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Garrison preps Division for deployment



Cpl. Adam Johnston

Pfc. John C. Walker, a cavalry scout with Task Force 2-7, helps to construct tactical checkpoints throughout the city using concertina wire and metal stakes. Operation Police Victory was both conceived and executed by the Iraqi police themselves.

2/7 Inf, police take back Hit

Cpl. Adam Johnston
2nd Marine Division

HIT, Iraq - In yet another step toward Iraqi sovereignty, U.S. Army Soldiers with 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, recently teamed with Iraqi security forces here for Operation Shurta Nasir (Police Victory).

Unlike previous operations, this one was both conceived and executed by the Iraqi police themselves.

"Their leadership came to us with a plan," said Army Capt. Mark A. Cobos, the joint coordination center's officer in charge. "They knew exactly which

bad guys they wanted to go after. [Brig. Gen. Hamid Ibrahim Jazaa] said his men were ready, so we let the IPs take the lead."

Hamid is the Hit-district police chief, an area which includes the city of Hit and other surrounding towns. He's personally in charge of more than 750 IPs.

"We've been planning this operation for about a year now," Hamid said. "This city has been owned by terrorists for a long time. Many innocent civilians have died here; it's time for those responsible to pay the price."

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24th Ordinance Company loads up for Afghanistan

Master Sgt. Rodney Williams
3rd Sustainment Bde. Public Affairs

Nearly 100 Soldiers departed Friday afternoon from Hunter Army Airfield for a yearlong combat tour in Afghanistan. The Soldiers compose two platoons of the 24th Ordinance Company based at Hunter.

"Everybody seemed excited and ready to go and looking forward to going for the first time to Afghanistan," said Lt. Col. Stephen Smith, Commander of the 87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. "A lot of the Soldiers were just ready to go do the mission and showed a lot of motivation and excitement."

As of October 2006, the 24th Ordinance expanded from three to five platoons under the command and control of the 87th CSSB on Fort Stewart, Ga.

"A lot of the Soldiers are on their

third tour so they have been through these separations before with their families," Smith said.

Shortly before the unit boarded the plane at the airfield, they received words of encouragement from key leaders of both the 3rd Sustainment Brigade and the 87th CSSB.

"They (24th Ordinance) have had excellent training, possess some of the best equipment in the Army and are extremely well led," Smith said. "They have a great rear detachment to take care of their families, so it's going to allow them to focus on the mission."

According to Maj. Alton Clowers, the executive officer for the 87th CSSB, the other platoons are located at both Fort Benning and Stewart.

"The three remaining platoons of the 24th Ordinance are scheduled to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in the coming months," he said.



Master Sgt. Rodney Williams

Brig. Gen. Edward Cardon, Assistant Division Commander for Support (left) and 3rd Sustainment Bde. Command Sgt. Maj. Clinton Johnson, (right), wish the 24th Ordinance Soldiers well on their deployment to Afghanistan.

DOL workers paint pride desert tan

Kurt Wolfe
Frontline Staff

As division prepares to deploy, Soldiers complete their training. But what of the thousands of vehicles upon which Soldiers depend? What happens to them?

Returning vehicles are inspected, repaired, occasionally sandblasted and painted. New equipment, painted green fresh from the factory must be painted desert tan. It takes a very special kind of paint called C.A.R.C., or Chemical Resistant Agent Coating. Designed originally to withstand exposure to chemical

weapons, the highly durable paint needs no baking after application. Indeed, it is highly resistant to the extreme mechanical heat generated by combat vehicles, as well as the hot desert sun. Every type of vehicle, from water buffaloes, to tanks to humvees get painted by the civilians and civilian contractors at the Directory of Logistics.

To complete this job requires enormous dedication and time. Dennis Dowdy, a heavy sheet metal mobile mechanic knows only too well how many hours this takes.

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Vanguard Bde focus hones Soldier's skills

Spc. Dan Balda
4th BCT PAO

If you have driven Route 144 in the last week you might have seen a glut of military vehicles making speedy transportation to your destination a veritable Shangri-La. If you were wondering why there were so many tan vehicles driving at the speed of decaying plastic it was because the 4th Brigade Combat Team is currently undergoing Vanguard Focus, a major training exercise in preparation for the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

The brigade has focused on building from the ground up. The training has centered on squads and platoons, the basic building blocks of a

fully-capable combat-ready unit.

"We are trying to build confident and competent Soldiers that are capable of completing a number of tasks, such as acting on contact and counter-insurgency operations," said Maj. Kolin Bernardoni, 4th BCT executive officer.

"The main goal has been to provide a level of proficiency for the Soldiers collectively as a squad and platoon to be ready for NTC," said Command Sgt. Maj. Louis Torres, 4th BCT's top enlisted Soldier. "Although all the units have gone out and done training, this is the first time the brigade as a cohesive unit has gone out and put everything together in a situation like this."

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Marne 6 Sends Feedback helps improvements at Winn

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch
3rd Inf. Div. commanding general

If you have been to Winn Army Community Hospital or any of our medical treatment facilities here recently, you may have seen signs. They're almost everywhere you go. They say something like "PLEASE EXCUSE THE RENOVATIONS."

These are the signs we like to see. It means that the men and women are hard at work to make your health care experience truly world class.

On a daily basis our hospital treats about 1,000 patients. The emergency room itself welcomes 100 visits per day and that's huge. But, it is absolutely imperative that each Soldier or entitled-family member and retiree receive the finest health care services available.

Naturally, a visit to the hospital, any hospital, carries a level of stress for a patient. People don't go to the hospital unless something is wrong. And so, from the time you enter our hospital to the time you leave, you can expect to receive committed, concerned care.

Our hospital commander and his staff recognize your needs and are taking steps to make each patient comfortable and their visit as pleasant and efficient as possible. You see, it's all about people.

An example of the hospital's efforts is how it has reorganized to schedule appointments.

Now the process is centralized and phone operators have been carefully selected to ensure courteous service.

Restrictions on visiting hours were lifted with you in mind. So, if you have a friend or loved one who is receiving in-patient care, you can show them your support when it is convenient to you and our patient. The staff truly understands and supports its patient population.

You see, they, like you are members of this community. Some are married to Soldiers. They are customers of the hospital themselves, like you. They know how they want to be treated, and they strive to treat you the way that they too would want to be treated. A smile goes a long way at Winn Army Community Hospital.

The staff is the best at what they do. In recent weeks we've seen many new members added and there are still vacancies for certain medical skills. Regardless, you'll continue to see only the highest caliber of people hired to care for you and your loved ones. Each shares the same commitment of the hospital commander and me.



And I can't imagine how we could function without volunteers. Everyday great humans offer their time and energy to make the hospital a caring facility. Thank you each and everyone.

Now, having great health care includes having great facilities. We recognize the need to look as professional as we are. Our hospital leaders are listening, and you are beginning to see concrete examples of improvement. Literally.

For example, construction is underway to allow more and easy access parking. New capabilities are coming with construction and renovations, and you will love what we have planned.

One of our plans became reality recently in our pharmacy. Our pharmacy is using newly installed, state of the art technology. This has already improved the accuracy of prescribed medication and will ultimately reduce frustrating wait times.

Ultimately, the hospital belongs to its patients. With that in mind, our staff is taking

your recommendations and acquiring furniture that is more comfortable and pleasing to the eye. There are also concerted efforts to decorate patient and waiting rooms and hallways. There are new activity centers for small children. And this is just the start.

There's an initiative in the hospital for family readiness group partnership. In the coming months some areas will be "adopted" by volunteers.

