



The Army's new M10 Booker armored infantry support vehicle undergoes a full complement of performance testing at Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona. (U.S. ARMY/MARK SCHAUER)

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Yuma Proving Ground tests M10 Booker

As the Army continues its sweeping transformation efforts, officials recently tested the new M10 Booker, one of the service's top priorities, at Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona.

The M10 Booker is meant to be an armored infantry support vehicle, not a battle tank, designed to support the Army's infantry brigade combat teams, according to the Army. The service has said it plans to acquire more than 500 of the vehicles.

"The data we are collecting is for a decision on full rate production next summer," said Yuma Proving Ground test officer Jade Janis, according to an Army news release.

The vehicle originally underwent competition testing of prototypes at Yuma Proving Ground in 2020, with Janis serving as test officer on the

entrant that was ultimately selected.

"It's a lightweight infantry vehicle similar in weight to a Bradley [Fighting Vehicle], but with a larger weapon," said Janis, according to the Army. "The intent is to be able to rapidly deploy them with an infantry combat brigade; you should be able to fit two of them in a C-17."

Christened in 2023 at the National Museum of the United States Army at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, the M10 Booker is named for Pvt. Robert Booker, an infantryman who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for actions during World War II, and Staff Sgt. Stevon Booker, an armor soldier who was killed in Iraq in 2003 and posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

The vehicle's main weapon is an M35 105 mm low-recoil tank gun,

and it also carries a 12.7 mm M2 heavy machine gun and a 7.62 mm coaxial machine gun. Its diesel engine puts out 800 horsepower, powering a top speed of 40 miles per hour. "There are a lot of similarities to an Abrams [tank] as far as the turret is concerned," Janis said. "The hull itself is all new."

In addition to test firing the armaments in both a natural environment and from a cold chamber, the M10 Booker is undergoing a full complement of performance and reliability, accessibility and maintainability testing. Test vehicles are running across punishing desert road courses, up steep slopes and through a watery fording basin, sometimes while under a full load.

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AUSA accepting applications for national scholarships

The Association of the U.S. Army is accepting applications for more than \$304,000 in national scholarships in 2025, with 40 scholarships awarded by AUSA and seven administered by the association in conjunction with the Army.

Scholarship applications will be accepted online until May 5. Those selected to receive an AUSA national scholarship will be notified in late June.

AUSA national scholarship applicants must be active AUSA Premium members, Association Partner members or their children or grandchildren.

Membership is not a prerequisite for the Army scholarships administered by AUSA.

For more information, including eligibility rules and requirements, or to apply, click [here](#).

AUSA's national scholarships include awards for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs, and general studies.

In the STEM category, AUSA will award 10 Delta Dental Oral Health and Wellness Scholarships valued at \$2,000 each; two Joseph P. and Helen T. Cribbins Scholarships valued at \$10,000 each; and six Nicholas D. Chabraja Scholarships valued at \$5,000 each.

The Delta Dental program pro-



AUSA's national scholarships include awards for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs, and general studies. (U.S. ARMY/STEVEN STOVER)

vides scholarships to Army family members and transitioning soldiers for the advancement of oral health and wellness. Eligible applicants may pursue programs such as dentistry, nursing, home health care aide or caregiver training.

The Joseph P. and Helen T. Cribbins Scholarships honor the memory and legacy of Joseph and Helen Cribbins, longtime supporters of America's Army and AUSA, while the Nicholas D. Chabraja Scholarships honor the past chairman of AUSA's Board of Directors.

Both may be used for completing degrees in STEM areas.

AUSA's general studies scholarships consist of the MilDef Way Scholarships; the GEN Carl E. Vuono Leadership Scholarship; the SMA Leon Van Autreve Scholarship Program; and completed coursework scholarships.

For the second year, two MilDef Way Scholarships, each for \$5,000, are being offered. MilDef is a systems integrator and full-spectrum provider specializing in rugged information technology for the military, government and critical infrastructure sectors. The company provides hardware, software and services in the harshest conditions and most challenging environments.

The GEN Carl E. Vuono Leadership Scholarship was created in 2023 in honor of former Army Chief of Staff Gen. Carl Vuono, who served on AUSA's Board of Directors for 20 years before retiring in 2023. The scholarship is for \$10,000.

