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Army war hero honored by grandson



(PHOTO BY MARK SCHAUER)

Keith A. Ware, contracting officer representative for Yuma Test Center's Contracting Branch, is the third generation of his family to serve in the military and the grandson of Keith Lincoln Ware, a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient who was one of the most distinguished American officers of World War II. "I find the fact that he was a drafted enlisted who rose all the way up to two-star general an amazing feat," said Ware.

By Mark Schauer

America was built by the service of generations of ordinary people who did extraordinary things.

Keith A. Ware, contracting officer representative for Yuma Test Center's Contracting Branch, has lived this more than most. Representing the third consecutive generation of his family to serve in uniform, Ware is the grandson of Maj. Gen. Keith Lincoln Ware, one of the most distinguished Army officers of the last century.

Born at the proving ground while his father served here as an air traffic controller, Ware grew up in Yuma, graduated from Kofa High School and worked on the range for a summer as a teenager prior to joining the Air Force in the early 1990s.

"I loved it," Ware said. "I planned on making it a career."

Though he took to the military, at first Ware knew only the sketchiest details of his famous forebear's service.

"I didn't know much about my grandfather until after I joined the military. I knew he was a general and that he was important, but not much else."

He quickly found there was a lot to learn: his grandfather was arguably the most accomplished Soldier of his kind to ever put on a uniform. Drafted six months before Pearl Harbor from a job working for the city of Glendale, Ca., by early 1942 Keith L. Ware was a student in the newly-created Officer's Candidates School (OCS), where he quickly distinguished himself. Decades later, he was a major general, reputedly the first OCS graduate to become a general officer. But there was plenty of distinguished service in between.

"I find the fact that he was a drafted enlisted who rose all the way up to two-star general an amazing feat," said Ware. "He was a lieutenant colonel by the time he was 29 years old."

Ware saw over 600 days of combat during World War II. As Allied forces advanced across France toward Germany in the bitter cold of December 1944, the German Army made a last desperate offensive. Known as the Battle of the Bulge, it was the bloodiest fighting experienced by American forces in the entire war. Ware had seen an enormous amount of dangerous combat that nearly killed him, but

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over several grueling hours the day after Christmas, he led 11 men and a tank on a daring and ultimately successful assault against an entrenched German position. The heroics earned him a Purple Heart and the Congressional Medal of Honor, which was presented to him in a ceremony in Nuremberg weeks before Germany surrendered, as well as a great deal of media attention when he returned to the States.

As most American troops demobilized after the war, Ware stayed in the Army, quietly building an even more distinguished career through the 1950s and 1960s.

"He worked long hours," said his grandson. "To have that combat experience and attain the rank he did shows he lived his work."

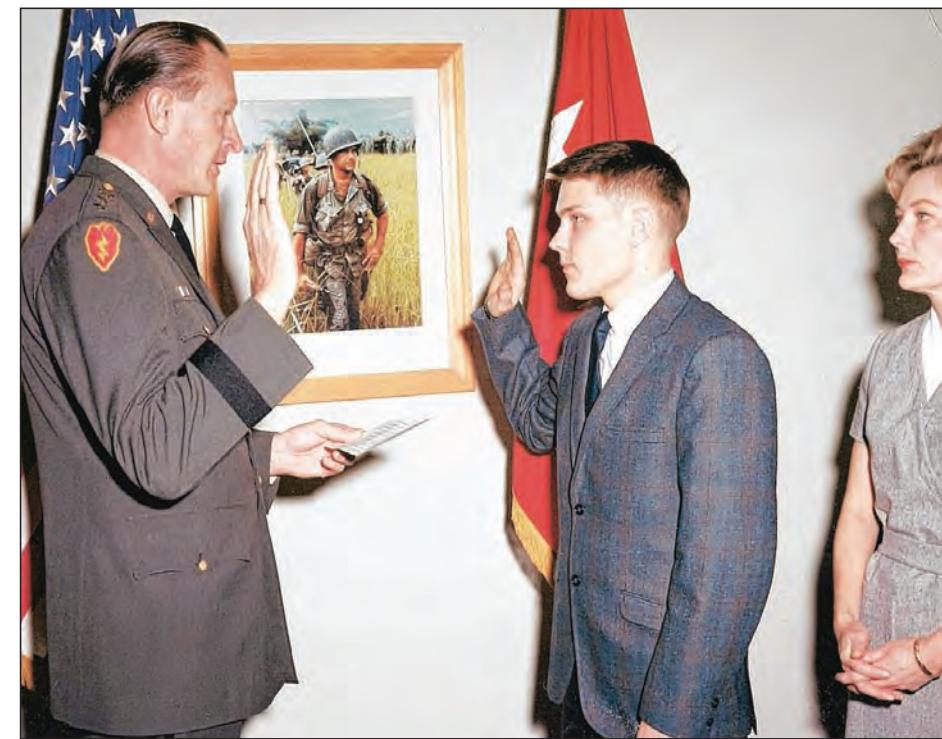
By 1967, Maj. Gen. Ware was the Army's Chief of Information. It was an important job in the Pentagon, but far away from the increasingly unstable situation in Vietnam, where nearly 500,000 American troops were serving. Ware requested a command in country, and got it. "He volunteered to go to Vietnam. That's in essence who he was."