You'll see decorations that make our hospital ever more pleasant. This grassroots effort is so very special and I am proud of those who are helping. After all, when we take ownership in our hospital, we are expressing our love for other people in need.

Now you know that we are all engaged and doing all we can to help you and provide a satisfying experience in our hospital. You can help us help you.

If you were a patient recently you probably received a letter from the Office of the Surgeon General requesting feedback. Take time and complete the survey. Your comments are very important in our effort. We take steps to improve service continually.

I want you to know that we care, we are always raising the bar on the standard of service we provide and we will not tire in our effort.

May you and your loved ones have the best of health.

ROCK OF THE MARNE!

Honoring women in military service

Sasha McBrayer
Fort Stewart Museum

According to the Natinal Women's History Project, "History looks different when the contributions of women are included."

Military servicewomen quite literally march into Women's History Month. In 2006 over 200,000 women were on active duty status in the modern military, making up about 14.4 percent of our active-duty servicemembers. Over 63,000 women made up the Guard and Reserve Forces. Today more than 90 percent of all career fields in the armed forces are open to women.

As of this week in March 2007, we owe a debt of gratitude to six Third Infantry Division women who gave their lives in Operation Iraqi Freedom. They are:

- 1st Lt. Ashley Huff from Belle Mead, N.J. of 3rd Platoon, 549th MP Company, Sept. 19, 2006.

- Sgt. Regina Reali from Fresno, Calif. of the Army Reserve's 351st Civil Affairs Command, Dec. 23, 2005.

- Sgt. Julia Atkins from Bossier City, La. of 720th MP Battalion, 89th MP Brigade, Dec. 10, 2005.

- Pfc. Sam Huff from Tucson, Ariz. of 504th MP Battalion, 42nd MP Brigade, April 15, 2005.

- Spc. Adriana Salem of Elk Grove Village, Ill. of 3rd Forward Support Battalion, Division Support Command, March 4, 2005.

- Spc. Aliena Ramirez-Gonzalez of Hormigueros, Puerto Rico of 3rd Brigade Troop Battalion, April 15, 2003.

Women taking important roles in the armed forces, however, is not something new. Over the course of March we will pay tribute to these historical heroes by highlighting several outstanding womens' groups. The first of which is the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve.

During World War II, on August 12, 1918, Opha Mae Johnson was the first of 305 women accepted for duty in the Marine Corps Reserve. These women took the places of men in order to free them to go to the front. USMCWR's enjoyed the same payment as male officers and enlisted men with no dependants. There were many different jobs available for these female Reservists, but they were not allowed to fight overseas.

Since the addition of Johnson as the first female Marine, the Corps has had many exciting milestones.

- 1943-Col. Ruth Cheney Streeter, first Director of Women Marine Reservists

- 1943-Capt. Anne Lentz, first commissioned officer

- 1943-Pvt. Lucille McClarren, the first enlisted woman

- 1945-First detachment of women Marines arrives in Hawaii for duty

- 1948-Col. Katherine A. Towle, the first Director of Women Marines

- 1961-The first woman Marine is promoted to Sgt. Maj. (E-9).

- 1965-The Marine Corps assigns the first woman to attach'e duty. Later, she became the first woman Marine to serve under hostile fire.

- 1978-Col. Margaret A. Brewer, the first woman Marine general officer.

- 1979-The Marine Corps assigns women as embassy guards.

- 1985-Col. Gail M. Reals, the first woman selected by a board of general officers to be advanced to Brig. General.

- 1992-Brig. Gen. Carol A. Mutter assumed command of the 3d Force Service Support Group, Okinawa. She became the first woman to command a Fleet Marine Force unit at the flag level.

- 1993-2nd Lt. Sarah Deal became the first woman Marine selected for Naval aviation training.

- 1993-The Marine Corps opens pilot positions to women.

- 1994-Brig. Gen.n Mutter became the first woman Maj. Gen. in the Marine Corps and the senior woman on active-duty in the armed services

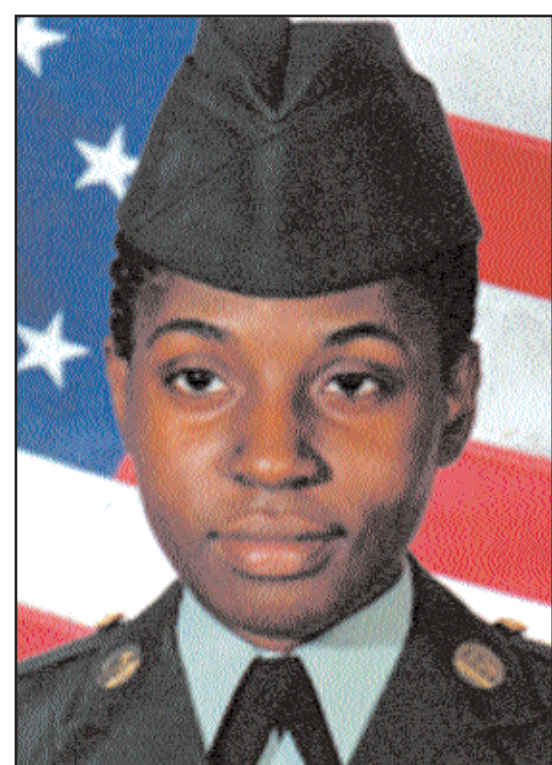
- 1995-The first female Marine pilot pins on Naval flight wings.

- 1996-Lt. Gen. Mutter became the first woman Marine and the second woman in

the history of the armed services to wear three stars.

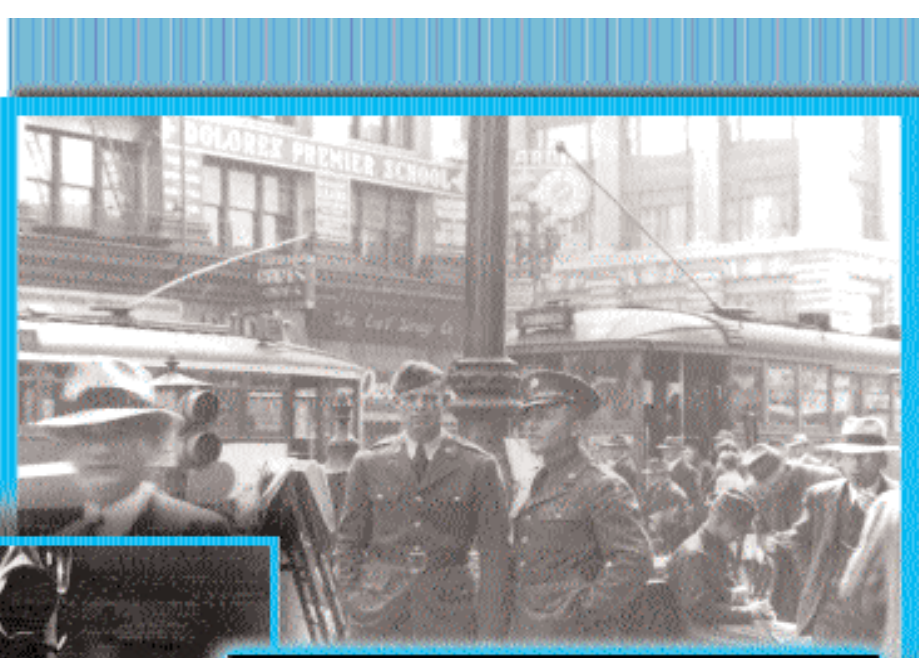
*timeline from the Women Marines Association website www.womenmarines.org/history.php.

