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3rd BCT Soldier gets Purple Heart

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FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq — A troop commander attached to the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team was the first to earn a Purple Heart during Operation Iraqi Freedom 5.

Soldiers of the 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, out of Fort Benning, Ga., gathered Tuesday to honor Capt. Arthur L. McGrue, III, Calif. The Commander of A Troop, 3/1 Cav. was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries sustained during a small arms fire attack on March 29.

McGrue was conducting a patrol with E Co. 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment, a National Guard unit from Michigan, to get familiarized with the route from FOB Rustamiyah to Nahrawan, Iraq.

During the mission, McGrue and his combat patrol stopped at an Iraqi police station along the route to assess their facilities. During the stop, an informant gave coalition Soldiers a tip on a wanted individual in a nearby town and was willing to show his team the location. During a joint patrol with the local IPs, to recover the individual, the patrol began taking fire.

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Stewart, Hunter to host Town Hall meeting May 1

Special to the Frontline

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will host a town hall meeting 5 p.m., May 1 at Club Stewart. The event will be linked via teleconference to the Hunter and be broadcast live on Marne Television, channel 7 at Hunter, and 16 at Stewart. If community members can't appear in person, at 6:30 p.m., they can call in their question by calling 767-ROCK (767-7625) or 315-7625 from Hunter. Several issues were expressed at that meeting which was addressed by a panel of experts. The issues included:

Department of Emergency Services

Q: Why are sex offenders living

on post? They are living near our schools, which is prohibited off post.

A: Registered sex offenders within the boundaries of Stewart and Hunter must comply with Georgia Law and AR 27-10, Chap. 24. Laws prohibit police discussing individual RSO matters with other than the individual's Chain of Command/Senior NCO support channel. Public Information about RSOs on the installation can be found on the Georgia Bureau of Investigations Web site at www.state.ga.us/gbi.

Neither the Department of Defense nor the Department of the Army precludes RSOs from living on Army installations.

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Spc. Ricardo Branch

RAMADI, Iraq — It is all about team work in Ramadi. The 1st BCT works closely with their Marine counterparts on security in the area. Above: Explosive Ordnance Disposal experts from Company G 2/5th Marine Regiment work on destroying a water-borne, improvised explosive device during operations on an isolated island in the Euphrates River. See Page 3A for the full story.

385th MPs open Family center

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3rd Sustainment Bde. Public Affairs

A yellow ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of a newly designed Family center for the 385th Military Police Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade was held April 18.

The wives and Families of the 385th MPs along with Chris Martin, Family Readiness Group advisor, designed a place for the Families and friends of the Soldiers that are currently deployed to go and receive information or update old information.

Command Sgt. Maj. Clifton H. Johnson, 3rd Sustainment Bde., said, "I think this is awesome. I think the FRG and the ladies

have really put together an awesome project. This could be the model for the entire division."

"Lt. Col. (Donna) Martin wanted to have a place for the Family members," Martin said, "so they can come, meet, hang out, the kids can play, and a place they can post things on the walls to remind them of their husbands and their Families."

The end result, Martin explained, is a nice group area and a separate FRG location.

"We have a calendar on the wall where we count down the days," said June Liggett, one of the founding members of the Family center. "We want information for the Families."

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ACOE provides up-to-date training at NTC, prepares Soldiers for deployment

Pvt. Jerome Arp
4th BCT Public Affairs

Soldiers from the 4th Brigade Combat Team participated in several training experiences, at the Army Center of Excellence, Fort Irwin, Calif., March 16.

ACOE is an organization at Irwin that provides training and distribution of equipment for use throughout 4th BCT's time at the National Training Center.

The ACOE training focused on route clearance, counter improvised explosive device and counter radio controlled improvised explosive device training, individual and vehicle searching techniques. In addition, the training helped Soldiers to understand how non-lethal

equipment is used for escalation of deadly force.

"This is the type of training we need," said Sgt. Walter Doss, a cannon crewmember with B Company, 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery. "Our Soldiers are learning how to operate difficult systems."

During route clearance training, Soldiers learned general vehicle operation and IED evasion techniques. Vehicles were issued to units with licensed drivers.

Soldiers also learned to search individuals and vehicles. Soldiers received hands-on training using proper equipment and practiced on Iraqi role players with a vehicle used to transport IEDs.

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Community responds to local forest fires

Nondice Powell
Hunter Public Affairs

One of two Chinook helicopters from the Georgia National Guard's B Company, 1st Battalion, 169th Aviation Regiment at Hunter Army Airfield fills a Bambi Bucket with water from a pond a few miles south of the wildfires in Ware County. The bucket can hold 2,000 gallons of water.