Unsurprisingly, Ware's service in Vietnam was distinguished. When American forces were stunned by the Tet Offensive in early 1968, it was the newly-arrived Ware who quickly organized a successful defense of Saigon. For this success he was given command of the Army's 1st Infantry Division,

known as the Big Red One. By September of that year, the division was engaged in fierce fighting close to the Cambodian border. Never one to lead from the rear, Ware and several subordinates flew in a Huey helicopter to reconnoiter the scene of the running battle, and were apparently shot down by a rocket-propelled grenade. Ware's grim final superlative was as the first Army general killed in action in Vietnam. He was 52 years old.

Though he has been gone 45 years, Maj. Gen. Ware's legacy lives on. Numerous buildings, a school and a parade ground at Army posts across the nation have been named in his honor, as have the Army's prestigious award for journalism and other public affairs activities. In his time at Yuma Proving Ground, Ware has encountered people with distinct memories of his famous grandfather.

"The military is a small world," he said. "At YPG I've run into two people who either knew my grandfather



Keith Lincoln Ware II is sworn into the Army by Lt. Gen. Frederick C. Weyand in January 1969. The second generation of the Ware family to serve in the Army, he later served as an air traffic controller at Yuma Proving Ground.

(LOANED PHOTO)

or served with him."

One told Ware that his grandfather had been his childhood hero.

"That just struck me," he stated. "Of course I see my grandfather as a hero, but I also see him as my grandfather. When this man put it that way, it gave me a new perspective on him."

Ware and his family seem at peace with the fact that a

part of their grandfather's memory belongs to the nation. Aside from some photos and the well-preserved ribbon his Medal of Honor was attached to, he has little in the way of official mementos of his grandfather.

"His Medal of Honor, uniforms, and memorabilia are on loan to the Army. I don't think the family will ever take possession of them:

They have their place in museums for others to view. I think that's where they belong."

The legacy of service lives on in the hearts of Ware's two daughters, too.

"My oldest daughter did a report on him this year," he said. "They both like talking about him. They're both very aware of him and the things he accomplished."



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Proud father Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware (right) smiles at son Keith during a visit at Parris Island in November 1967. Keith L. Ware II served in the Marine Corps prior to the Army.

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Yuma community thanks Soldiers

By Mark Schauer

Though the military's current budget realities make supporting community events more challenging than in years past, YPG still makes every effort to participate in local activities.

During a recent military appreciation night, patrons of the Cocopah Speedway had the opportunity to get an up close and personal look at an Army Humvee and, more importantly, thank YPG Soldiers Sgt. Aaron Ahn and Spc. Demarius Jackson for their service to the nation.

"We're here to show our support to the community and represent YPG," said Jackson with a smile in between answering race goers' questions about Army life and showing the vehicle's turret to kids of all ages.

"This is particularly important

since this is the speedway's military appreciation night," added Col. Reed Young, YPG commander. "It is a way for us to express our appreciation of them as they're expressing their appreciation of us. It's just the right thing to do: the Yuma community supports YPG tremendously."