(Editor's note: This is the first of four articles written by Sasha McBrayer honoring women who served in the military)



Courtesy Photo

Sgt. Julia Atkins from Bossier City, La. made the ultimate sacrifice Dec. 23, 2005.



A Snapshot from Fort Stewart's Museum Archives

Graphic by Sherron Walker

World War II era Soldier, Private First Class George Rogers donated photographs spanning his career to the Fort Stewart Museum. In the first photo he is shown on the busy streets of San Francisco in February of 1942 (the Soldier on the left). In the second photo he wears a protective gas mask that same year on a Saturday morning inspection at the barracks. Eventually commissioned to Second Lieutenant at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Rogers also trained in Louisiana and at Camp Roberts, California.

3220th recognized for remarkable support

Pat Young
Frontline staff

Achievements of the 3220th Garrison Support Unit were recognized in a ceremony at Woodruff Theater March 1 for its support to the 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

The unit, operates a Mobilization Operations Center, Medical Readiness Personnel Unit, Medical

Hold Battalion and assist with the Division Rear, was lauded as the best GSU in the Army with exceptional team members.

Mistress of ceremonies, Master Sgt. Shirley Smith, shared with the audience, the unit's achievements and partnership with Fort Stewart. She said the unit activated in 1990 in support of Operation Desert Shield, and noted its service include humanitarian assistance for Hurricane Andrew, United Nations support to Somalia, Bosnia and Fiji, as well as the continuous partnership with the 3rd Inf. Div., Stewart and Hunter.

Smith commented on the unit's exceptional performance regarding the Mobilization Center and Medical Review and Processing Battalion, which helped transition Soldiers in need of medical attention.

"The medical retention processing unit successfully reduced the number of medical hold over Soldiers from 167 to 52," Smith said. "The medical retention unit was also recognized by the Assistant Secretary of the Army, System analysis review team as one of the best run programs in the in the Army."

The Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander was on hand to personally thank the Soldiers for their efforts and professionalism.

"You don't become the best in the Army by not having solid leadership, solid dedication to duty, and a solid feeling of service to your nation,"

Buchs said. "The team members here turned themselves into the best in Army."

Buchs noted that although some of the 3220th members were leaving, he had confidence that unit would continue to provide the best services possible. He said he felt confident the unit would continue to provide the best possible service to help bring the Soldiers home, assist them in their recovery or provide a smooth transition to civilian life.

Lt. Col. Shawn Rasmussen, 3220th Battalion Commander said the success of the unit was a testament to the teamwork and professionalism shared by the Soldiers as well as the leadership and personnel at Stewart and the 3rd Infantry Division.

Rasmussen thanked everyone for their contributions and noted that their efforts were being recognized including the selection of one of their own, Capt. David Jerkins, Medical Retention Processing Unit to receive General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award.

The ceremony also recognized outstanding performance by other members, some who would be returning home soon.

"Many of the Soldiers in the 3220th GSU have served in our unit for well over five years, some more than ten, said Lt. Col. Sean Clark, Executive Officer for the Mobilization Center. "This allows the experience and knowledge gained through repeated contacts



Pat Young

Left to right: Fort Stewart garrison Command Sergeant Major Charles Durr and commander, Col. Todd Buchs, present Meritorious Service Medals to 3220th Battalion commander, Lt. Col. Shawn Rasmussen and Sergeant Major Fields at a ceremony March 1 at Woodruff Theater.

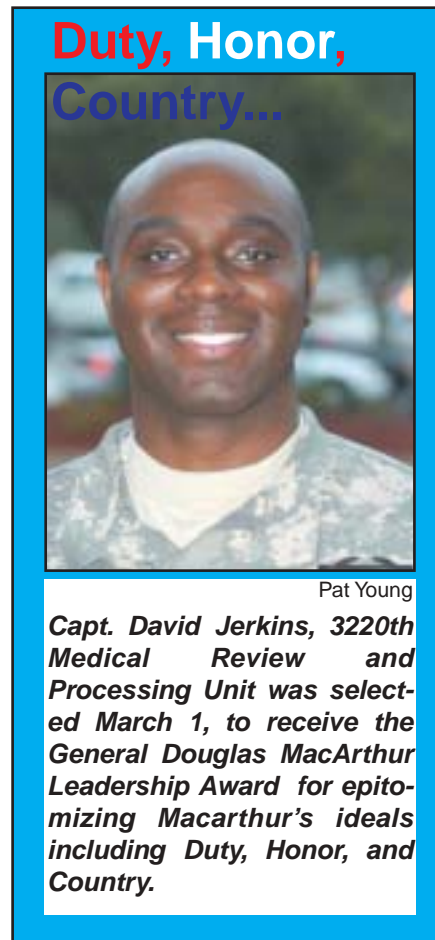
and assignments at Fort Stewart to become extremely efficient tool in our operations here at Fort Stewart and Hunter. This also allows our Soldiers to integrate with directorates and division Soldiers."

"I enjoyed my experience here," said Spc. Marcia Forbes, a unit supply specialist, who after being deployed with the unit for two years looks forward to returning home soon. "It was wonderful working with the Soldiers leaving and coming back to Iraq."

Several family members attended the ceremony and shared their

thoughts regarding their spouse's deployment.

"I stand behind my husband 100 Percent," said Kimberly Clark, spouse of Lt. Col. Sean Clark and mother of three. "He knows I'm proud of him for what he does and why he does it. I'm proud of all our military, and all their families. A lot of people don't realize what military families go through. The problems they face and stress they endure. You really have to work hard to help the children through it. You have to have faith. But the Soldiers and their families, they do remarkable things."



Pat Young

Capt. David Jerkins, 3220th Medical Review and Processing Unit was selected March 1, to receive the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award for epitomizing MacArthur's ideals including Duty, Honor, and Country.

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The main thing Torres was hoping to see during the training was the Soldiers gaining confidence in their training and themselves. He was rewarded with the units coming together as cohesive groups, as the leaders became comfortable with the expectations placed on them by the brigade.

"I wanted to see small unit leaders, sergeants and staff sergeants, doing what I saw last week: leading this platoons and squads and everybody getting together and learning from each other," Torres said.

The repetition involved in the training is important because when a Soldier repeats something enough it comes automatically during the fog and noise of battle. This is especially vital during trauma lane training, counter sniper and sniper training and defeating improvised explosive devices, Torres said.

"I think those three did more for the Soldiers than anything else," Torres said. "Those are the main three things that the Soldiers are going to be faced with once we get to Iraq."

The conditions in the brigade's future area of operations are one of the driving force's behind the training.

"We are talking to the people that we think we are going to replace and adapting that to our training so our Soldiers have a more theatre-focused training regiment," Bernardoni said.

Another key aspect to Vanguard Focus is paramount in military operation: safety.

"The goal is to bring every soldier home from the deployment, to do that you have to take every Soldier," Bernardoni said.

Having combat tested leaders is one way to add to the training for the Soldiers that are heading to Iraq for the first time.



(Maj. Jesse Goldman)

Soldiers assigned to E Co. 4th Bn., 64th Armor, 4th BCT, load a wounded Soldier into a vehicle following a simulated improvised explosive device attack at the trauma lane at Vanguard Focus

"It's been great to see the growth in the Soldiers, especially the ones that have been there before," Torres said. "Sometimes the guys who have been there have a tendency to get mad or angry when the guys are not doing what they are supposed to or they aren't following the proper procedures, but they are maturing. I hear them saying, "We

are all coming back," and I think the guys who are getting yelled at understand it only because their leaders want them to succeed and to be safe."

