

2008 in Review



Feb. 3

Brigades battle at Kalsu Super Bowl

Special to the Frontline

Although deployed to Iraq and unable to attend the 2008 Super Bowl XLIII between the New York Giants and New England Patriots in Arizona, Soldiers were able to put together their own Kalsu Super Bowl game, Feb. 3.

The game, played between the reigning 2nd Brigade Combat Team flag football champions, 26th Brigade Support Battalion

against the Soldiers from 4-3 Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th BCT.

The two teams scrambled back and forth as the game became a war in the desert heat as both teams refused to give ground either way.

Staff Sergeant Bryan Tuck, quarterback for the 2nd BCT team, who mixed up his ground and air-assault tactics and with determination, went on to lead his team to victory 7-0.

Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

Left: A Soldier with the 4-3 BSTB, 4th BCT, tries to avoid losing his flag during the FOB Kalsu flag football Super Bowl Feb. 3.

Feb. 13

B-ball tourney big bite for 'Sharks

Kaytrina Curtis
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The Tigersharks did it again, another win and bragging rights. In a double-elimination basketball championship game held Feb. 13, 2008, at Hunter Army Airfield's Tominac Fitness Center, the Hunter Gate Guards came head-to-head against Soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment. The tried and tested Tigersharks proved they remain a force to be reckoned with, winning the game 44-38.

The Soldiers of 3/3 Aviation had to win the first game of the tournament to avoid having to play two back-to-back games against the Gate Guards.

Entering the championship as the underdog, the Gate Guards had a lot to prove coming up against a team with only one loss during the regular season. The Gate Guards demonstrated they were a worthy opponent by pressing 3/3 Avn. into many turnovers before the half.

To win the game, Tigersharks came in with the strategy to run the other team, play hard and hustle, said Staff Sgt. Calvin Textus, 3/3 Avn.

Starting off with a technical foul called against them before the jump off, the Gate Guards found it difficult to recover. But by the half, both teams were tied with a score of 21. Leading the pack for 3/3 Avn. was Sgt. Demarcus

McMillian, who fought to put up nine of his 11 points during the first half.

Gate Guard Danny Edwards was the top scorer for his team with 14 points.

Both teams put up a strong fight for the title, but the Gate Guards were caught off duty. Frustration filled the bench, which spilled onto the game floor among the guards, who lost their concentration and focus.

After a turn over by the guards during the second half, their momentum seemed to be lost and 3/3 Avn. took over.

With a strong defensive team, 3/3 Avn. was mentally able to stay in the game and remained focused on the task at hand—winning the championship.

Kaytrina Curtis

Right: Teammates of 3/3 Aviation's Tigersharks proudly hold their winning trophy after defeating the Hunter Gate Guards in a double elimination basketball championship at Tominac Fitness Center, Feb. 13.



Feb. 23

Spouses, pets walk more than 81,000 miles

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Soldiers and residents of Hunter Army Airfield participated in a Sweetheart's Stroll to Iraq, Feb. 23, 2008, in support of servicemembers deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. The Sweetheart's Stroll was the first group walk of 2008. Spouses of deployed Soldiers came together to support one another as togetherness is the key to these events.

Walk to Iraq and Back which jump started May 5, 2007, with a goal to collectively walk 13,000 miles, the distance from Savannah to Baghdad and back. With the walks occurring monthly, the goal was far surpassed in 2007 as supporters walked over 81,000 miles, more than six times to Iraq and back.

Sergeant Shawn Moldenhauer, 24th Ordnance

Company said that half of his company is deployed to Iraq while the other half is deployed to Afghanistan.

"My Family (supported) me while I was deployed," he said. "This is one of the ways that I feel we can support them."

At the end of the walk, participants wrote messages to their loved ones and placed the notes into red or white helium-filled balloons. The balloons were then released into the air, recognizing all the sacrifices Soldiers make everyday and with the idea that the messages will make it to their loved ones.

Pets on Parade was the theme for the March Walk to Iraq and Back, March 15 at Marne Garden on Fort Stewart, as community members and their puppies turned out to walk in support of their deployed

Soldiers.

Although open to all pets, dogs ruled the day. Sugar, a white mixed breed dog rescued from the streets was first to arrive with Fran Williams, event coordinator, and her daughter Lora'el, 16, and son Stefan, 14. After Sugar, the dogs arrived in a variety of sizes and shapes, from tiny Dachshunds to massive German Sheppards.

Lora'el said it was good to see people continuing the support. She said her Family helps deal with the pressures of deployment by staying busy and volunteering. She also shared another way their Family supported their deployed Soldier, Lt. Col. Maurice Williams, Division G-2.

