathed, he was "personally shocked" that none survived.

A veteran of the Iraq War who spent over six months fighting in Fallujah, he said "tanks were an absolute necessity" there during Operation Phantom Fury and subsequent operations. Many Marine infantrymen would not have made it home without them, he and others say.

"When you need a tank, nothing else will suffice," Valasek said. "I don't know what direct fire asset is going to replace [tanks]."

Still, as a former aide to

Berger, he said he knows the general's decision wasn't made without considering its full ramifications. The commandant envisions a lighter, more agile Marine Corps, largely designed to counter China, and has said the Army would continue to provide tanks and other heavy ground systems.

But the concept raises questions for former Marine armor officer Dan Grazier, who anticipated several complications from relying on another service for heavy armor. This is partly because tanks are a maneuver element of their own in the Army, but the Marine Corps sees them strictly as support for infantry forces.

A military fellow at the nonprofit watchdog Project on Government Oversight, Grazier was also skeptical that the U.S. would see the type of conflict the

Marine Corps now envisions and suggested it could be more likely to see combat operations where armor units would be direly needed.

"I really fear the day that a future Marine finds himself in a bind and looks around because he needs a tank and there isn't one there to help him," he said.

But on the YouTube channel, several Marines have voiced what Valasek calls "tanker optimism" that the service may one day backtrack — and that it'll need Marines like them again when it does.

"Just because our equipment's going away, our brotherhood's not. It will never die," Formella said. "Our stories will continue through our kids ... until tanks come back."

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More Marines choose Corps over tanks as service drops armor

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Most Marine tankers have chosen to stay in the Corps rather than join the Army to keep on tanking in the months since the top Marine general called for the shuttering of heavy armor battalions earlier this year.

The service gave tank officers, enlisted crew and maintainers the option to move into a new military specialty, retire early or transfer into another service by April 2022, when it would begin choosing for them.

"They're Marines," said Chris Juhls, a retired gunnery sergeant, in a July episode of a YouTube series about the service's tank community. "They'll adapt, they'll overcome, they'll find something else."

Up to about the end of September, that appeared to have been the case, service data show. At the time, 70% of Marines who had submitted paperwork requesting one of the options had chosen to stay in the Corps. Of 820 Marines, about 130 had opted to switch to a new specialty within the branch, 46 had requested transfer to another service and six had chosen early retirement.

About 650 had not requested any of the options by late September. About 30 Marines whose contracts ended in fiscal year 2020 or were eligible for regular retirement by Oct. 1 weren't included in the data, said Yvonne Carlock, spokeswoman for Marine Manpower & Reserve Affairs.

With coronavirus precautions forcing career services programs to close, much of the transition and retention guidance

for the tankers was being done "in-house" within the battalions this summer, Master Gunnery Sgt. Daniel Formella, operations chief at the Camp Lejeune, N.C.-based 2nd Tank Battalion, said in July on the YouTube channel "100 years of Marine Corps Tankers."

A few Marines described their career-planning process in a statement the 2nd Marine Division provided to Stars and Stripes.

After discussing his options with a career planner, Staff Sgt. Edward Douse Jr requested jobs in the information security, logistics and supply fields as his top three choices, based on his interests and his aptitude test scores, he said.

Cpl. Tristen T. Stamps, a tank commander with the battalion who hopes to stay in the Corps until retirement, chose the

combat engineer specialty, in part because of stories his grandfather told of serving as an Army engineer during the Vietnam War, he said.

And Capt. John Neail, a company commander, was tempted to swap over to the Army but eventually decided to become a financial management officer in the Corps after he was given no guarantee he would be a tanker as a soldier, he said.

"My only desire to transfer to the Army would be to stay on the tank," he said. "I wasn't willing to risk hanging up my 8-point (Marine hat) to put on (the Army's) patrol cap without knowing I'll be back in the tank."

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MILITARY

Soldier wins Army challenge with range app

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Winning the XVIII Airborne Corps' first "Dragon's Lair" innovation challenge with an idea to improve training range management by using mobile apps earned Maj. Evan Adams his choice of any Army school. He opted for something sensible, if less action-packed.

The planning officer with the 101st Airborne Division was one of five finalists who presented problem-solving ideas via video teleconference to a panel of judges in a competition last month at Fort Bragg, N.C. All were focused on addressing headaches with training ranges.

Adams pitched a "RangeFinder" mobile application designed to help streamline the management and booking of weapons ranges, while improving communications and disseminating plans, policies and procedures. He likened it to a Gerber multitool, which would bring several functions into one pocket-sized package.

"We have all these tools, all these capabilities exist," he told Stars and Stripes. "It's just, nobody's combined them."

For wowing six panelists with the idea, he got a four-day liberty pass and could have also chosen to earn a shiny badge for his Army Greens by attending an elite military freefall parachute course in the Arizona desert or dive school off the coast of Florida.

"No, he wants to go to Capability Developers Course," the corps said on Twitter, joking that he might end up at austere survival, evasion, resistance and escape training instead.

It's "kind of nerdy," Adams

said, but "nerds run the Army." He said he chose that course because it would help him develop more good ideas at this point in his career.