Torres estimates that the brigade is 50 to 60 percent ready, right where the brigade's leadership was hoping they would be before they leave for NTC.

"(When we finish Vanguard Focus) we will be at a point where the Soldiers are proficient enough so when they get to NTC, it will be a polishing tool," Torres said. "With the help of the observer-controllers at NTC we will be at 100 percent of our full combat capabilities and be ready to accomplish our mission in Iraq."

CARC

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"We do a lot of preparation work and a lot of painting," says Dowdy. We work twelve hour days, six days a week. We are scheduled for two weeks on days and two weeks on nights."

Recently, Dowdy worked nearly 90 hours overtime in a pay period. The long hours pay off in results, however. "We can paint about five of these big vehicles per shift, or ten every twenty-four hours," says Dowdy with more than a little pride.

Allen DeLoach, the lead supervisor elaborates.

"We are preparing for the surge right now," says DeLoach. "We make sure the older vehicles are up to standards as well as all new vehicles. We will be on this schedule though June or July at least. Second Brigade is going out now and 4th Brigade will follow. We keep all equipment up to specs - the Abrams tanks, the Bradleys, the new series of five-ton trucks, generators - basically everything they've got. Whatever comes to us green will go out tan." Occasionally soldiers help, but basically we run our operation with civilians and contractors.

There is little end to these hours, notes DeLoach. "We've been on twenty-four hours a day, six days a week since about the 5th of January this year and will be as long as we are in a deployment stage."

The mission priority for those at the

DoL is clear.

"I believe that maintenance is the backbone of the army," says DeLoach. "We want to make sure that the soldiers have the best equipment possible. We go over and over this equipment. We take pride in what we do. A Soldier can't be worrying if his vehicle is going to make it to the next stop or if it's going to break down in the middle of a war zone."

There is a considerable overtime pay available for these workers. But that's not what it is about. In the end nit is about pride.

DeLoach watches as workers suit up in protective gear to paint yet another big rig. "People say we are making good money," says DeLoach as he shakes his head. "That might be true, but we sacrifice a lot to be here and do the job we do. We sacrifice a lot of family time. Every one of these guys will tell you it's not about the money. We do this because we've got to do it. We need to do it. They're over there serving our country and they should be able to it without worrying about their equipment. That's our job."

What will these workers care for once the heavy work is through? DeLoach smiles.

"Well. We will take care of Rocky."



Kurt Wolfe

Dennis Dowdy, a Directorate of Logistics technician, works overtime CARC painting vehicles and equipment to help the division deploy.

Interests, career passion leads to top-notch accountant for installation

Jennifer Scales
Public Affairs Specialist

Pursuing her education, having an interest in accounting and a driving passion to succeed has lead Suzan Newman into the position of accountant evaluator for Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

A little over 24 years ago, while still in college, Newman participated in the work study program at the Social Security Administration. From there, she moved on to



Photo by Jennifer Scales

Suzan Newman, accountant evaluator Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, takes a moment to discuss a point with an accountant evaluator.

work as a military pay clerk at Fort Benning, Ga. She later moved to Rhode Island and worked for the Navy as a military pay supervisor, deputy disbursing officer and an auditor.

When she moved to the District of Columbia area, she decided to branch out from her position in the government printing office to a management program analyst. In that position, Newman traveled between the District and southern California to take technology out for testing as it was being developed.

She later became a budget analyst for the Naval Facilities and Engineering Command.

"I had some insight into headquarters operations, operations and facilities management, real estate management, transportation, and utilities at the funding resource level," Newman said.

There, she became familiar with programs and worked in submitting such data for program reviews, budget executions and funding for collateral equipment.

Now, at Stewart and Hunter, Newman works primarily within the garrison, gathering data, interviewing key people, researching documents and compiling work papers.

"From these work papers, summaries are developed for each functional area. Reports are written and disseminated back to the organization for their comments as far as concurrence or non-concurrence on any findings and recommendations," said Newman.

These reports are then compiled and provided to the garrison and deputy garrison commanders.

Many people may relate Newman's career to bookkeeping, however, she adamantly assures it is not.

"Most people think of accounting as bookkeeping and bookkeeping is not accounting. Neither is accounting considered as reviewing and auditing" Newman said.

She explained that the accounting knowledge is knowing the business of government, as far as its finance responsibility, and being able to track money sources.

Newman said that years ago disbursing offices, more frequently known as finance and accounting offices, were

done away with.

"While working with the Navy as a deputy disbursing officer, we were basically a check operation because the DoD was slowly pulling back from using similar negotiable instruments like cash and travelers check, so that there would not be that much risk of having three to four million sitting in a safe at each installation," she said.

Though she has a steep career in the Navy, Newman is actually an Army brat. Born in Panama, her family moved to Fort Benning when she was an infant.

Her father, Erman Newman, was killed during the Vietnam Conflict, and she remained there with her mother and siblings. She graduated from Troy State University with a major in accounting and business management.

She is married to William Richards, a Navy retiree.

During her spare time, Newman enjoys physical fitness activities, dancing, reading and kayaking.

Three women have influenced Newman's life and career.

"Doris Estell, as my first supervisor in this career ladder, gave me a lot of guidance as far as developing my career on how to do my work and do it better," she said.

Newman said there was also Pamela Redfield who showed her what it was like to be a professional, both on and off the job. She said that she had many influences but not least was her mother, Barbara Newman. She explained the affect her mother had on her life.

"Being a military wife and then a widow during a time period when they would not even give a credit card to a single female could be sort of rough," said Newman. "My mother was one to tell her daughters they needed to pursue their education."

Just as Newman's influences have advised her, she passes on advice to all women.

"Wherever your interests and your passions lie is where you are going...and where you will have success. For some that may mean a traditional four year degree, others an art school or a technical trade school. The ideal situation is to take something you have an interest in and make it into a career."

Scholarship Opportunity

Homefront America has joined the W. Daniel Tate family and Sara's Hope Foundation for a second year to host a scholarship contest awarding \$1,000 to 25 military family children.

Essay subjects and instructions to apply are at www.homefrontamerica.org Essays are due by April 23.

The new convenient Eagle Cash value card

Special to the Frontline

Last summer, service members who deployed to most locations in Iraq had a new way of managing their cash - The Eagle Cash Stored Value Card!

The Eagle Cash card is very similar to a gift card. The cardholder places value on the card and then, as each transaction takes place, the value on the card is reduced.

Adding value to the card is easy. Service members can go to their local finance office and receive a casual pay, write a check, or exchange cash, and instead of receiving dollars, have the value immediately added to the value of their Eagle Cash card.

Because of the embedded microchip technology, funds will become immediately available for use the minute the cus-

tomers adds value to the card.

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You may also receive a cash refund for any value remaining on the card at the end of your tour. The kiosk is an ATM like machine that allows a service member the ability to perform transactions on their Eagle Cash card 24 hours a day, seven days

a week without having to visit the finance office and wait in line. Using the kiosk allows a service member to transfer value directly from the bank account of their choice onto their card. No checks or casual pays required! Funds can be loaded to the card, or unloaded from the card into their bank account. Funds can also be transferred between two cards and the kiosk can also be used to check the balance of their Eagle Cash card. Service members select their own PIN, which is entered into the kiosk to process a transaction and can be changed at anytime at the kiosk.

Service Members can receive their Eagle Cash Card during the Finance portion of unit Soldier Readiness Processing. Service members may also stop by the Fort Stewart Finance Office, Building 622, or at Hunter Army Airfield Finance Office and receive their card.