"Each aircraft has one, and we've been dropping [more than] 100 buckets a day on the fire," said Maj. Edwin Laster, B Co., 1/169th Avn. Bn. commander. "There is a [Georgia] Forestry Commission aircraft flying around directing the aircrews to drop their buckets on specific parts of the fire."

The Soldiers from B Co., 1/169th Avn. have been helping the Georgia Forestry Commission fight the fire since April 17 which started April 16 when trees were ignited by a fallen power line.

"They're flying [more than] eight hours a day per air craft," said Laster. "Fighting forest fires is a part of the Georgia National Guard state mission. We've provided support here almost yearly - the Valdosta area mainly. This is the first time at Waycross. We've also been down to Florida to put out fires there."

The fires in Ware County have consumed more than 55,000 acres.

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92nd Engineer Soldiers join their unit, See Page 11A

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Marne 6 Sends Remember Soldiers first, safety always

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

Candidly the saddest news that a commander can receive is that a Soldier in his or her charge has fallen. In combat, the risks are understood by every member of the team. In garrison, the loss is all the more tragic.

On Sunday, two new Dog Face Soldiers were returning from Tybee Island when the car that they were in left the road, and crashed. They lost their lives on a day that should have been filled with joy.

We are left to determine what went wrong, learn from mistakes, and take appropriate action so that this does not happen again.

We had reached a significant milestone. We had gone 200 days without a fatality.

As an organization, we had taken steps to increase awareness across the force. There are signs on the highways to remind drivers of their obligations. There were incentive days off for every hundred days reached without a fatality.

We had incorporated safety briefings at the lowest levels that were vignette based. We said that leaders were to be engaged in the lives of their Soldiers and that leaders would be in the hearts of their Soldiers.

There were safety videos and an emphasis on planning. And we invested money in facilities so that Soldiers could have alternate sources of entertainment.

Indeed, we celebrated success, and I



am certain that there was a formula at work that helped to decrease the risk of accidents like the one last Sunday. There is no such thing as an unavoidable accident.

So I ask myself, what went wrong?

We will have help in determining the cause of this tragic accident. In the meantime we pause and think of the loved ones that our Soldiers left

behind. The summer months are approaching.

Here in Iraq, we consider the risks that we face on every mission. We take steps to minimize those risks. Every Soldier and every leader wants above all else to

return home when their mission here is accomplished.

And that is the approach every Soldier, every civilian, and every Family member on our team should take right now.

The weather will get hotter. Thoughts will turn more and more to recreation with schools out and summertime holidays.

Even now, Soldiers who are deploying are thinking of that last hoorah and they may be willing to take risks. But risks are unacceptable when you are behind the wheel of a privately owned vehicle in the peaceful surroundings of Savannah and Hinesville.

Leaders have to stay engaged in their Soldier's lives now more than ever. Let us all learn from this tragedy and embrace a culture of safe and responsible driving behaviors.

ROCK OF THE MARNE!

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A Snapshot from Fort Stewart's Museum Archives

During the cold war the Third Infantry Division had elements spread across German suburbs. Like other NATO participants, the Americans often shared facilities with their German hosts. The 12 Panzer's hosted the Marne Division. They helped intergrate American Soldiers into German culture and even shared social activities. These are photos reflecting that partnership.



TF Marne Soldiers receive combat patch

Special to the Frontline

Soldiers of Special Troops Battalion and Headquarters, 3rd Infantry Division, received their "combat patches" during a ceremony at Camp Victory Thursday.

The Shoulder Sleeve Insignia — Former Wartime Service, commonly called a combat patch, is authorized for Soldiers who serve in a hostile area.

"(Young Soldiers) naturally look for mentors, standard-setters — persons with experience," said Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, 3rd Inf. Div. commander. "A combat patch is often the first indication to others that a person is an experienced individual."

Division Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse L. Andrews Jr. then removed Lynch's 11th

Armored Cavalry Regiment combat patch, and replaced it with a Marne patch.

"This patch represents nine decades of service to our nation," Lynch said. "Wear this combat patch from this day forward with pride."

Soldiers from the headquarters unit are primarily responsible for gathering battlefield information to aid the command group's decision making process, and disseminating those decisions. Many Task Force Marne Soldiers also provide security for the command group and the headquarters building.

"I know what I'm doing up here is helping my battle buddies down in the line units," said Pvt. Kyle Hughes, 3rd Inf. Div. engineer. "I'm proud to wear the 3rd Infantry Division patch."