Kellie Felde, wife of Sgt. Glen Felde, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat

Team, said events like the Walk to Iraq and Back were great because it allowed Families to get together, and show their support for their loved ones in Iraq.

She herself took advantage of the pet-parade theme, and brought Tahoe, her four-year-old Siberian Husky to get out, exercise and socialize too.

The last puppies to show up, were not the least as two German Sheppard mix dogs, looking more like horses than canines, dismounted from the back of a green truck.

Their owners, Jennifer and Randy Scales said they adopted the dogs from the Fort Stewart veterinary clinic a little more than a year ago. She said they brought them out to get some exercise while showing their support.

Jennifer said the two dogs, Sampson and Sunrise, were wonderful and well tempered, and the post vet clinic is a great place to adopt as they spade and neuter, and check the dogs to ensure they're healthy. She said the vet clinic has many wonderful pets up for adoption.

Editor's Note: Contributors to this article were Pat Young, Managing Editor and Kaytrina Curtis, Hunter Public Affairs.

March 15

People, pups pull for deployed, Walk-to-Iraq, back



Graphic by Pat Young

March 27

Olympians enjoy special days at Stewart



Sgt. Tanya Polk

Sergeant First Class Silvester Bradford, Company A, Warrior's in Transition Battalion, assists Brock Bell, 13, from Midway Middle School, in the 25-meter wheelchair race at Fort Stewart's Spring Special Olympics, March 28, 2008.

Special to the Frontline

It was a day of smiles, hugs and high fives as last year's Spring Special Olympics was held at Fort Stewart's Quick Track, March 28, 2008. The athletes ranged from ages six through 20 with participants from Diamond, Liberty, Taylors Creek, Waldo Pafford, Joseph Martin, Frank Long and Jordye Bacon elementary schools; Snelson Golden and Midway middle schools; Bradwell Institute, Coastal Academy, Liberty County High School and Long County schools.

Chaplain (Col.) Ron Hill, installation chaplain, accompanied Special Olympian Zachary Dykes and recited the Special Olympic Oath which reads 'Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.'

The athletes braved the track and field based events, to include an elementary and high school-level 50-meter run, 25-meter assisted walk, 25-meter wheel chair race, 10-meter assisted walk, tennis ball throw, softball throw and shot put.

First through fifth place ribbons were awarded to the winners.

The Game returned later in the year as more than 120 Special Olympic athletes from Fort Stewart and surrounding schools participated in the annual Winter Special Olympics held at Marne Lanes here, Dec. 12.

Installation Soldiers came out in droves to volunteer and provide moral support to the athletes as they bowled. Youth Challenge and civilians also volunteered at the games.

The Olympics kicked off with the arrival of the athletes. They were showered with cheers and applause from the volunteers as they entered the lanes and readied themselves for a day of bowling. After a short

opening ceremony, the athletes took to the lanes with the support of the volunteers.

"It's important to give back to the community so we can show our appreciation for their support to us and our Families," said Spc. Jillian Riordan, Company E, 26th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team. "This gets us out here to see the people who we're fighting for."

Editor's Note: Information in this article was contributed by Sgt. Tanya Polk, Editor and Sgt. Jason Stadel, 2nd BCT Public Affairs.



Sgt. Jason Stadel

Specialist Aaron Starkweather, HHC, 1/30 Inf., and Holland Cupp wait to see how many pins Cupp knocked down, Dec. 12, 2008.

Oct. 5

3rd ID has strong showing at annual Army Ten-Miler

Sgt. Jason Stadel
2nd BCT Public Affairs

Six men and six women made up the 3rd Infantry Division ten-miler team at the 24th Annual Army Ten-Miler, held Oct. 5, 2008 near the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Sergeant Tim Insley, 3rd Sustainment Brigade was the first Marne Soldier to cross the finish line with a time of 59 minutes and 27 seconds. This is the second Army Ten-Miler for Insley.

"I felt great the first six miles," said Insley. "The last four miles was tough though. I started cramping. I

almost had to stop once."

Even with a cramp in his side, Insley said he was able to improve his time from his last run by nearly a minute.

Overall, the 3rd ID men's team ran an average time of one hour and 10 seconds, which was a pleasant surprise for the runners because it gave them a 7th place finish in the active duty men's category.

Sergeant Jason Green was impressed that all six Marne men's runners finished so close together.

"It's impressive that over a 10-mile race, all six of us finished within two minutes of each other," said Green from 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 1st BCT.

Captain Alexis Davis was the top female finisher for

the Marne Team. This was the fourth time Davis ran in the largest 10-mile race in the United States and the third time she represented the 3rd ID.

About 26,000 runners ran in the race; the overall men's winner was Renaginaldo Compos from the Brazilian army team. The Brazilian army had an impressive showing with four of their five runner's finishing in the top 10 overall.