"It would be pretty cool to have HALO wings, but at the same time, I'm a field-grade (officer) ... I'm old," the 13-year Army veteran said, referring to the high-altitude, low-opening jump badge.

Besides, he's already done Airborne and Ranger schools and is likely to do Air Assault and Pathfinder anyway, he said.

In addition to aiding range management, Adams said he was excited about the potential that the Army could develop user-friendly mobile apps to help with medical readiness or to replace the cumbersome Defense Travel System.

His idea beat out four other finalists that got the most votes out of the dozens of online submissions to the Dragon Innovation Challenge. The initiative, backed by the corps' three-star commander Lt. Gen. Erik Kurilla, is aimed at spurring creative solutions from within the 3rd Infantry, 10th Mountain, 82nd Airborne and 101st Airborne divisions, as well as the 20th Engineer Brigade, 16th Military Police Brigade and 3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command.

"Top-down leadership with bottom-up refinement," said Master Sgt. Roy Smith, one of the panelists. "You don't need a lot of rank on your chest to have a good idea."

Filling out the field of finalists who entered the "Dragon's Lair" to pitch their ideas last week were three soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division — 1st Sgt. Daniel Murphy, Capt. Michael Stevnik,



U.S. Army

During the XVIII Airborne Corps' "Dragon's Lair" innovation challenge, Capt. Michael Stevnik of the 82nd Airborne Division pitches an idea for adding the option to reserve training ranges for smaller blocks of time in the Army's range management system.



SCREENSHOT/Army innovation portal

This proposed "RangeFinder" mobile application for scheduling and managing Army training ranges earned Maj. Evan Adams, of the 101st Airborne Division, a four-day liberty pass and the school of his choice in the XVIII Airborne Corps' first "Dragon's Lair" innovation challenge.

and 1st Sgt. Richard Greve — and 1st Lt. Nathan Wagner of the 10th Mountain Division.

From tweaks to an existing range management system to development of division-level marksmanship instructor training, all five proposals had some merit, said panelist Capt. Anne Blank. But Adams' represented something "bigger" that en-

capsulated the spirit of the challenge.

Adams, who sees the idea as "inevitable" rather than revolutionary, highlighted several advantages to using smartphones to replace or enhance operations that mainly rely on landline phones, two-way radios, clunky websites and PowerPoint slides.

On Oct. 28, the corps head-

quarters began working on how to implement Adams' idea, said Col. Joe Buccino, the corps' spokesman.

A second edition of the Dragon's Lair is scheduled for Nov. 17. "We know there are ideas out there and we want them in the Dragon's Lair," he said.

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Fort Sill trainees first to get Army's new greens

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WASHINGTON — Some 200 new privates nearing the end of basic training at Fort Sill, Okla., received the Army's new, throwback-style dress green uniforms last month, becoming the first recruits issued the World War II-inspired threads.

The trainees assigned to the 1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery basic training unit were issued the new uniforms Oct. 14, ahead of their scheduled Nov. 13 graduation, according to the Army. The soldiers, with the battalion's alpha company, were chosen to be first to receive the new uniforms simply because of that timing, said Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Harding, the

senior enlisted leader for the 434th Field Artillery Brigade, responsible for basic training at Fort Sill.

Harding said it was "pretty neat" that some of his recruits would be the first in the Army to receive it. He said he looked forward to seeing the unit wear the new uniform when they graduate Basic Combat Training this month.

The new privates were each issued one Army Green Service Uniform, which includes one jacket, pants, a dress shirt, brown oxford shoes, matching socks, their rank insignia, one long- and short-sleeved T-shirt, a tie, gloves and a garrison cap, which is a straight-sided, foldable hat.

Fort Sill's drill instructors in September were among the Army's first soldiers to

be issued the new uniforms. In addition to drill instructors, other high-visibility soldiers including recruiters and senior generals have been sporting the new uniforms in recent months.

Army officials said in August that the new Army greens should be available to nearly all soldiers to purchase on their installations by the spring. They will not become mandatory until 2027, when they will replace the blue Army Service Uniforms as the service's everyday, office-setting attire. The blue uniforms will remain authorized for more formal functions, Army officials have said.

Army and Air Force Exchange Service stores in the continental United States are expected to have the uniforms available

for sale by December. AAFES locations in Alaska, Hawaii and on overseas posts are expected to begin selling them by February.

The uniforms will initially cost about \$500, but that price is expected to drop as the Army ramps up production of the clothing, Daniel Koglin, a military clothing manager for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, said in August.

After Fort Sill, the Army is next expected to begin issuing the Army greens to trainees at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, Fort Benning in Georgia and Fort Jackson in South Carolina, Army officials said.

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MILITARY

USAF football team honors fallen grads

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In a section of the U.S. Air Force Academy's Falcon Stadium, cutouts of nearly two dozen graduates who have passed away "watched" as the academy's football team fell Oct. 31 to Mountain West conference rival Boise State, 49-30.

The fallen grads' cutouts are part of a program launched in September by the athletic department to raise money to support cadet athletes and ensure that coronavirus restrictions don't mean the nearly 47,000-capacity stadium is empty for home games.