Marne Voices Speak Out

With this being Women's History Month, who has been the greatest female influence in your life?

"My daughter's mother, Arvion. She did the ultimate by having my child."

Pvt. Eric Jackson
549th Military Police Company



"My grandmother, Lucy Kemp. She was the backbone of the family."

Sgt. Denise Gray
HHSC, STB



"My mother Patricia. She showed me Christ and the way to go."

Sgt. 1st Class Duane Haney
Company A, Med Hold



"My wife, who kept me out of trouble for 24 years. My mother who raised me right along with 15 brothers and sisters."

Michael Gaitten
Fort Stewart Fire Department



"My mother Emma Tunstall. She is very strong and dependable. She taught me well and to live Christ-like daily."

Sandra Kearney
Directorate of Logistics



"My mother Sara Nelson, who is deceased, and my aunt Aretha Byrd. They were the backbones of the family."

Pearl Nelson
Directorate of Logistic



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Military Justice

Private 1st Class, from 87th CSB, found guilty at Article 15; disrespect towards a commissioned officer; reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$340 for one month.

Specialist, from 1/3 AVN, found guilty at Article 15; wrongful use of marijuana; reduction to E-3, forfeiture of \$750 for two months, 45 days' extra duty.

Private, from 2/3 AVN, found guilty at Article 15; drunkenness; 14 days' extra duty.

Private first Class, from 603d ASB, found guilty at Article 15; wrongful use of marijuana; reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$729 for one

month, 45 days' extra duty/restriction.

Sgt. from 603d ASB, found guilty at Article 15; wrongful use of cocaine; reduction to E-4, forfeiture of \$989 for one month, 45 days' extra duty/restriction.

Adverse Administrative Actions

OMPF Filed General Officer Memoranda of Reprimand for DUI Offenses

Sgt., 2/7 IN, BAC .196
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 Staff Sgt., 3/3 AVN, BAC .170
 Pfc., 3/3 AVN, BAC .184
 Sgt., 2/3 BTB, BAC .171
 Spc., 26 BSB, BAC .126
 Pfc., 26 BSB, BAC .176
 Pvt., 603 ASB, BAC .138

The Garrison Commander, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, barred nine personnel from the installation for the following offenses: larceny of government funds, wire fraud, conspiracy, wrongful possession of cocaine and marijuana, obstruction of justice, resisting apprehension, wrongful possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, assault consummated by battery, making a false statement, possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a stolen firearm and shoplifting.

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- Minimum GT score of 110
- U.S. citizenship

**Contact: Hunter CID Office
315-6333 or 315-6686**

Fort Stewart /Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

Division Colors Casing Ceremony slated

The 3rd Infantry Division and Stewart / Hunter will hold a Casing of the Colors ceremony 4 p.m., Today at Marne Garden to recognize the departure of the 3rd Inf. Div. Headquarters and Soldiers in support of the Global War on Terrorism. The uniform is duty uniform. Inclement weather location is Woodruff Theater.

Commander hosts street dance

The Fort Stewart and Hunter Army community will come together for a street dance 5 p.m., Today at Newman Field. Entertainment is being provided by Michael Scott.

The uniform is civilian casual. Inclement weather location is Newman Gym.

Speed zones temporarily reduced

In order to create the safest conditions possible for our Soldiers training in the field and protect the motorists who use the highways, Fort Stewart has reduced speed limits within the installation boundaries.

The changes are on Georgia Highway 144 from the Richmond Hill boundary to the Glennville boundary and on Georgia Highway 119 from the installation boundary, near Pembroke, to the junction of Georgia Highway 144 on Fort Stewart. The speed limit is reduced to 45 MPH.

There are reminders on the message boards at the installation boundaries. All speed limit signs will be changed. If you must traverse these roadways, please use caution and allow for additional time to arrive at your destination.

Highways 119, 144 traffic alert

Due to increased training throughout the month, motorists are encouraged to use caution while driving on Georgia Highways 119 and 144 on Fort Stewart. Motorists are urged to use extra caution and be aware of possible vehicle and Soldier road crossings.

Catholic Lenten schedule now - April 7

Stations of the Cross with Holy Communion is every *Friday of Lent* at 11:45 a.m.; Daily Mass at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Heritage Chapel, building T-85, Lindquist Rd. and Hunter Army Airfield *Stations of the Cross* - followed by *soup supper* at 6:30 p.m. on *Friday of Lent* at Hunter Chapel, building 145.

Stewart PWOC offers studies on female needs

Fort Stewart's Protestant Women of the Chapel meets 9:30 a.m. to Noon every Wednesday at

Marne Chapel. There are four studies offered this spring semester focused on the needs of the modern military wife and female military members. Childcare is provided by Child Youth Services caregivers. "A firm Foundation," the PWOC Spring Retreat, will be held at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simon's Island, Apr. 13 and 14. All are welcome. PWOC, which is sponsored by the Army Chief of Chaplains, says it is God empowered, Christ centered and Spirit led. It exists as an extension of the Chapel and encourages women to grow spiritually within the body of Christ through prayer, the study of God's Word, Worship and Service.

For more information please contact Tammy Owens at owenshouse2@msn.com.

Eleven Black Men host Banquet

The Eleven Black Men of Liberty County, Inc. will hold its "Annual Banquet" at Club Stewart, Fort Stewart, Georgia, on March 10, 2007. There will be a reception at 6:30 PM, followed by the banquet dinner at 7:00 PM. Antonio Carter, Columbus, Georgia radio personality, youth mentor and motivational speaker will be this year's banquet speaker. Tickets are \$35 each and may be purchased from any of the Eleven Black Men directors.

2007 Spring Special Olympics

Volunteers are needed as huggers, event officials, score sheet runners and, most importantly, the cheering section at this year's Spring Special Olympics. The event is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 13 at the Fort Stewart Quick Track, across the street from Newman Fitness Center. To volunteer or find more out about the event contact Mavis Crowell or Vickie Wiginton at 767-1257.

Legal Assistance changes location

The Fort Stewart Legal Assistance and Claims offices are moving from their current location on Hase Rd. to the 2nd floor of Building 621 on William H. Wilson Ave. The offices will be open at their new location starting March 12. Services will be provided at the old location through Friday. For more information, contact Legal Assistance at 767-8819 or Claims at 767-8185.

You may be eligible for HOPE Grant

Georgia residents and military ID card holders, who are attending a Georgia public technical college to earn a certificate or diploma, are eligible for a HOPE Grant regardless of high school graduation date or grade average. You may receive the Hope Grant for an unlimited

number of programs that qualify under the guidelines. Full-time enrollment is not required, but you must be making satisfactory academic progress to maintain eligibility. You are not required to maintain a "B" average to renew your HOPE Grant.

Counselors are available at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center, Building 100, Knowledge Dr., Fort Stewart. For more information about the education center, call 767-8331.

Basketball championship slated

Come see the basketball action at Newman gym. The company-level basketball championship game will be played 7:30 p.m., March 22 at Newman Fitness Center, building 439. To find out more or see how your team is doing, see page 2C.

Apply now for an OSC Scholarship

The Officer's Spouses Club scholarship applications are available in school guidance offices, the Fort Stewart Education Center, the Shop of the Marne and can be downloaded at <http://thesteelmagnolia.org>. The deadline for returning completed applications is March 14.

Shop of the Marne invites you

Check out our new Polish pottery room! We will be open Saturday from 10-1 p.m. We are located in Building 25 off of McNeely Rd. behind the Ft. Stewart PX. You get 10 percent off if you mention this brief.