The event's ceremonies included the unfurling of a massive American flag measuring 65 feet by 112 feet by racers and crew members on the track prior to the race.

"Military and racing are one and one," said Greg Burgess, director of operations at the Cocopah Speedway. "They go back for years. None of us could come out and enjoy this hobby without the men and women who fight for our freedom: it means a great deal to myself, the Cocopah Indian tribe, all of my staff, and the racers to honor the people who are fighting for our freedom."



(PHOTO BY MARK SCHAUER)

Visitors had a 'hands-on' opportunity on the Humvee during the recent Cocopah Speedway Military Appreciation Night event. YPG Soldiers Sgt. Aaron Ahn and Spc. Demarius Jackson were thanked for their service to the nation by numerous visitors. "We're here to show our support to the community and represent YPG," said Jackson. Also present at the event is Col. Reed Young, YPG commander.





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Col. Reed Young, YPG commander (left), talks to two Israeli weapons test experts, who were particularly impressed by two things at Yuma Proving Ground – the facility's vast size and the complexity of the proving ground's test ranges that allow multiple tests to be conducted simultaneously. Second from left at the table is Julio Dominguez, YPG's technical director.

Israeli test experts view YPG workload complexity

By Chuck Wullenjohn

On a recent whirlwind one week visit to the United States to tour test facilities, two Israeli weapons test experts were particularly impressed by two things at Yuma Proving Ground – the facility's vast size and the complexity of the proving ground's test ranges that allow multiple tests to be conducted simultaneously.

Occupying over 1300 square miles, Yuma Proving Ground is tremendously larger than any military test facility in Israel. The entire nation of Israel, in comparison, totals about 8000 square miles, roughly the size of Florida.

Coordinated by YPG Safety Manager Tony Brockington, visitors Ahud Stempler and Shalom Pollak spent a day at the proving ground meeting with test experts, viewing range management facilities, visiting gun positions, and more. It proved to be a worthwhile exercise, for the visitors departed impressed and tired.

"We have good test facilities in Israel and our people have plenty of experience, but Yuma Proving Ground performs a tremendous amount of work," said Ahud Stempler, test manager and quality assurance officer. "We came here to learn."

Israel maintains two primary test ranges within its borders, called Test Range 24 and Test Range 25. Test Range 24 is a relatively short range located near the over two million people of Tel Aviv, with the attendant noise and encroachment problems one can imagine. Test Range 25 offers a firing range of over 40 desert miles, but is located near the

Egyptian border.

Though Israel has performed much of its past weapons and explosives testing on its own, it has also participated in cooperative projects with other nations. One took place at Yuma Proving Ground many years ago, called the "Howitzer Improvement Program," or, "HIP" for short. That program resulted in the currently fielded M109A6 Paladin self propelled 155mm howitzer, a greatly improved version of its predecessor. One of the most technically-advanced artillery systems anywhere, hundreds of Paladins operate in Army units and in the military services of other nations around the world.

The weather gets extremely hot in Yuma during the summer, with temperatures over 115 degrees Fahrenheit common. Similar conditions exist in Israel, especially in the southern portion of the country, where Test Range 25 is located.

"The Israelis were here to see how we prepare for tests by performing hazard analyses and assessments, how we protect our people and the environment, and how we handle encroachment issues, all while performing a large number of test programs," explained YPG Safety Manager Brockington. "Their concerns are the same as those that we have at Yuma Proving Ground, ours are just on a much larger scale."

Yuma Proving Ground, for the third year in a row in 2012, was the busiest proving ground in the Army. A wide variety of weapon systems are tested at YPG, from armored vehicles and artillery to unmanned aircraft and parachute systems.

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The image shows two versions of a SafetyGram form. On the left is a screenshot of a web-based form titled 'YPG SafetyGram: New Item'. It includes fields for 'Name', 'Date', 'Description', and 'Resolution'. A yellow starburst graphic with the text 'ON THE WEB' is overlaid on the left side of the screen. On the right is a physical 'YPG SAFETYGRAM' form with fields for 'Name (Optional)', 'Date', and 'Description of Unsafe Condition or Act'. A yellow starburst graphic with the text 'DROP BOX OR INTEROFFICE MAIL' is overlaid on the right side of the screen.