The overall women's winner was Veena Reddy from Arlington, Va., with a time of 58 minutes and eight seconds. Team Bliss took the top team honors in the active duty men's category. In the active duty women's, Fort Bragg took first place.



Pfc. Jared Eastman

Kendrick Robinson, (far left), who placed 1st in his age group leads the pack of more than 200 Soldiers and Family Members at the start of the 10K race on Bundy Ave., Saturday. Robinson's overall time was 40:27.

Oct. 4 Hundreds compete for Top of the Rock

Pfc. Jared Eastman

1st BCT Public Affairs

More than 200 Soldiers and Family Members competed in the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and

Recreation's sponsored 5K and 10K Top of the Rock Run, Oct. 4, 2008.

The Women's 5K winner was Amber Neely who finished with a time of 22:01. Winning in the men's 5K was Andrew Lopez with 18:15. Riguberto Cisneros was

the first place winner in the men's 10K who finished with 38:06.

In the team 10K category, first and second place went to Troop C, 3rd Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment. Youth Challenge Academy Team took third.

Nov. 17 Soldiers celebrate 91 years with Marne Week

Staff Report

Answering the nation's call, Nov. 21, 1917, the 3rd Infantry Division stood up at Camp Green, N.C. Now, 91 years later, the unit celebrated its 91 years of service and sacrifice with Marne Week, Nov. 17-21, 2008.

Marne Week activities kicked off with a Division run where more than 10,000 "Dog Face Soldiers" showed their unit pride with a column of runners reaching back nearly a mile long.

Following the run, Soldiers and Families

were able to enjoy a week's worth of activities to include a carnival and concert featuring The Commodores and Keni Thomas.

In addition to musical entertainment, Marne Week hosted unit and individual competitions to include golf, basketball, softball, flag football, a truck rodeo, stretcher races, fun runs, a biathlon and a demonstration of the Engagements Skills Trainer.

The celebration followed the recent deployment of the 3rd ID in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom V.



Sgt. Jason Stadel

Brian Tuck, HHC, 26th BSB, runs across mid-field in the first half of the Marne Bowl, Nov. 18 at Olvey Stadium in Hinesville. The 26th BSB squared off with 544th Co., 92nd Engineers for the Marne football title. Tuck accounted for all the points in the game. He would go on to score the only offensive touchdown of the game later in the drive and returned an interception for a touchdown in the second half. The 26th BSB won the game and the Marne Bowl, 12-0.

NEW REFUSE and RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Starts Monday, November 17th

Dorado Services, Inc. the new housing collection service provider will operate the following schedule:

Refuse, and Recycle Collection Housing Areas

Monday – Hunter Army Airfield: All MFH units.

Tuesday – Fort Stewart: Marne Terrace, Marne Homes, Marne Court, New Marne, Coastal Ridge, Marne Woods

Wednesday – Fort Stewart: North Bryan, Southern Oaks

Thursday – Fort Stewart: Liberty Woods, Eisenhower Village

Friday – Fort Stewart: South Bryan, Eisenhower Terrace

Refuse and Recycle containers and Bulk Waste items must be placed at the curb before 7:00 am on scheduled collection days.

Serviced containers must be brought in by 7:00 pm on collection day.

Do not block refuse containers with parked vehicles.

Fecal matter must be double bagged.

Bulk Waste items, such as swing sets & basketball hoops must be broken down to manageable size pieces.

Lawn mowers and other items with engines can not be collected.

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NEW REFUSE and RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

RECYCLING PROGRAM

The following properly prepared items will be collected on your designated collection days. All of the materials listed below can be put in the recycling cart.

GLASS

All glass bottles and jars are recyclable. Please rinse well and remove caps and lids. Plate or window glass, china or Pyrex, crystal, light bulbs, plates, cups, or drinking glasses are NOT recyclable.

PLASTIC

Milk, water, juice and other containers marked #1, #2 or #5 are recyclable. Please rinse well and remove caps and lids

ALUMINUM CANS

All empty aluminum beverage cans are acceptable.

TIN CANS

Please rinse well.

NEWSPAPER and INSERTS

To avoid contamination place all paper products inside a separate plastic bag (eg grocery bag) before putting them in the recycling cart

MAGAZINES, CATALOGS, TELEPHONE BOOKS and SCRAP/OFFICE PAPER

Place all paper products inside a separate plastic bag before putting them in the recycling cart

CARDBOARD

Cardboard boxes must be broken down flat and placed at the curb next to the recycling cart. Shoe and cereal boxes ARE recyclable. Pizza and other food-contaminated boxes are NOT recyclable.

Recycling Carts containing trash or non-recyclable items will be tagged and left at the curb.

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