Sgt. Ben Brody

Master Sgt. Kevin Crawford, 3rd Inf. Div. G-6 plans NCO, affixes his combat patch during a ceremony at Task Force Marne Headquarters, Thursday.

This Week in Marne History; April 24, 1951



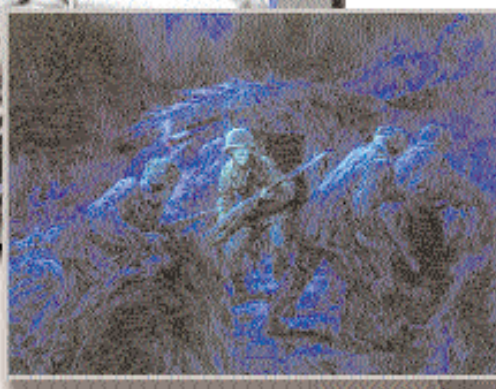
A Snapshot from Fort Stewart's Museum Archives

Sasha McBrayer,
Fort Stewart Museum

It was a cold and rainy night in the foxholes near Taejon-Ni, Korea on April 24, 1951. H Company, 7th Infantry Regiment, Third Infantry Division knew the Red Chinese were inching closer and closer to their position, sounding their bugles and their mortar fire as they came. The machine-gun section's leader was a slim Japanese-American from New Mexico. His name was Corporal Hiroshi Miyamura. When the dark figures of scrambling men became visible through the night, Miyamura sprung to action, told his men to stay put and cover him, and then crawled on his belly toward the advancing enemy before jumping up and charging them.

The trouble was coming from a force that had broken through the UN's defenses. The Third Division had been ordered to pull back, but H Company met heavy resistance when they tried.

Hiroshi gave first aid to some GIs he found, and then bravely continued toward the enemy. Before long, Miyamura was alone wondering why no one had told him to join the getaway. He suddenly tripped over the body of an expired runner. His message to withdraw had died with him. Miyamura had his answer, but had to continue to engage the enemy. He first killed ten, then later more than 50. He was wounded and desperate to rejoin the Americans



"Hershey's" Story

as dawn approached. A mess of barbed wire slowed him. With danger all around him, he took to playing dead as enemy troops swarmed. A single man took notice, however, and pointed a U.S. Army 45 caliber pistol at his head. He spoke to Miyamura in English and took him prisoner.

Hiroshi, nicknamed Hershey by his comrades, was a POW for 28 months. The 27 year old came by another moniker, America's first Top Secret Hero, with his capture. This was because he had been in captivity 19 months when he was officially nominated for the Medal of Honor. It was wisely decided the nomination would remain secret at all costs, should the Communists learn of this and torture or kill Miyamura for his status.

Along with 19 other POWs, Miyamura was repatriated on August 20, 1953, and was pleasantly surprised with the news of his medal recommendation. He was formally presented with the Medal of Honor by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on October 27, 1953. Miyamura had survived his nightmare. He went on to marry his sweetheart and raise three children and make a life for himself back in New Mexico as a mechanic, service station owner, and avid fisherman.

An exciting write-up of Hiroshi's story can be found at www.medalofhonor.com, written by historian Edward Hymoff. George Akimoto painted Miyamura in action in 1977. Miyamura was also, interestingly enough, promoted to the rank of sergeant while imprisoned.



Photos by Spc. Ricardo Branch

Above: Marines travel down river on two small-unit riverine crafts during a search for weapons caches on the Euphrates River, April 15.

Below: A water-borne, improvised explosive device was recovered and destroyed during a search on the Euphrates, April 15.

Survivor Ramadi

Marines patrol island to keep river ways safe

Spc. Ricardo Branch
1st BCT Public Affairs

RAMADI, Iraq – Waking shortly after midnight, a company of men creep out of their combat outpost. The moon provides the main source of light but an occasional flare over the city enhances their vision.

For the infantrymen patrolling outside the safe confines of their base, it's all about bringing the fight to the enemy.

The infantrymen of G Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment hinder the enemy by finding his caches, which in turn limits the insurgents ability to conduct operations in Ramadi.

The Marines latest effort was a sweep of an isolated island used by insurgents on the Euphrates River, April 15.

"What we're doing is conducting searches in the homes on the island for possible improvised explosive devices," said Marine Staff Sgt. Sergio E. Orozcodiaz, a platoon sergeant with G Co.

Orozcodiaz said these missions are good for hindering the enemy's ability to attack coalition forces operating in Ramadi.

"Not only does it stop the enemy from working, but it lets the local population know that we're here to help as well," Orozcodiaz said.