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An awesome shot of an Air Force C-130 cargo aircraft preparing to depart from the proving ground's Laguna Army Airfield, the Army's "hottest" air facility. C-130's are a common sight at the airfield, being critical to a variety of tests conducted at the proving ground.

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YPG currently has several employees on the VLTP recipient list:

- Hickey, Christine, MICC, death of family member
- Lemme, Audra, Mission RM, son continues to suffer from ongoing health complications; care and death of terminally ill father
- Packham, Ursula, Mission Plans & Ops, birth of child
- Ruble, Maribel, MICC, birth of child
- Smith, Nathan, NEC, family member medical emergency

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Commissary hours of operation change

The Army and Department of Defense have been taking steps to reduce costs of operations in order to preserve minimum essential readiness, to include protecting the readiness for forces operating in Afghanistan.

These measures extend to commissary support to our Soldiers, families and retirees. The Army along with the other Services funds the civilian pay and other select costs for commissary operations. As such, DeCA (Defense Commissary Agency) must also initiate civilian furloughs to meet the SecDef directive and reduce the FY13 fiscal shortfall. The following information is provided to support you and leaders to help inform our troops and families on the upcoming changes to commissary operating hours.

- All commissaries will close on Mondays; this is in addition to regularly scheduled closure days.
- Commissaries normally closed on Mondays will close one additional day per week, in most cases Tuesday.
- The few commissaries normally closed Monday and Tuesday will close on the next business day.
- There may be limited exceptions in OCONUS locations where there is sufficient local national staffing to allow a store to remain open.
- The DeCA headquarters will also close on Mondays.
- The YPG commissary will be closed on Tuesdays, days and hours will remain the same for the rest of the week. The commissary will still be closed on Sundays and Mondays, in addition to Tuesdays.
- Monday closures were selected to minimize the inconvenience to commissary patrons and supplier disruption. Closing the headquarters down completely will produce additional savings above store level for energy, water usage and cleaning services.
- The Commissary will conduct an information campaign to keep their patrons informed of these measures and any future changes as conditions dictate.
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Radar systems put to the test in extreme cold

From Korea to Afghanistan, the lives of American Soldiers depend on functioning equipment

By Mark Schauer

It is vital that military equipment work wherever in the world American Soldiers need it, and extreme cold is a weather condition troops have had to contend with frequently over the years.

From Korea to Afghanistan, the lives of American Soldiers depend on functioning equipment in inhospitable environments. This fact, combined with the prevalence of mortars and rockets, led to this winter's three-week test of both the Lightweight Counter Mortar Radar (LCMR) and AN/TPQ-53 Counterfire Acquisition Radar System at the U.S. Army Cold Regions Test Center (CRTC) at Fort Greely, Alaska.

Already extensively tested at Yuma Test Center, the LCMR provides a 360 degree detection radius for incoming rounds. Relatively easy to transport and emplace, the LCMR can be airlifted intact into otherwise inaccessible locations by helicopter, or even delivered by paratroopers, who can assemble the device upon landing. When compact size isn't a necessity, the AN/TPQ-53 system can be trucked in to support theater operation, as it has been in Afghanistan.

For the CRTC test, both systems were transported to the cold of Alaska along with an M777 155mm lightweight howitzer to fire artillery rounds. The equipment was accompanied by many of the same folks who tested it in Yuma, including the test officer, four data collectors, a weapons operation crew, and a mechanic.

"We tried to keep it as similar to testing at YTC as possible to



(LOANED PHOTOS)

This winter's test of the Lightweight Counter Mortar Radar (LCMR) system at U.S. Army Cold Regions Test Center (CRTC) blended training along with the evaluation, as Soldiers from nearby Fort Wainwright operated the radar systems as civilian and contractor personnel fired the howitzer and mortars, and gathered test data. Here, Soldiers ready the LCMR for another day of testing in temperatures as low as -50 degrees Fahrenheit.

get an apples-to-apples comparison of performance," said Jonny Clark, test officer. "We tried to duplicate the missions we did in Yuma as closely as possible."