Work as Youth Volunteer

The American Red Cross Summer Youth Program begins June 11 and concludes July 20. Applications are available at the American Red Cross Office, building 253 Suite 2074. Students must complete youth volunteer application packets and attend orientation by May 31. Late applications will not be accepted. Work Permits must be obtained for all youth under the age of 18. For more information please call ARC Office at 767-2197. Youth orientations will be held in the Patriot Auditorium, Winn Army Community Hospital 9:30-11:30 a.m. March 12 and March 31.

Hunter Spouses Host Luncheon

The Hunter Spouses/ Club will host a luncheon in the Hunter Club at 11 a.m., March 13 with a St. Patrick's Day theme. The lunch will include a potato martini bar and dessert and features Sonny Dixon, news anchor from WTOG-TV, as the guest speaker. Cost is \$10. RSVP by Mar. 8 to 925-1687 or by email at hunter_spouses_club@yahoo.com.



Hunter

St. Patrick's Day Party

Put on something green and join the party! Come celebrate with crafts, food and fun 4:30-5:30 p.m., March 14 at New Savannah, New Callaway Community Center.

Join Pen Pal Club

Our monthly meeting is here again. Members, bring a new friend to join in on the fun and take the time to write your pal. 4-5 p.m. March 26 at New Savannah, New Callaway Community Center.

Smell the Flowers

Welcome spring time with fresh flowers and a stress-free life! Come plant your very own flower and take advantage of some helpful information on how to alleviate stress in your family, 4:30-5:30 p.m. March 23 at New Savannah, New Callaway Community Center.

Community Huddles

Be an active part of your community by attending your huddle and sharing ideas, issues or concerns with GMH. Help make your neighborhood a great place to live! March 19 and March 26 at 10:30-11 a.m. Events takes place at the Ken Heller Jr. Community Management Office. Other neighborhood huddles coming soon!

Stewart St. Patrick's Day Party

Put on something green and join the party! Come celebrate with crafts, food and fun 3:30-4:30 p.m. March 16 at Southern Oaks Community Center.



Ft. Stewart/Hunter Morale, Welfare and Recreation

4th Annual Travel Show

13 March - 3pm, Club Stewart

14 March - 3pm, Hunter Club

Great opportunity for soldiers and families presented by Leisure Travel Office. Learn about travel opportunities while stationed at Fort Stewart and Hunter.

767-2841 @ FS / 315-3674 @ HAAF

Newcomer's Expo @ HAAF

14 March - 1pm

ACS Ballroom, Bldg 1286

For incoming Soldiers, Family members and established families living in the Savannah Area.

Come and learn about activities, agencies, local schools, businesses, and other relevant programs pertaining to Hunter and Savannah communities.

315-6816

St. Patty's Day Recreation Activities

17 March

Stewart Lanes Celebration

Wear green to bowl and pay only \$1 per game. 767-4273

Taylor's Creek & Hunter Golf Special

After 12pm, wear green and receive half off green fees w/18 hole cart rental.

767-2370 @ FS / 315-9115 @ HAAF

Intramural Basketball Championship Game

22 March - 7pm

Newman Fitness Center, Bldg 439

Come cheer the top two teams of the 3ID to victory. 767-8238

High Adventure Weekend

23-25 March

Chattanooga, Tn

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Call NOW and Sign Up by 15 March.

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 Ask the Judge

Powers of Attorneys for deployment

Soldiers preparing to deploy have many things to do and think about prior to leaving. Married Soldiers have the additional responsibility of making sure that they have taken steps to insure their families are ready for the deployment. Preparing a family for deployment includes leaving one's spouse with those documents he or she needs to deal with problems that arise during deployment. Soldiers should consider leaving their spouses powers of attorney that enable a spouse to act on the Soldier's behalf.

What is a power of attorney?

A power of attorney is a document in which a person, the principal, appoints another, the agent or attorney-in-fact, to act on the principal's behalf. The POA authorizes the agent to perform certain specified acts or kinds of acts on the principal's behalf. The POA's authority dies or expires on the death or incapacitation of the principal or upon the occurrence of an event or date.

Are there different types of POAs?

Yes. There are two major types of Powers of Attorneys (POAs):

- 1. General power of attorney*
- 2. Special or limited powers of attorney*

What is the difference?

The general POA is one of the most powerful documents known to the law because it allows the agent to do almost anything that the principal can. For this reason, a person should only give a general POA to someone that he or she trusts completely. When you give a general POA, you are giving someone the ability to do a great deal of damage to you. A limited or special POA limits the authority of the agent to one or several acts.

Does a business or person have to accept a POA?

No.

What kind of POAs do you recommend I give my spouse?

Think about the issues your spouse may have to handle while you are deployed. For example, will vehicle registration have to be renewed? What will happen if your spouse loses his or her identification card?

What do you recommend?

You should consider giving your spouse the following special POAs:

- 1. Special POA to obtain military identification card- authorizes a spouse to replace military identification card of the spouse or children. Without this POA, a spouse will not be able to replace his or hers lost identification card or of the lost identification card of a child.*
- 2. Special POA (DFAS/AER)-authorizes the spouse to deal with the defense and accounting service to handle pay and other issues such as changing allotments also authorizes the spouse to obtain an Army Emergency Relief loan in the case of an emergency.*
- 3. Special POA to register vehicles-authorizes spouse to register a vehicle.*
- 4. Parental Acts POAs-authorizes an agent to assume custody of the children in the event that the non-deployed spouse is incapacitated or otherwise unable to take care of the children. Both parents should have a parental acts POA. For a more in depth discussion of parental acts POAs, please see the Ask the Judge Article in the March 8 edition of the Frontline.*

What other types of POAs should I give my spouse?

If you live on Fort Stewart or Hunter Army Airfield, you should give your spouse a special POA authorizing him or her to deal with GMH. If you are going to be moving when you redeploy, or are recently assigned here but your household goods have not arrived, you should consider giving your spouse a special POA authorizing him or her to ship/or receive property.

Is there a limit to how many special POAs I can give?

No, but the ones listed above cover the most issues that a spouse will most likely have to deal with during a deployment.

Can I give a POA to someone who is not my spouse or a relative?

You give a POA to any one who is 18 or older and is legally competent.

What about a General POA?

You may give your spouse a general POA, but a business may not accept it. Many banks will not accept a general POA and require their customer to use the bank's POA. You should determine whether a particular business or bank will accept a general POA. If it will not, ask what kind of a the business or bank will accept.

Where can I get POAs?

You may obtain POAs at either the Hunter Army Airfield legal assistance office (Building 1211, or call 315-5115/5516, Hours: 9 a.m.-4p.m. Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri.) or The Fort Stewart legal assistance office (Building T-50A, or call (912) 767-8809/8819, Hours 8a.m.-4.p.m., Mon. through Fri).

I understand the Fort Stewart Legal Assistance Office is moving, do you know when and where it is moving?

The Fort Stewart Legal Assistance Office is closing at noon on Friday, 9 March and will reopen at 8a.m. on Monday, 12 March. The office will be located on the second floor of Building 621 which is located behind the garrison headquarters building.

Legal Notice

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of Pfc. Kelly Youngblood, D Co., 3/69 Armor, Fort Stewart, Ga, 31314 contact 1st Lt. Michael Sawyer, HHC, 1/3 BTB, 1st BCT, Fort Stewart 31314 at 767-2902.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of Sgt. William J. Beardsley, 260th Qm Bn. Hunter Army Airfield, Ga, 31409. Contact Capt. Ryan Reed, HHD 260th, Qm Bn. Hunter AAF, Ga, 31409 at 315-8930.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of Staff Sgt. Jerome L. King, 3rd Inf. Div. Band, STB Fort Stewart, Ga, 31314. Contact Capt. Kurt Csizmar, STB S-4, Fort Stewart, Ga 31314 at 767-8747.

