



DIRECTORATE OF PREVENTION, RESILIENCE AND READINESS

DPRR MEDIA UPDATE March 1-7, 2024

DPRR Community Link Newsletter Accepting Submissions

We are accepting submissions for the April 2024 issue of *Community Link* from now until March 15. This edition focuses on Readiness and People and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. We are looking for high-resolution photos and articles of up to 400 words with one or two photos. In the photo caption, please describe the event pictured, the title, the full names and ranks of people in the photo (if applicable) and the date the photo was taken. Please send your submissions or questions to the editor, Tara Davis, at tara.davis@mat-inc.net.

More to Be Done Campaign: Awareness Materials

As part of our commitment to a more ready force, the Directorate of Prevention, Resilience and Readiness launched the More to Be Done awareness campaign, signifying the ongoing journey toward a safer, more resilient community. This campaign reflects our collective commitment to tackling challenges head-on, preventing suicide and eliminating sexual harassment and sexual assault in Army formations. This dynamic collection of materials encompasses visually striking posters, detailed brochures, attention-commanding banners, pocket-size informational cards, and a host of digital resources. In the spirit of collaboration and shared responsibility, we look forward to witnessing the positive impact of More to Be Done in our community. [Order and download campaign materials](#) to share with your team.

SAAPM 2024: Awareness Materials

Nationwide, April is recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM). This year the Army's campaign theme is "Change Through Unity: Empower. Protect. Prevent." The 2024 SAAPM campaign highlights the importance of eliminating sexual assault and sexual harassment by working together to build a respectful culture for all. Each of us plays a critical role in strengthening the command climate by engaging in behaviors that protect others and in supporting one another to achieve personal and professional success. [Learn more about SAAPM and review available resources.](#)

Upcoming Event

Webinar: Feeling Listened To: Wellness Checks in the Army, with Amy Adler, senior scientist and clinical research psychologist, Center for Military Psychiatry and Neuroscience, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research

Date: March 28

Times: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. ET

Registration is required.

To register for the 11 a.m. webinar, visit:

https://strategyconsultingteam.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_tx0Wr6khTOSvs-pFvZGnJQ.

To register for the 2 p.m. webinar, visit:

https://strategyconsultingteam.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_j5CEO7wOSga_bjg1fK4eSg.

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Connect With Us Through Social Media

Come see what you're missing if you're not following and liking us on [Facebook](#), [X](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#). As an Army member, you can enhance prevention, build resilience and improve readiness by keeping up to date on events, policies and program changes by connecting with us on DPRR social media channels.

The stories quoted in the DPRR Media Update are provided for situational awareness. Statistics, data and quotes used by these media sources have not been checked for accuracy or approved/endorsed by the U.S. Army. Verify all information with official Army sources before quoting or citing.

ARTICLE: Army Affirms Commitment to Barracks Improvements

SYNOPSIS: In the wake of a Government Accountability Office report that blames shoddy barracks conditions for negatively affecting Soldiers' quality of life and readiness, the Army will significantly upgrade its housing. Rachel Jacobson, assistant secretary of the Army for installations energy and environment, told the House Armed Services readiness subcommittee at a recent hearing that the service is committed to getting as many barracks as it can out of "the poor and failing category."

REPORTERS: Staff writers, *FEDweek*

<https://www.fedweek.com/armed-forces-news/army-affirms-commitment-to-barracks-improvements>

AUDIO: U.S. Military Barracks Are in Shambles. Will the Government Take Action?

SYNOPSIS: A recent report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office reveals abominable living conditions inside military barracks—from mold and exposed sewage to broken windows to nonexistent HVAC systems. Click the link below for a transcript of an episode of WBUR's *On Point* program in which experts discuss the issue.

REPORTERS: Jonathan Chang, Meghna Chakrabarti and Tim Skoog, WBUR-NPR (MA)

<https://www.wbur.org/onpoint/2024/02/29/military-barracks-gao-government-department-of-defense>

ARTICLE: US Army Completes \$250 Million Housing Tower Project for Families in South Korea

SYNOPSIS: A new housing tower opened recently on Camp Walker, providing 90 additional units for households serving in Daegu, about 150 miles south of Seoul.