"We're doing everything we can to keep everyone at the academy safe while complying with state and local guidelines, but we also want to try to fill the stands," Eric Silakowski, the athletic department's associate director and executive director of development, told Stars and Stripes in a telephone interview from Colorado Springs, Colo..

Days later, Superintendent Lt. Gen. Richard M. Clark announced that, because of rising infection numbers, cadets would not be required to attend the Oct. 31 football game.

Some did, anyway, and a section away from them, 22 fallen grads had been "seated" in the stands a day before the game.

One row held several members of the class of 1997. Capt. Luke Johnson, who died in 2002 when his F-16 crashed near Spangdahlem Air Base as he prepared to land after a night training mission, was next to Maj. Jeffrey Percy, who died in 2015 when the Sabreliner he was flying was involved in a midair collision on approach to Brown Field in San Diego. Next to them were David Ramsey and Dennis Rando, two of several cadets who died in the 1990s before graduating. Each cutout lists the fallen graduate's name, the year they graduated and their last squadron at the academy.

Cutouts of all 13 members of the class of 2001 who have passed were also in the stands for the Boise State game, one of their classmates told Stars and Stripes by email.

"We came together as a class to honor them," he said, asking not to be named so as not to detract from the group effort to "represent our fallen friends."

One of the 2001 fallen grads was 2nd Lt.



ERIC SILAKOWSKI/Air Force Academy

A member of the athletics department at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., sets up cutouts of fallen graduates in the stands of Falcon Stadium ahead of the Mountain West conference game Oct. 31 against Boise State.

Holly Adams, one of just two women along with Capt Kimberly Harmon Wielhouwer who were represented by cutouts at the game.

Adams was killed in a car crash a week before Christmas 2002. Wielhouwer, class of 1991, died when the C-130 transport plane she had just taken the controls of slammed into a mountain in Wyoming in August 1996.

Anna Vincent Adams bought the cutout of Wielhouwer, who was her roommate at the academy and at pilot training at Reese Air Force Base in Texas.

"It's a small gesture to honor her this way," said Adams, who retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel in 2016. "Gone, but not forgotten."

The athletic department started selling

cutouts after coronavirus restrictions led the academy to bar all but cadets from attending home football games. Even when all 4,000 cadets attend games, which was a requirement until last week when coronavirus restrictions were stepped up, they only filled 10% of Falcon Stadium.

The cutouts program got off to a roaring start, with more than 300 cutouts of cadets' pets, friends, families and Falcons' fans sold in the six days leading up to the game against Navy in early October. After that game, which the Falcons won decisively, the Association of Graduates told the athletic department they'd been contacted by "lots of people asking if they could buy a cutout to honor a fallen grad," Silakowski said.

By the end of October, a few dozen fallen

grad cutouts had been sold. "A lot of people have reached out and said they're really interested in the idea but want to work with the families, to be respectful," Silakowski said.

The money raised from selling the cutouts goes toward buying equipment, renovating team rooms where athletes can get away from the daily strains of cadet life, and ensuring the nutritional needs of cadet athletes are met, Silakowski said.

And if the pandemic continues to bar fans from attending sports events, cutout programs may be launched for the academy's hockey, wrestling, and men's and women's basketball programs, he said.

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USAF colonel becomes first astronaut to join Space Force

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WASHINGTON — The Space Force will soon have its first astronaut when an Air Force colonel joins the newest military service in a ceremony planned during his upcoming space mission, a Space Force official said.

Air Force astronaut Col. Michael "Hopper" Hopkins will transfer to Space Force once he is on board the International Space Station, said Col. Catie Hague, a spokeswoman for the chief of space operations.

Space Force is the newest branch of military and was officially established December 2019

under the Department of the Air Force. The branch has already started enlisting recruits and conducting transfer ceremonies for service members, including for the first deployed Space Force personnel in September, according to the service.

Hopkins is the commander for the upcoming SpaceX Crew-1

mission, which will be the first crew rotation mission to the space station as part of NASA's Commercial Crew program, according to NASA's website. The mission is expected to launch Nov. 14 from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Also on this mission is Navy Cmdr. Victor Glover Jr. as the pilot, Shannon Walker as the mission specialist, and Soichi Noguchi with the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, who is also a mission specialist, according to NASA.

Hopkins, a native of Lebanon, Mo., was selected to be an astronaut in 2009 and has been aboard the space station previously, logging 166 days in space, according to his official NASA biography.

As of Nov. 2, there are no astronauts in the Space Force, said a Space Force official who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The transfer ceremony to Space Force on the space station would involve Hopkins reaffirming his oath of office, according to a FAQ page on the Space Force website.

Service members have joined NASA's astronaut corps for more than 60 years, Hague said in the statement.

"Space Force, as the newest military service, is looking forward to contributing to this legacy," she said.

Gen. John Raymond, the chief of space operations, is working with NASA's Administrator Jim Bridenstine on the ceremony aboard the space station "as a way to spotlight the decadeslong partnership between [the Defense Department] and NASA," Hague said.

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