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Horse lessons

A member of the Eglin Air Force Base Sand and Spur Riding Club, left, teaches a Special Force Soldier assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) how to properly secure bridle to a horse’s head March 5. Members of the riding club helped Green Berets from the unit learn how to properly care for, pack and ride horses, improve their means of infiltration and increase their mobility while deployed to austere locations.
Cyber chief: Army cyberforce growing 'exponentially'

By KELLY HUMPHREY AND JENNIE MCCOKE

Southwest Florida Daily News

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PENSACOLA — Heroes, villains, zombies and warriors from all realms of popular culture descended upon the Pensacola Bay Center Feb. 27 – March 1 to attend the area’s only large-scale comic book convention, Pensacon.

Among the many wearing masks, make-up and suits of armor were the región’s vast military population or Airmen, Marines, Sailors and Soldiers.

The opportunity to show their valor uniforms and, in some cases, put on a fight was a welcome change to their military routines. It was an opportunity they could not pass up.

A group of specialists from the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) bought three-day passes and left directly after work Feb. 27 to make it to the convention before closing. They said they wanted to make the most of their passes.

“My wife and I have our own tickets and they agreed,” said Aaron Morales, of the 7th SFG (Airborne). “We received a few calls to try and help their military fans during the convention. They said they indicated a warm reception from all the characters.”

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