During the operation, the Marines were inserted by two small-unit riverine crafts on to an island

shortly before dawn. They divided into two teams, traveling separate ways to cover more ground during the search of the island.

"This mission is very important for the security out here," Orozcodiaz said. "The more caches we find, the less ammo and weapons that can be used against us."

While the searches were going on, the platoon leader sent the Iraqi army to various locals to gather intelligence and help in the questioning process.

"We have a group of IA Soldiers with us today that we're training," said 1st Lt. Ryan Rogers, a platoon leader with G. Co. "We have them with us so we can integrate them into taking over parts of the city and providing the security."

It's the Iraqis who will be responsible for the future here which makes it vital to have them and train them along, he said.

"Ultimately, it's them who will be taking over security for the future," he said. "It's been challenging because they are not used to the way we operate, but that's why it's good that they come with us so they can get better."

Although the hours were long, and the heat was like a sweltering oven, the Marines enjoyed their time out on mission. One Marine whispered, "It's like survivor Ramadi," which prompted a chorus of chuckles from his comrades as they watched the boat drift away down the Euphrates.



Below: Infantrymen from 2/5 Marines investigate a stack of containers during a search for weapons caches on the Euphrates River, April 15.



Above: A controlled detonation destroys a water-borne, improvised explosive device during a search for weapons caches on the Euphrates River April 15 in Ramadi.

Learn more about alcohol, vision, driving

Command Sgt. Maj. Charles E. Durr, Jr.
Garrison Command Sergeant Major

Alcohol is generally considered to be a contributing factor in half of all fatal traffic crashes. As the concentration of alcohol in the blood increases, the likelihood of a driver being involved in a traffic accident increases greatly. Safe and efficient driving depends on accurately identifying elements of the traffic scene, making a correct interpretation of it, and making the proper response.

The effect of alcohol on the physical response of an individual is usually obvious. Reaction time is slowed, coordination is reduced, and their speech may be slurred.

The effect on vision is not so obvious, yet 85 to 90 percent of the information we receive concerning the traffic scene comes through the eyes. Without a clear picture, accident free driving is next to impossible.

How does alcohol affect the seeing process? Alcohol usually has a relaxing effect, resulting in less voluntary control over all general body muscle responses. The delicate control of the fine, discrete muscles, which move and focus the eyes, is particularly affected by alcohol. Alcohol can cause a tendency to move the head instead of the eyes while following an object.

Light enters the eye through the pupil and passes through the lens, which focuses light rays on the sensitive retina. Anything, which interferes with this operation, affects the impulses, which are transmitted to the brain. This in turn affects the clarity of the picture interpreted by the brain. When the



brain receives a fuzzy picture, it is unable to make an appropriate response to the traffic scene.

Alcohol reduces control over light entering the eye. In order to see clearly, the right amount of light must reach the retina. This is controlled by the pupil, which acts like a camera shutter. The opaque iris (the colored portion of the eye) closes the pupil opening (black area) so that on bright days the pupil is reduced to limit the amount of light entering the eye and thus protect the retina. At night the pupil is enlarged to allow the maximum amount of light to enter. This process is slowed by alcohol.

Alcohol distorts eye focus. If the muscle responsible for focusing of images is relaxed by alcohol, a distortion of light rays appears on the retina. This interferes with the impulses sent to the brain, resulting in a faulty picture of

the traffic scene.

Alcohol reduces visual acuity. Alcohol or any other drug which reduces the supply of oxygen in the bloodstream can impair the sensitivity of the cones of the eye, which, in turn, reduces visual acuity or sharpness.

If the muscle responsible for focusing of images is relaxed by alcohol, a distortion of light rays appears on the retina. This interferes with the impulses sent to the brain, resulting in a faulty picture of the traffic scene.

Alcohol can cause double vision. When fatigue, drugs, or alcohol relaxes the eye muscles, the two eyes may not be focused on the same point. The result is double vision. The ability to judge distance is also affected when the two eyes do not work together.

What you don't see can lead to an accident.

"ROCK OF THE MARNE!"

Severe drought conditions contribute to impact area fire

Thomas Hilliard
Chief, Forestry Branch, Fort Stewart DPW

One look at your lawn and you immediately know our region is in a severe drought. Fire danger is at extreme levels, and it's likely to become even more dangerous. Fort Stewart's rainfall over the past 13 months is more than 22 inches below normal, and wild land fire managers say this serious deficit will probably get worse before it gets better.