In honor of Leon Van Autreve, the fourth sergeant major of the Army who was instrumental in establishing the NCO education system, eight scholarships are available: one for \$25,000, one for \$10,000, one for \$5,000, and five for \$2,000, for a total of \$50,000.

For young professionals with debt from recently completed college courses or professional certifications, eight \$2,500 scholarships are available.

Three full-ride scholarships, each valued at up to \$48,000, will be awarded for Trident University, an accredited online institution offering bachelor's and master's degrees that gives credit for leadership and professional experience.

AUSA also administers the following Army scholarships: the SGM Larry Strickland Memorial Fund and Scholarship, the SGM Dawn Kilpatrick Memorial AUSA Scholarship, and ROTC scholarships.

Meet the AUSA headquarters staff

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Heather Calvert joined AUSA in August 2024. She has a background in the events/trade show industry and holds a master's degree in marketing from the University of St. Andrews. Heather is a coffee enthusiast, and in her spare time she enjoys gardening and is always working on a new craft or do-it-yourself project.



Sign up now for AUSA's LANPAC Symposium and Exposition



Gen. Ronald Clark, commander of U.S. Army Pacific, discusses his vision and priorities during a press conference at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. (U.S. ARMY/STAFF SGT. CAROLINA SIERRA)

Registration is open for the Association of the U.S. Army's LANPAC Symposium and Exposition in Hawaii.

An international symposium and exhibition dedicated to land forces in the Indo-Pacific, the three-day event will take place May 13–15 at the Sheraton Waikiki in Honolulu. This year's theme is "Prevailing Through Landpower," and Gen. Ronald Clark, the new commander of U.S. Army Pacific, is slated to provide a keynote.

During the event, leaders from the U.S. Army and partner armies in the Indo-Pacific and government and industry representatives will discuss land forces' contributions in the Indo-Pacific, theater sustainment, generating ready forces, applying joint land power in multilateral exercises for regional security, organizing land forces for the combined or joint fight and developing NCOs to prevail in the region.

Army leaders from more than 25 Indo-Pacific countries are expected to attend. There also will be more than 60 exhibitors.

The Indo-Pacific is home to more

than half of the world's population, 3,000 different languages, several of the world's largest militaries and two of the three largest economies, according to U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

In the region, the Army plays a key role as the U.S. builds partnerships with allies and works to deter countries such as China, described by senior leaders as the U.S. military's "pacing challenge," and North Korea.

At Clark's change-of-command ceremony in November, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Randy George warned that the region is growing more complex and dangerous.

"Russia, China, Iran and North Korea represent an axis of upheaval that is increasingly collaborating to threaten the free world," George said. "We understand how the battlefield is changing, and we have a sense of urgency about transforming our Army to meet the needs of our nation in today's volatile operating environment."

A full agenda for LANPAC will be available soon. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

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Love, resilience, sacrifice help military marriages thrive

Military marriages often involve a unique blend of love, sacrifice and resilience shaped by the demands of the military lifestyle.

All couples encounter ups and downs. Stressors such as frequent deployments, relocations and the emotional toll of separation can strain even the strongest relationships.

However, these opportunities also serve as starting points for deepening emotional connections and fostering strong commitment. In navigating the complexities of military life, partners can learn to communicate effectively, practice patience and rely on one another for support.

According to Department of Defense statistics, approximately 50% of active-duty service members are married. The shared experiences of overcoming hardships often create bonds that are about enduring love and growing together in faith and understanding, showcasing the extraordinary strength of military families.

Did you know that Army chaplains offer a variety of quality-of-life counseling to soldiers and their families?

In 2020, the Army Chaplain Corps launched an initiative called “Growing Through Adversity,” a documentary filled with true stories about marriage. In the film, Army couples



Holly Dailey, AUSA's director of Family Readiness, and her husband, retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey, the association's vice president for NCO and Soldier Programs, celebrate on their wedding day, Dec. 11, 1993. (COURTESY PHOTO)

share their personal, and often challenging, marital experiences to encourage others who want to build strong marriages.

Couples can download a study guide, watch the “Growing Through Adversity” film together and use the attached “Discussion Road Map,” pausing at certain points to grow and learn in their relationship.

Holly Dailey, director of Family

Readiness for the Association of the U.S. Army, has been married for more than 32 years to her husband, retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey, AUSA's vice president for NCO and Soldier Programs.