Setting up equipment for the testing required a great deal of special coordination

by CRTC personnel, particularly given the extreme cold.

"The gun's placement has to be perfectly oriented for test shots," said Richard Reiser, CRTC test officer. "We can't do this in

advance because the weather changes every

day."

"Our personnel had to bring in heavy equipment and dig through the frozen ground to emplace the M777," added Merri Darland, test officer.

The trucks on which the radars were



The ground freezes to depths of up to 10 feet during winters at CRTC, which makes emplacing a howitzer a job for heavy equipment as seen here. Test officers scrutinized weather conditions at several microclimates within the range to take advantage of the lowest temperatures, moving the howitzer and test items from place to place as necessary in extremely remote parts of CRTC's ranges.



mounted also had to be winterized for the extreme cold, including the installation of fuel-fired engine pre-heaters that required CRTC's machinists to fabricate brackets.

Extreme cold was a coveted commodity for this test, and CRTC test officers scrutinized weather conditions at several microclimates within the range to take advantage of the lowest temperatures, moving the howitzer and test items from place to place as necessary in extremely remote parts of CRTC's ranges. A portable bombproof had to accompany the M777 wherever it was moved, though the gun crew was allowed to man-fire mortars that supported the test.

"Hats off to the visitors," said Reiser. "When they hit the ground, it was as cold as it gets: the first day of testing it was more than 50 degrees below zero outside. They performed well with a good attitude and a lot of hard work."

The test blended training along with the evaluation, as Soldiers from nearby Fort Wainwright operated all three radar systems as civilian and contractor personnel fired the howitzer and mortars, and gathered test data.

"This test was a unique example of what kind of testing can be done when everyone works together," said Reiser. "It was a great cooperative effort from a lot of entities."

Fortunately, the relative portability of the LCMR makes the job of setting up manageable in even the most extreme cold. In theater, it can be airlifted intact into otherwise inaccessible locations by helicopter, or even delivered by a duo of paratroopers, who can easily assemble the device upon landing.

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Dangerous new fad — Alcohol smoking

The Problem: A dangerous new trend has many medical experts and addiction prevention teams working to spread awareness to parents of teens. The fad is “smoking” alcohol, which essentially involves people pouring liquor over dry ice and then inhaling the vapors. The extremely low temperature of the dry ice vaporizes the liquid containing alcohol and the user then inhales the vapors let out as a result of the chemical reaction. The method has become especially popular with young people because it gives them a quick “buzz” with fewer calories than the regular drinking consumption of alcohol. See report at the link below <http://www.wbtw.com/story/22411154/pee-dee-addiction-prevention-expert-warns-about-dangers-of-alcohol-smoking>



The Danger: Extremely dangerous since, as the report states, the body of the individual doing this does not have time to process the alcohol in a manner conducive to a “body” warning of too much alcohol consumption. The result can be a fatal overdose of alcohol via poisoning. In addition, dry ice by itself presents the dangers of: Asphyxiation-Dry ice rule #1 is that you must use it in a well ventilated area. As dry ice warms up, it releases carbon dioxide gas into the air. Too much carbon dioxide gas can cause asphyxiation and even death. Dry Ice Burn -Dry ice is extremely cold. It is at least -109.3°F and will actually kill the skin upon contact. Internal Organ Damage-Do not swallow dry ice. It can burn your esophagus and cause stomach damage. This is extremely painful and dangerous.

User Actions: There is no regulatory guidance prohibiting the consumption of alcohol outside the duty day and there is no indication this fad has reached the ranks however, leaders at all levels must become familiar with the existence of and hazards associated with this fad. Although no recognizable unique symptoms have been made available, the presence of dry ice in an alcohol consumption environment may signify the presence of the potentially fatal practice. Leaders and Soldiers alike must enforce common sense standards throughout the force. Providing all of our Soldiers a safe environment to train, fight and relax must be a top priority.

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VIEWPOINTS

The Army Birthday is June 14th, and for 238 years men and women have proudly served their country in uniform. We asked YPG Soldiers, "What inspired you to join the Army?"