Aviators face the ground fog of war

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Mills
CAB Public Affairs

The enemy doesn't discriminate between the infantry, support or aviation Soldiers rolling down the road. If a target is soft, or easy to attack, the enemy will take advantage of that fact.

Last week the 603rd Aviation Support Brigade trained their troops on how to conduct combat logistics patrols on Hunter Army Airfield so as to avoid being that soft target.

"We've never had a (transportation) platoon before the transformation so we have to be prepared," said Capt. Robin Johnson, Co. A 603rd ASB commander.

The 603rd ASB Soldiers spent last week training on reacting to improvised explosive devices, ambushes, setting up traffic control points, and treating and transporting injured Soldiers.

The final training event for the Soldiers was a combat logistics patrol along a dirt road on Hunter Army Airfield, March 2 where they faced all of the possible problems they could face in a place like Iraq.

More than a few of the Soldiers on the

patrol had never deployed to a combat zone and the training helped them experience the fog of war.

"The pressure was on," said Spc. Nate Doorlag, motor transport operator, Co. A 603rd ASB. Doorlag recently trained as a combat life-saver and faced pressure when his patrol came upon three roll-playing Soldiers injured in an ambush of their observation post.

Doorlag and fellow CLS qualified Soldiers treated the wounded. To keep the event as realistic as possible they were required to start an IV, a tough proposition alongside a dusty road in the middle of nowhere.

"I'm surprised how much came to mind when the pressure was on," Doorlag said. "I'm confident that if my buddy needs aid, I can provide it."

Besides aiding their fellow Soldiers, the 603rd ASB troops also faced IEDs, and vehicle borne IEDs. They were required to go through the steps to secure the area and call in the bomb's location over the radio. At one point during the patrol the Soldiers were required to set up a traffic control point. At the TCP they interacted with civilians and even experienced an attack by insurgents

throwing grenades.

While the mayhem ensued, observer controllers watched and took notes for the after action review.

Being thrust into the confusion of battle for the first time turned out to be a positive experience for at least one of the Soldiers.

"This is good training," said Spc. Richard Hicks, motor transport operator, Co. A, 603rd ASB, "because of the fact that I've never done it before."

Hicks said the training will prepare him for Iraq and the sometimes confusing circumstances Soldiers face on the roads there.

2nd Lt. Rebecca Schweigart, Co. A, 603rd ASB, said the training helped point out the strengths and weaknesses of her unit.

"Communication flow broke down," she said. "Once we got going everything started working better. I do think (this training) is good for (the Soldiers) because they see how fast they need to move and react."

2nd Lt. Kyle Knopf, officer-in-charge of the training, 603rd ASB, said the training was set up to help the Soldiers avoid the common pitfalls of traveling on the roads in Iraq.

"If we can't run our (combat logistics patrols) safely," he said, "we can't support



Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Mills

Company A, 603rd ASB Soldiers string concertina wire while setting up a temporary traffic control point during combat logistics patrol training on Hunter Army Airfield, March 2.

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U.S. Army Soldiers and members of the Iraqi Army cordoned off the entire city, establishing blocking points at strategic points of entry. Though not directly involved with the operation, their role was vital to the IPs who were patrolling the streets and searching houses.

"Tagging along with the IPs would've defeated the purpose of preparing them to take over," explained Cobos, a native of El Paso, Texas. "This is their show; we're just getting 'em ready."

The goal of Operation Police Victory was to permanently establish an IP presence in the heart of what used to be a terrorist controlled city.

"These people are fed up with the insurgents," Cobos said. "When we rolled into town, everyone was outside their houses - waving and giving us the thumbs up."

Using tactics learned from Task Force 2-7's police training team, the IP-led operation yielded the capture of several high-value targets, the discovery of multiple weapons caches and improvised explosive devices, the establishment of two new police stations and the re-acquisition of the city's hospital.

"The IPs are extremely effective, simply because they're locals," Cobos said. "Some of them have lived right down the street their entire lives. They know who belongs here and who doesn't. It's easy for them to point out the foreign freedom fighters."

Jamal Sakin is one such example. He's lived within the city limits for the past six years.

"The Americans won't be here for long," Sakin said. "We've got to stand up on our own two feet and win it ourselves - this is our fight."

One of the ways terrorists discourage locals from joining the ISF is through a fear and intimidation campaign. Unfortunately, Sakin knows all too well about the "consequences" of joining-up.

"My little brother was kidnapped by the same people I'm after," explained Sakin. "They've killed many of my friends and family members."

Sakin doesn't know if his brother is dead or alive, but one thing's for sure - he won't rest until those responsible are brought to justice and held accountable for their actions.

"There's always hope," Sakin said. "But even after, I will still return to my job and help others with the same problem. It's every Iraqi citizen's duty to re-build this area and make it beautiful again, just as it once was."

Like Sakin, Hamid knows exactly what it's like to lose a loved one. Both his son and brother were murdered by terrorists. But even so, Hamid doesn't let the past weigh him down.

"There are heroes all around us," Hamid said. "If I die, there are a thousand other Hamids who would step up, take my place and continue the fight."

Per the suggestion of Army, Lt. Col. Douglas C. Crissman, the commanding officer of Task Force 2-7, Hamid acted on his philosophy by

taking to the city streets in broad daylight.

"Something like this hasn't happened in more than a year," Crissman said. "A week ago, it never would've been possible."

Crissman and Hamid were joined by the city's mayor on their trip downtown. They made their way

through the market, stopping every so often to speak with local merchants and other samaritans.

Through this public demonstration of faith in the city's security, Crissman hopes to capitalize on the momentum of Operation Police Victory. He hopes Hamid, along with the rest of Hit's citizens, can move

forward and look toward the future.

"When I see kids laughing and playing in the streets, it means the world to me," Hamid said. "Our victory here will serve as an example to all of Iraq. We showed the world that the impossible happened. We're back again - this is only the first step."

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Foster dogs while deployed

Nondice Powell
Hunter Public Affairs

Members of the Savannah community are coming together to help deploying Soldiers and their dogs. After seeing dogs abandoned and left at shelters during previous deployments, Landings residents Eric Hobday and Herb Huene decided they wanted to do something to help.

"We have an organization out here that will foster your dog while you're deployed," said Hobday.

Hobday and Huene already have numerous volunteers willing to help.

"I'd say thirtyish," said Hobday. "Calls are still coming in. I had a call the other day from a gentleman saying I have ten acres fully fenced. Any large dogs you get, I am willing to take."

"I've gotten calls from people as far away as North Georgia, above Atlanta," said Huene. "They have friends in the area and think it is a great idea."

This isn't the first time Huene has shown an interest in helping dogs. He has more than ten dogs and all are rescue dogs.

"I have for about ten years done a little dog rescue thing out here," said Huene. "I take in dogs that no one else will take."

Hobday and Huene have not put any limits on what types of dogs they will help place in foster homes. They want the Soldiers, though, to tell them about the dog so it can be placed in the best home while the Soldier is deployed.

"You're going to get a whole variety of dogs," said

Hobday. "Certain people, though, wouldn't want say for instance a pit bull. They'd like a poodle. You've got to match them up."

Hobday and Huene are hoping with modern technology to keep Soldiers and their dogs in contact.