Combine the drought conditions with the following scenario: Fort Stewart Soldiers have been training hard for months, preparing for upcoming deployments. Training was heavy even during the Christmas holidays when Fort Stewart Forestry Branch normally burns almost 40,000 acres of ranges as part of the 120,000-acre annual burning program. Annual winter burning is a critical tool to "fireproof" the ranges and allow Soldiers to conduct uninterrupted training when the weather turns dry. But this winter, due to heavy training and unfavorable weather during the holidays, many ranges and impact areas did not get burned.

Weapons training, coupled with dry weather and lack of prescribed burning, combined to produce fires almost daily for weeks. Because of this situation, a fire in the artillery impact area escaped the impact area boundaries on March 29 and burned through about 2,250 acres of Fort Stewart forests a few miles southeast of Pembroke.

Because of the destructive and fast movement of the fire, Fort Stewart's Directorate of Public Works Forestry Branch requested a stop to gunnery training to allow fire suppression

activities down range. Installation forestry officials requested and received assistance from the Georgia Forestry Commission which responded with three bulldozers and fire plows from surrounding counties.

The two-agency team was able to bring the fire under control the following day, and gunnery training resumed. Although contained, the fire was not extinguished, and Forestry Branch monitored and extinguished threatening flames for the next couple of weeks, relieving forestry branch fire crews to assist with other fires off-post with the Georgia Forestry Commission in Liberty, Chatham and Long counties.

On April 17, following two days of extremely dry and windy weather conditions--winds were recorded in gusts as high as 40 mph--the Red Cloud Hotel fire escaped. Within a couple of hours it raced through another 400 acres. Observers in the forestry helicopter reported a spot fire 1,000 feet in front of the main fire advance. By any measure, this is extremely dangerous fire behavior. By days end on April 18, forestry corralled the fire and stopped further spread.

Although temporarily halted, the fire smoldered and smoked, often flaring up within the fire breaks. Firefighters knew the fire was only resting and gathering strength. Because of a plan--Fort Stewart's Integrated Wild Land Fire Management Plan--officials knew how to call for help.

Using the national Incident Command System and the wonderful professionals in several directorates of Fort Stewart, installation foresters mobilized crews, bulldozers, pumper trucks and logistical support from the U.S. Forest Service and Forts Benning, Bragg, Campbell and Gordon.

This team was ordered and arrived at lightning speed compared to the normal pace of "The Bureaucracy." Once those resources deployed, the Red Cloud Hotel fire never had a chance to move again.

Today the fire is being mopped up. By the end of April the fire will pose no threat of escape. Firefighters will have gone back to their bases or will be engaged in other battles on other fires.

The installation bureaucrats will go back to their normal Fort Stewart lives. All that will remain of this endeavor will be the tremendous example of the immense power an organization can exhibit when they work together.



Courtesy Photo

Left to Right: Alan Zeigler, Tommy Petain, Tracy Dixon, Russ Carter and Brad Tatum, fill up pumper trucks from the "mother tank"

Cooperation in battling blazes brings heroes to light

Thomas Hilliard
Chief, Forestry Branch, Fort Stewart DPW

Like most projects, forest fire suppression progresses through phases: initial attack; mobilization of resources; containment of the fire; mop up operations; demobilization of the resources; rehabilitation of the burned area.

Initial attack by the Directorate of Public Works Forestry Branch on April 17-18 was as hard fought as any of their actions since the Florida Wildfires of 1998.

The bravery of those driving driving bulldozers in and around huge flames and intense heat to build fire lines, is the norm for equipment operator firefighters in south Georgia.

DPW Forestry Branch's will rank with the best anywhere. Every one of them proved a hero for those two days and nights.

The initial attack contained the fire, but we lacked the resources to hold and mop up almost four miles of fire line. The mobilization stage began, and a new cast of heroes and heroines emerged from the directorates. Royce Kennedy the Directorate of Logistics and his staff, Jim Nicksch, Dan South, and Cornelius Williams performed logistical feats which amazed all. They arranged food, transportation, lodging for incoming firefighters and increased the water hauling capability of the fire by providing vehicles and trailers with thousands of gallons of water

for mop up.

The Directorate of Contracting's, Geary Stouffer pulled off a key move, which saved the day from the fire on April 19. He procured, in a couple of hours, two huge bulldozers from private industry. Those dozers built a fire line in two days, which ended the threat of further fire on about three quarters of the front.

Various budget heroines like Bonnie Crook and the DPW staff performed their jobs with incredible efficiency to clear funding obstacles.

The cooperation and teamwork did not end at Stewart. The effort spread to the Georgia Forestry Commission, U.S. Forest Service and to other southeastern U.S. Army installations.

Two hotshot crews--you see them on television in California in their yellow fire shirts and green trousers battling blazes every summer--rolled in from North Carolina along with a seasoned professional firefighter leader named Wayne Herron.