It is vital to share examples and success stories within your community to provide positive reinforcement for others navigating the unique challenges of military life. For example, a veteran couple who has experienced deployments and reintegration can openly discuss how they maintained communication, trust and intimacy despite the distance and uncertainty.

Their stories can provide valuable insights and encouragement to others facing similar situations, helping them develop coping strategies and resilience. Sharing their experiences also can offer a reality check for anyone harboring unrealistic expectations. By being honest and vulnerable, military couples can cultivate a more supportive and understanding community where relationships can thrive amid adversity.

The Army Chaplain Corps also offers events to build strong and ready teams that cater to families of deployed soldiers, single soldiers and couples. Click here to find an event in your local area.

Cindy Risch is AUSA's Family Readiness program manager.

M10 Booker

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platform, there is nothing out of the ordinary for us in the way we test things. Everything should be standard practice so far as testing is concerned,” Janis said, according to the Army.

The M10 Booker is also being subjected to performance evaluation at the Arctic Regions Test Center, Yuma Proving Ground's cold-weather testing facility, at Fort Greeley, Alaska, the release said.



Personnel at Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona, conduct reliability, accessibility and maintainability testing on the M10 Booker vehicle. (U.S. ARMY/MARK SCHAUER)

Medical center commander addresses chapter briefing

Col. James Pairmore, commander of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center at Fort Eisenhower, Georgia, provided an update on military health initiatives during a January event hosted by the Association of the U.S. Army's Greater Augusta-Fort Eisenhower chapter.

The chapter's monthly breakfast and briefing program features speakers on different military topics to help educate, inform and connect local

business and civic leaders, veterans and retirees, family members and other stakeholders, said retired Col. Kelly Knitter, the chapter president.

Pairmore, who has served as commander of Eisenhower Army Medical Center since 2023, said that the Defense Health Agency's transition to a new patient-centered primary care model known as "My Military Health" will provide better quality service to patients.

"My Military Health is a step forward in how we deliver and manage health care for our military community," he said. "This platform is more than just a system—it is a symbol of our dedication to providing updated, accessible and patient-centered care for those who have given so much for our nation."

Announced last year by Lt. Gen. Telita Crosland, director of the Defense Health Agency, My Military Health includes a suite of digital tools such as the SilverCloud behavioral health platform, which uses an app on mobile devices to provide mental wellness care; secure video for telehealth appointments; and Care Companion, another digital health tool that can help patients keep up with their recovery care plan.

"This helps us move beyond traditional models of care that rely primarily on in-person visits," Crosland said, according to the Military Health System. "The tools will in-



Col. James Pairmore, center right, and Command Sgt. Maj. George Foster, center left, command team at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center at Fort Eisenhower, Georgia, attend an event hosted by AUSA's Greater Augusta-Fort Eisenhower chapter. (AUSA PHOTO)

clude cutting-edge technologies that strengthen our digital platform and provide a comprehensive blend of self-guided care, real-time and flexible virtual care and upgraded direct patient care—a model of care that fundamentally changes the experience for patients."

Military and civilian health systems do not have enough depth to continue the status quo with nationwide human resource shortages, Pairmore said, and a patient-centered approach leveraging telephonic

and virtual meetings helps improve quality of service. It provides immediate care and faster distribution of medication and reduces unnecessary trips to the hospital, he said.

Pairmore also highlighted the impact on the medical center of Hurricane Helene, which forced the evacuation of 20 patients to other military hospitals. Despite damage from doors blown in, water intruding through walls and windows, and a period without power or potable water, the center is recovering and looking forward to its 50th anniversary on April 25, he said.

During the event, the chapter also presented an \$8,000 donation to the Fort Eisenhower Christmas House, a program that helps junior enlisted soldiers and their families during the holidays.

In closing remarks, Pairmore expressed his appreciation for those in attendance, particularly the civilian representatives from the chapter's Community Partners. "Thank you for all your support, dedication, and continued trust in us to provide medical care for you and the community," he said. "Together, we are building a healthier future for Fort Eisenhower and the Central Savannah River Area."



Leaders with AUSA's Greater Augusta-Fort Eisenhower chapter present a donation to the installation's Christmas house during a recent event. (AUSA PHOTO)

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