"The main purpose is to help the Soldiers," said Huene. "We want to take away their worries about the pet. We hope to get them e-mail and pictures."

Hobday and Huene also hope to have the pets waiting at the homecoming ceremony upon the Soldiers' return.

"We're just trying to do our patriotic duty," said Hobday.

Hobday and Huene are working on putting together a binding contract between the foster homes and the Soldiers. They want to be sure those Soldiers who are only looking for a foster home and not for their pet to be adopted return for their pets. They are also trying to get those fostering the pets to take on the cost of caring for the dog while the Soldier is gone.

"We just want the Soldier to get out of Iraq in good health and to be able to come back for their pet," said Huene.

Hobday and Huene want Soldiers to contact them as soon as possible. They plan to attend the battalion level family readiness group meetings to hand out literature and forms. Soldiers interested may contact Hobday and Huene directly at 912-598-4024 or 912-598-0550. Soldiers may also contact the Fort Stewart veterinary clinic.

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For More Recycling Info Call 767-88802010.

Fort Stewart

Future Leader's Conference

Youth will be able to enjoy the four-day conference during spring break; registration applications will be available at the Fort Stewart Youth Center, Fort Stewart schools and the Liberty county middle and high schools.

This fun and educational conference is guaranteed to inspire and challenge all who attend.

Find out how you can win fabulous door prizes.

Free lunch and snacks will be provided daily.

Deadline to sign-up for this event is March 7, 2007

For more information contact the Child and Youth Services FSGA at 767-4491 or 787-4493.



Future Leader's Conference Registration Form

(Please fill out, detach form. Fax or bring completed form to the Fort Stewart Youth Center; if facing, please bring original application on the first day. Schools are not responsible for completed forms)

Student / Parent Information:

Student Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Birth Date: (Mo) : _____ (Day) : _____

Alternate Parent / Guardian / Contact Person:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Business Day Phone: _____ Place of Employment: _____

Students participating in the Job Shadow Day Program, please indicate your preference:

- Administrative
 Non-administrative
 Full day 9:00am - 3:00pm Part day 9:30 - 11:30
 Child Care
 Social Work
 Recreation
 Medical Careers
 Simulator Facility

Parents or Guardian permission: _____ does or does not (circle one) has my permission to participate in the Fort Stewart Future Leaders Conference, to include the Job Shadow Day Program and the Teen Violence Awareness and Prevention Session. I agree to provide transportation to and from the Fort Stewart Youth Center during this week. I understand that my child must attend each day and participate in all workshops and activities to be eligible for the grand prize drawing.

Parent or Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Completed registration forms must be received at the Youth Center by March 7, applications can either be fax to (912) 767-9873 Attn: Future Leader's Conference or drop off to the Fort Stewart Youth Center, building 7338. Registration forms will also be available at Fort Stewart School and Liberty County Middle and High Schools.



Jimmy McSalters

Frederick Sledge, AER officer here, ushers Col. Todd Buchs through the steps of filling Buchs' contribution to the Army Emergency Relief fund, making Buchs the first contributor to the 2007 AER Campaign at Fort Stewart.

Garrison commander kicks off AER Campaign becomes first to contribute to 2007 fund here

Staff report

Garrison Commander Col. Todd Buchs started the two-month Army Emergency Relief campaign Friday by becoming the first contributor at Fort Stewart for the year 2007.

AER is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated solely to "helping the Army take care of its own." It has been the Army's emergency financial assistance organization since Feb. 5, 1942. This year AER celebrates its 67th year of operation.

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Soldiers feed family of thousands

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Cooks for the 3rd Brigade Heavy Combat Team are busy at work. In a few short hours the line for a meal will be forming up with hungry Soldiers.

With food being prepared and the dining facility getting set up, the cooks are rushing to make sure everything will be ready in time. For many Soldiers here at the National Training Center, meals are the highlight of the day. For others, the day tends to go by faster.

"I look forward to it," said Spc. Derrian Richardson, Fire Support Team, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion. "The two ways I count my days are breakfast and dinner."

The Sledgehammer cooks do not have it easy. They start every day at 2 a.m. and work into the night. "On a good day we finish up around eight or nine at night," said Pvt. John Metro-Tuttle, Company E, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment. "On a bad day, we could get out of here at midnight. Yesterday was a bad day because of the mortar rounds. Then we had to be back at 1:30 a.m."

The cooks for the 3rd HBCT do a lot more than cook and serve food. Planning and preparation goes into making meal time a smooth and easy process.

"Timing is everything," said Metro-Tuttle. "They (the non-commissioned officers) tell us here no matter how hard you put out your meals all week. They remember the one day you were late. In the field, we have the hardest job in the Army. We learn to operate on three or four hours sleep and that includes our time for personal hygiene," continued Metro-Tuttle. "In the field, there isn't time for anything, but keeping on schedule."

The quality of the food is important. Every meal eaten by a 3rd Bde. Soldier is made fresh every day.

"We never serve leftovers," Metro-Tuttle said. "We don't have the facilities to store it."

The cooks are just as careful how they serve the food as how they prepare it.

"We have to be careful how we portion it," said Metro-Tuttle. "We have Soldiers gripe and complain because they want a bigger portion, but we have to be careful so we have enough for everyone. We can't open another box of rations if we run out. Those are needed for the next day."

"Sanitation is a big thing out here," said Pfc. Patty Angel, Company E, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment. "All of our food is kept on pallets. Nothing touches the ground. We also use gloves and hats to keep out of contact with the food."

A field environment makes all these details more important and difficult.

"The biggest thing out here is water," said Metro-Tuttle. "We can't just go to a faucet and turn it on. We have to carry it in jugs."

The NCO's in charge are impressed with how their Soldiers have performed.

"Most of our soldiers are straight out of Advanced Individual Training, but they are picking up things really well," said Staff Sgt. Elliot Johnson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion.

"We try to work shifts so they can recharge their batteries, but they are learning a lot of new things while working a lot of hours."

Johnson understands that his troops are being asked to do more than they are used to doing back in the rear.

"We are serving a lot more soldiers out here," explained Johnson. "Back in the rear we have Burger King,

McDonald's, Subway, and other restaurants, but here we are the Soldier's only source of food. Consequently, we have to step up and make it happen.

"Many Soldiers are not aware of the effort that is being put forth for them. There is nothing more stressful than serving food and hearing people in line complain," said Metro-Tuttle.

"Nobody understands how hard we work to satisfy them and we probably will never satisfy everyone, but we will never stop trying."

"I love my job," added Angel. "The hours can be tough, but it's worth it. I love to cook and work with people. Soldiers need to understand that we take a lot of pride in what we do."

Despite all of the negatives, both Angel and Metro-Tuttle are happy with what they are doing for the Army.

"I love this MOS," explained Metro-Tuttle. "This is what I



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Pvt. John Metro-Tuttle and Pfc. Patty Angel, 3rd BHCT, prepare food for soldiers in the field.

signed up to do. I'm just as much a Soldier as any infantryman. I may not know everything about their MOS, but I know what it takes to be a Soldier."

Johnson is impressed with his Soldier's dedication as well. "I haven't heard any complaining," said Johnson. "Everyone is performing well and staying focused on what they have to do."

With breakfast over, the cooks of the 3rd HBCT are busy breaking everything down and cleaning up. Soon it will be time for the next shift to come on and start the whole process over for dinner. As Soldiers rush by him with empty food containers and boxes of pastries, Johnson smiles.

"Support is everything," said Johnson. "Soldiers can't fire their weapons without ammo, they can't drive tanks without fuel, and they can't do anything without food. We are important."



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