Forts Benning, Bragg, Campbell and Gordon contributed firefighters and pumper trucks.

The Commandant of the Non-commissioned Officers Academy agreed to feed and house the two hotshot crews there for efficient access to the fire burning a few miles to the east. Every person who participated in this effort can proudly proclaim "An Army of one--mission accomplished."

Marne Voices Speak Out

As summer approaches, do you have any safety tips?

"Don't Drink."

Maria Cole
Family member



"Watch your child at the pool."

Lorrin Scott
Family member



"Keep the kids out of the street."

Sgt. Clay Newton
Marne Reception Center



"Drink plenty of water."

Spc. Sophia Canino
2/3 BTB, Company B.



"Have a battle buddy around"

Spc. Harold Soto
26 BSB, 2nd BDE



"If your going swimming, be familiar with the waters you intend to swim in."

Spc. Tazanyia Mouton
HHC 4th BDE



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Al-Qaeda in Iraq Security Emir killed

Special to the Frontline

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Coalition Forces positively identified a terrorist killed in an operation April 20 northwest of Baghdad.

Muhammad Abdullah Abbas al-Issawi, also known as Abu Abd al-Sattar and Abu Akram, was a known al-Qaeda terrorist leader known to operate in Karmah and Ameriyah areas and was the al-Qaeda in Iraq Security Emir of the eastern Anbar Province.

Coalition Forces were conducting operations targeting asso-

ciates of a known senior leader within al-Qaeda in Iraq. During the operation the terrorists engaged ground forces with small arms fire. Coalition Forces used appropriate self-defense measures and engaged the armed men, killing two and detaining one. One of the terrorists killed has been positively identified as Abu Abd al-Sattar. Coalition Forces recovered assault vests, weapons, hand grenades and suicide vests at the site.

Abu Abd al-Sattar had links to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and was reported to have been in contact with him since late 2004, up to al-Zarqawi's death. He was also a weapons supplier to

insurgent forces fighting against the Iraqi army, Iraqi police and Coalition Forces, and had links to the recent surge in chlorine VBIED attacks across Iraq.

Intelligence reports also indicate that his VBIED cell used 12- to 13-year-old children as VBIED drivers.

"Abu Abd al-Sattar's death is a serious disruption to al-Qaeda in Iraq's VBIED network," said Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, MNF-I spokesperson. "This represents one more victory in the war against those that would deny safety and security to the Iraqi people."

Coalition Forces detain 23 suspected terrorists, 15 killed

Special to the Frontline

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Coalition Forces detained 10 suspected terrorists and uncovered a cache of weapons in several operations in central Iraq Tuesday.

Three coordinated Coalition Forces raids apprehended 10 individuals suspected of operating with al-Qaeda in Iraq and facilitating foreign fighters southeast of Fallujah.

In Baghdad, Coalition Forces discovered a weapons cache containing rockets, mortars, terrorist propaganda and improvised explosive device-making materials. Explosive ordnance disposal teams neutralized the

cache.

"We will continue to work diligently to eliminate foreign terrorists, who are killing innocent Iraqis every day and destabilizing the country," said Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, MNF-I spokesperson.

Coalition Forces detained six suspected terrorists during operations around Iraq Wednesday.

Southeast of Salman Pak, Coalition Forces detained three suspected terrorists in a raid targeting senior al-Qaeda in Iraq leaders and a group that provides foreign fighters to the group.

Coalition Forces detained two suspected

terrorists in a raid north of Karmah, and one suspected terrorist in an operation in Mosul.

"We are continuing to disrupt the al-Qaeda network and stop those who harm civilians and security forces," said Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, MNF-I spokesperson.

Coalition Forces killed 15 terrorists and detained seven more individuals suspected of kidnapping, facilitating foreign fighters and working with the al Qaeda in Iraq network, Sunday.

Coalition Forces conducted air strikes on a known al Qaeda meeting location south of Baghdad that killed fifteen terrorists. Later

in the operation, ground forces killed three terrorists loading a vehicle carrying an anti-aircraft weapon.

The raid also uncovered several weapons caches and a second anti-aircraft machine gun.

Northwest of Taji, Coalition Forces detained an individual suspected of ties to kidnapping operations and al Qaeda in Iraq.

"Fifteen dangerous terrorists are no longer a threat to the Iraqi people or the security of the country," said Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, MNF-I spokesperson. "Coalition Forces will continue to pursue terrorists wherever they may hide."

Fort Stewart /Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

Work as a 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. Work permits must be obtained for all youth under the age of 18. For more information 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., May 31. If interested in obtaining a youth volunteer for placement to assist this summer, contact the American Red Cross, at 767-2197.