Spc. Christian Moreno

Radiology Specialist

My dad is prior military, and my great-grandfather was a general in the Mexican Army. I was just moved by the idea of serving my country and didn't want to be a burden on my family. I'm currently trying to get a Green to Gold Scholarship so I can go over to the officer side and do my 20 years over there. Being enlisted is great, too, though: I get opportunities to do a lot of things most people don't do.



Spc. Chasidy Tenison

Preventive Medicine Specialist

I had an aunt who joined the year before I did. She is from Jamaica and is going to get her citizenship. I had looked into joining a couple of years prior, but revisited the idea after she motivated me to do it. I want to make this a career and my goal is to become an officer.



Staff Sgt. Franklyn Crump

Parachute Rigger

I was at the University of Texas piling up lots of bills and a recruiter said I could wipe that all away if I joined the military. I saw a poster in the recruiter's office of a guy jumping out of an airplane, and wanted an MOS that would guarantee me to do that. I've been in 14 years now, deployed four times, and I've recommended the military to two of my cousins who joined the Air Force.



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Yuma high schoolers wowed by YPG

By Mark Schauer

YPG recently hosted future civic and military leaders by nearly 100 cadets from Kofa High School's Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) and, a day later, by 30 members of the Yuma Youth Leadership Council.

"Our hope was to expose kids to what YPG is, what goes on out here, and for them to see that there are career opportunities after high school and college at YPG," said Maj. Brian Bell, senior Marine instructor in the Kofa JROTC program.

Bell said exposing the students to the military is also important, for most have little firsthand experience.

"It surprised me: I figured that between Marine Corps Air Station and YPG, a lot of our students would have a family member in the military or who had served," he said. "I surveyed the students at the beginning of the year and would say maybe five percent, at most, have parents serving or who have served in the military. So, from our standpoint, this visit exposes them to what the military does."

The first stop was at the Systems Test Branch, where the students got up close and personal looks at Abrams tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles and talked to engineers and drivers that evaluate them.

"There were a lot of young cadets who got to see quite a bit of what we do in a short period of time," said Jacob Obradovich, test officer. "There are some bad vibes about engineering being boring and too difficult, but, hopefully, at least one of the kids liked what they saw."

From there, the students saw military working dog training at YPG's K9 Village, visited a drop zone, and received briefings from YPG Commander Col. Reed Young and Sgt. Cherica Ibarra of the Airborne Test Force.

"YPG is interesting," said Carlos Perez, a junior who is acting company 1st Sergeant. "We got to learn about the different features of tanks and other Army vehicles."

A day later, 30 members of the Yuma Youth Leadership Council, comprised of juniors from several local high schools, had their first visit to YPG.

"Every month we spend a day focusing on a different aspect of what it takes to make Yuma," said Mike Foree, co-founder of the group. "That was the original vision and we've been doing it for

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(PHOTOS BY MARK SCHAUER)

Nearly 100 cadets from Kofa High School's Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC), spent a day at Yuma Proving Ground learning what goes on out here, and seeing that there are career opportunities after high school and college at the proving ground.



Air Delivery Test Officer Keith Allen explains the parachute rigging operation at Air Delivery Complex to the Yuma Youth Leadership Council members, comprised of juniors from several local high schools, during their first visit to YPG.

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Tell them why you're smiling

By Wilma Carrasquillo-Facio, Social Security District Manager

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over 20 years now."

After being greeted and briefed by Young, the students saw a demonstration of acoustical gunshot scoring by YPG's electronics division.

"This is a good way to promote science with kids," said Fernando Mezquita, electronics division chief. "If they are interested in science and engineering, YPG is a big employer of people who have that background. It's a good way to help them think

about it in their lives and make plans.

After visiting the electronics division, the students received a briefing from Air Delivery test officer Keith Allen, saw parachute rigging in action and paid a visit to the YPG Heritage Center.

"I actually learned a great deal," said Steven Le, a junior at Cibola whose father works at YPG. "It's one thing for my dad to tell me things, but another to actually experience the YPG environment. It's amazing—I can't believe my dad actually works here."

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