REPORTER: David Choi, *Stars and Stripes*

https://www.stripes.com/theaters/asia_pacific/2024-03-06/army-new-housing-towers-korea-13222327.html

ARTICLE: Army Launches 2024 Tenant Satisfaction Survey

SYNOPSIS: Through the annual Tenant Satisfaction Survey, the Army collects feedback about the housing experiences of Soldiers and their Families. The more than 110,000 recipients of the confidential, voluntary online survey have until April 18 to complete it.

REPORTER: U.S Army Public Affairs, *Army.mil*

https://www.army.mil/article/274233/army_launches_2024_tenant_satisfaction_survey

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VIDEO: Fort Cavazos Gets New Transit System Utilizing Buses

SYNOPSIS: A year in the making, the Cavazos Connector is a boon to Soldiers and Families, providing 13 buses that will make 28 stops covering most of the base. The Army dedicated \$4.2 million to the new transit system.

REPORTER: Chantale Belefanti, KXXV-ABC (TX)

<https://www.kxxv.com/homepage-showcase/fort-cavazos-gets-new-transit-system-utilizing-buses>

ARTICLE: Military to Offer Tax-Savings Health Care Accounts for Troops

SYNOPSIS: Service members will have another way to save money on their taxes in 2025, as defense officials are working to offer health care flexible spending accounts.

REPORTER: Karen Jowers, *Military Times*

<https://www.militarytimes.com/pay-benefits/mil-money/2024/02/29/military-to-offer-tax-saving-health-care-accounts-for-troops>

ARTICLE: Bill Sets Sights on Improved Financial Literacy for Troops

SYNOPSIS: A bipartisan bill would expand financial literacy training for service members to reduce financial stress and smooth their transition to civilian life.

REPORTER: Caroline Coudriet, *Roll Call*

<https://rollcall.com/2024/03/01/bill-sets-sights-on-improved-financial-literacy-for-troops>

ARTICLE: Camp Zama Launches AER Campaign in Unique Way

SYNOPSIS: At Camp Zama, in Japan, the community club hosted a modeling fair to make more people aware of the wide-ranging services that the nonprofit Army Emergency Relief provides to Soldiers and Families, including grants, interest-free loans and scholarships to enhance readiness and alleviate financial burdens.

REPORTER: Sean Kimmons, *Army.mil*

https://www.army.mil/article/274204/camp_zama_launches_aer_campaign_in_unique_way

ARTICLE: Rise in Reports of Sexual Assault at U.S. Navy, Army Academies

SYNOPSIS: The Defense Department revealed that an annual report, based on anonymous surveys, found a rise in reports of sexual assault at U.S. Navy and Army military academies in the past year.

REPORTER: Idrees Ali, *Aol.com*

<https://www.aol.com/2017-03-15-rise-in-reports-of-sexual-assault-at-u-s-navy-army-academies-21897176.html>

ARTICLE: R2 Builds Resiliency, Enhances Performance for Troops and Families

SYNOPSIS: During a recent Foundational Training Day at Fort Irvin, California, Readiness and Resilience Performance Center trainers worked with Soldiers in the Assassin Troop, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, to strengthen their master resilience training skills, including individual communication strategies, stress management, goal-setting techniques, performance improvement measures and positive coping methods.

REPORTER: Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Bryson, *Dvids.net*

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/464567/r2-builds-resiliency-enhances-performance-troops-and-families>

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ARTICLE: US Military Service Officials Highlight Impacts of Full-Year Continuing Resolution

SYNOPSIS: Navy, Air Force and Army officials painted a grim picture for the services if they are saddled with a full-year continuing resolution and unauthorized supplemental funding for fiscal year 2024, during a round-table media briefing at the Pentagon.

REPORTER: Michael Fabey, *Janes*

<https://www.janes.com/defence-news/news-detail/us-military-service-officials-highlight-impacts-of-full-year-continuing-resolution>

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