Healthier Feds initiative targets employees

Healthier Feds provides information and education to Federal employees and retirees about healthy living, greater individual responsibility for personal health, and best-treatment strategies. The U.S. Office of Personnel Management is working with Federal agency fitness and wellness leaders to promote healthy behavior decisions among Federal employees. For more information visit www.healthierfeds.opm.gov.

Helping hands wanted in Flemington

The city of Flemington requests community members to help with the Great American Cleanup. Volunteers are encouraged to join the effort 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday for a community cleanup on Old Sunbury Road and Peacock Canal. Volunteers will meet at Flemington City Hall. Supplies and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Terri Willett at 877-3223.

Glennville Parade, Festival, Onion Run slated

Glennville will host its annual Glennville Parade, Festival and Onion Run, May 12. The run activities, which is headquartered at the First Citizens Bank, features 12 age categories and has a one-mile run and walk starting at 8 a.m., and at 8:30 a.m., a 5K race. Mailed registration must be received by May 7, or you can register 7-7:45 a.m. the day of the race. For more information call Tabitha Smith at 654-1467.

Installation offers Vacation Bible School

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will sponsor Vacation Bible School. The Stewart camp will be 9 a.m. to noon, June 4 - 8 and will provide lunch for attendees. The Hunter event is 9 a.m. to noon, June 11 - 15 at the Hunter Chapel Annex. Both events are available to military dependents, K-6th grade. The events will feature Bible lessons, music, arts and crafts and refreshments. Registration begins May 1. The Chapels office is requesting the assistance of teachers and assistants. For more information, contact Mike Iliff at 767-9789.

Bicycle Recycling Drive slated

The Directorate of Public Works will host a bicycle recycling drive April 23 through May 23. If you would like to donate a bike that has suffered from neglect, gently used, or no longer desired - now is the time to make a difference and keep bikes out of the landfills.

Donated bikes will be recycled directly back into our community. Bike or bike parts having very little value as bicycles, will be stripped of all recycled parts and disposed of appropriately. The collection times are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday. The recycling locations are at the Fort Stewart recycling center, Bldg. 957 on McFarland Avenue, and the Hunter

recycling center, Bldg. 726 on Westley Ave. For more information about the bicycle recycling drive, call DPW - Waste Management Section at 767-8880.

Stewart

Register to "Walk to Iraq and Back"

Show support to deployed Soldiers by joining Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield in a 13,000 mile 'Walk to Iraq and Back.' The event kicks off at 8:30 a.m., May 5, in front of Newman Fitness Center. Supporters at the kick off will receive a free water bottle. Registration forms are now available at the Family Readiness Center. You can drop off your forms at the FRC, the Post Exchange, the commissary, or you can scan your registration forms to www.walktoiraqandback@gmail.com. For more information, contact Amy Lambert at 320-5400 or Lt. Col. Ellen Birch at 767-4207.

Support local Special Olympics

The 3rd Infantry Division, and Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will host the Spring Special Olympics 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., tomorrow at the Fort Stewart Quick track, across from Newman Fitness Center. For more information, contact Army Community Services at 767-2587.

Hunter

Hunter's first Tour of Homes slated for April 29

The Hunter Spouses' Club will sponsor 10 homes from New Savannah, New Callaway, New Gannon and Wilson Acres neighborhoods at Hunter Army Airfield for a tour 2 - 5 p.m., April 29. A professional will be available for tips on how to increase the market value of your home.



Stewart

Win a pet fish

Make the closest guess to the number of stones in the fish bowl and take home a special prize, the fish. The event is May 1-7. The winner will be announced May 8. Sign up at Southern Oaks Community Center.

Enter essay contest

Kids, write us an essay telling us why your mom is special to you and worthy of a prize.

The contestant with the best essay will win mom a certificate for a well deserved manicure and pedicure. The last day to turn in essays is May 10. The winner will be announced on May 11. Turn in essays at the Southern Oaks Community Center

Hunter

Go Fish

Make the closest guess to the number of stones in the fish bowl and take home a special prize, the fish. The event is May 1-

6. The winner will be announced May 7. Sign up at either GMH Community Center.

Tell us why mom's best

Kids, write us an essay telling us why your mom is special to you and worthy of a prize.

The contestant with the best essay will win mom a certificate for a well deserved manicure and pedicure. The last day to turn in essays is May 10. The winner will be announced May 11. The essays can be turned in at either GMH Community Center.

