

# Spiritual programs strengthen Soldiers, families

Did you know the Fort Sill Religious Support office has a variety of classes and programs to meet the spiritual needs of Soldiers and their families?

Chaplains are active throughout post on a daily basis teaching, listening, advising and ensuring people may freely exercise their right of religious expression.

To help fulfill their mission, religious support personnel are offering a fun and spiritual strengthening group of classes — called the REconnect program — starting Feb. 1 at the Graham Resiliency Training Campus Support Center (RTC), Building 2934 Marcy Road and Frontier Chapel, Building 4121, Thomas Avenue.

community meal provided by chapel congregations from 5:30-6 p.m. at Frontier Chapel for anyone who attends the classes.

Catholic classes have already been in place and will continue to meet at Frontier Chapel, while Protestant and inter-faith classes are at the RTC.

Because many people have very busy lives, all classes, except for Financial Peace University, meet for one hour. Details are on the Fort Sill Religious Support Web page, and it is linked through Facebook under Fort Sill Religious Support.

The classes open to all faiths and room numbers in the RTC are:

- Financial Peace University, RTC, Room 144.
- Led by Charlot Haumesser,



## Did you know?

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participants will better understand principles of financial management to gain peace of mind and a strong future.

▫ All-Star Dads, RTC, Room 117. Led by Chaplain (Maj.) Glen Scheib and Floyd Smith, men who are excited about being dads will discuss how to be the best fathers they can be.

▫ Family Wholeness, RTC, Room 143. Led by Debbie Bennett, this group will study topics related to strong military families, including communi-

cation within the marriage, raising the military child and thriving in the military culture, among others.

Classes from a Christian perspective include:

▫ New Testament Survey, RTC auditorium. Chaplain (Capt.) Andrew Dressler provides an overview of the books of the New Testament.

▫ Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God, RTC, Room 124. Chaplain (Capt.) John Hill leads this small group study

of Dr. Henry Blackaby's book to help Christians experience the richness of God's love.

▫ Women of Faith, RTC, Internet Café. Winifred Hendricks facilitates studies for women using topics such as Max Lucado's "Making Room for Neighbors," and Beth Moore's "So Long, Insecurity."

▫ Protestant Youth of the Chapel, RTC, Room 125. Chaplain (Maj.) Sean Moore leads middle and high school teens in the principles of the Christian faith.

▫ Kids Clubs, RTC, rooms 151, 152. Pre-K through sixth grade classes offer Bible-based, attention-holding curriculum.

Child care is provided at the RTC from 6-7:30 p.m. for children registered with

Child, Youth and School Services. To ensure CYSS has a roster of children they need to provide care for, call Calvin Eastham at 442-2637 or 574-8487 if you plan to put your children in child care during the classes. For more information about the scheduled classes or other chaplain programs, call the religious education office at 442-1875.

I encourage you to check out these classes and meet with other people attending. Functions such as this help create a sense of community and strengthen relationships. Should these classes not meet your religious needs, please contact the religious support office staff to learn about other opportunities.

# Air defense general receives 2nd star

## Missile Defense Agency

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. — An Air Defense Artillery general with close ties to Fort Sill recently received her second star.

Brig. Gen. Heidi Brown was promoted to major general during a ceremony Jan. 13 here. Lt. Gen. Patrick O'Reilly, Missile Defense Agency director, and Lt. Gen. Robert Lennox, G-8 deputy chief of staff, officiated the ceremony.

Brown is the MDA director for test, and is responsible for planning, programming, budgeting, staffing and managing a comprehensive Ballistic Missile Defense System test program. The BMDS will protect the U.S. homeland, Soldiers and allies against all types of ballistic missiles in all phases of flight.

She is a 1981 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. During her 30-year military career, she has served in a variety of command and staff positions in the ADA branch, including Commander, 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade, III Corps; Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander of the U.S. Army Air Defense Center and Assistant Commandant of the U.S. Army Air Defense

School at Fort Bliss, Texas; Deputy Commanding General (Sustainment) at Fort Lewis, Wash.; Deputy Commanding General (Sustainment), Multi National Corps - Iraq; and most recently, Director of Integration, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G8.

Brown is the first woman general in the Air Defense Artillery branch. As Commander of the 31st ADA Brigade, she was the first woman to command and lead an ADA brigade in combat.

Her awards include the Legion of Merit with four oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star Medal with one OLC, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with six OLCs, the Army Commendation Medal with five OLCs the Joint Services Achievement Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal with four OLCs. She is also authorized to wear the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Brown holds a bachelor's degree from the USMA; a master's of education degree in student personnel services, University of South Carolina; and a master's in strategic studies, Army War College.



Courtesy photo by Missile Defense Agency

A two-star general officer flag is unfurled for newly promoted Maj. Gen. Heidi Brown during a ceremony Jan. 13 at Redstone Arsenal, Ala. Brown, an air defense artillery officer, is the Missile Defense Agency director for test.

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