

OTC's Crawford a hit at Austin ballet



Colonel Kenny Crawford, the Operational Test Command's deputy commander and chief of staff, prepares to leave his dressing room at the Long Performing Arts Center in Austin, Saturday, before taking center stage as Mother Ginger. Courtesy photos



Colonel Kenny Crawford, the Operational Test Command's deputy commander and chief of staff, makes his debut as Fort Hood's celebrity Mother Ginger for Ballet Austin's annual presentation of "The Nutcracker" at the Long Performing Arts Center Saturday in Austin. The Mother Ginger costume is a tall platform that looks like a skirt. The celebrity, in heavy makeup, a wild hat and a robust fake décolletage, stands atop the platform and gestures while small children pour out from under the skirted platform, dance about and then disappear back under the skirt. Courtesy photo

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