AAFES, Goodwill offer opportunities

AAFES has an opening for an electrician. The salary is \$11.98 to \$13.98 an hour working regular full-time. The selected individual will be responsible for installs, modifies, repairs, trouble shooting loads and testing new and existing electrical lines, systems, fixtures, controls and equipment supplying up to 550 volts.

This job is open now through April 30. Interested individuals may apply at www.aafes.com or call 876-2494 for more information.

Goodwill job offer

Goodwill is offering a position which provides services to the public at attended donation centers. The selectee will take in donations from the public in a courteous and polite manner. Individuals must have excellent customer service and communication skills, ability to read and write and lift 50 pounds.

Apply for this position at the Liberty Shopping Center on 115 West Hendry St., Hinesville. Veterans and disabled applicants are welcome to apply.

CPAC recruits youth for summer hire

Students who are 16 years of age at the time of appointment and are enrolled, or have been accepted for enrollment, as degree-seeking (certification, diploma, etc.) students; and are taking at least a half-time course load in an accredited school, may apply for the following positions as temporary appointment

through Aug. 4:

•Position: Laborer, WG-3502-02

Salary: \$11.58 - \$13.52 per hour

•Position: File clerk, GS-0305-02

Salary: \$10.09 - \$12.70 per hour

•Both are open now through May 11.

First cutoff is April 30

Work Schedule: Full time

Duty Station: Fort Stewart or Hunter Army Airfield

Duties: Laborer will perform manual labor tasks requiring the use of common hand and power tools.

File clerk will perform routine duties related to the establishment and maintenance of files and records.

Application should be submitted to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center in building 253 at Fort Stewart.

For more information, call 767-5051.

Justice Served

OMPF Filed General Officer Memoranda of Reprimand for DUI Offenses

Private First Class, 3rd Sustainment Bde., BAC .152

Private, 703rd BSB, BAC .204

Staff Sergeant, 1/30 Inf., BAC .211

Specialist, 1/30 Inf., BAC .156

Private First Class, 1/30 Inf., BAC .108

Legal Notice

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of Pvt. Dominic J. Perry, CAB Home Detachment, 3rd Inf. Div., Hunter Army Airfield, Ga, 31409 contact Capt. Blow, 4-3 Aviation, Hunter Army Airfield, GA 31409, phone: 334-477-6098.

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of Spc. Judon K. Kenya, CAB Home Detachment, 3rd Inf. Div., Hunter Army Airfield, GA 31409, contact Capt. Blow, 4-3 Aviation, Hunter Army Airfield, GA 31409, phone: 334-477-6098.

MEETING

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As with most personnel issues the command does not publicize information about specific sexual offenders. There are, however, state laws and military regulations with registration requirements that apply to convicted sex offenders. The Installation Staff Judge Advocate published an article in the March 1 edition of the Frontline which clarifies how registered sex offender laws are applied on post.

Director of Public Works/Government Military Housing

Q: *Why are some residents not removing their trash cans from the sidewalks after the trash has been picked up? Trash cans are being left on the sidewalks and residents have to walk around the cans due to them blocking the sidewalks. The trash is being picked up at 9 a.m. What is being done? At other installations residents are cited.*

A: Per the resident guide, trash and recycle containers are to be returned to storage areas after trash and recyclables have been emptied. GMH Quality Assurance is currently citing residents for not storing containers properly after pick-up. GMH will continue to identify and issue discrepancy notices for areas that are not in compliance.

Q: *I live on Han Circle. Recently, the water was shut off twice in a week. There had been no notice. I called GMH Maintenance and they had no knowledge of the water being cut off. This is difficult when you have a small infant in the home. I have called and left telephone messages and written messages at the GMH Office and no one has returned my call. I would like to file a formal complaint. I also have another issue with the tree limbs being too low and scratching my car.*

A: When DPW conducts sewer or main line water repairs in our housing areas GMH is normally notified. That was not the case in this instance. GMH will do its utmost to maintain consistent communication with DPW to ensure our residents are notified in a timely manner. The resident has been contacted and all concerns were

addressed on Feb. 2. As of Feb. 13 the road has been repaired, and an unserviceable gutter and low hanging branches were removed. GMH requests that residents submit work orders for issues of this nature at 408-2466 (Stewart) and 259-2147 (Hunter) to ensure it is addressed promptly.

Directorate of Emergency Services

Q: *There are crossing guards and MPs directing traffic, but no one is being ticketed for speeding.*

A: The primary focus of the MPs supporting the crossing guard program is to control traffic in and around the cross walks used by the children to create a safe environment. Additionally, MPs run radar at random locations during the school crossing guard times to enforce speed limits and protect the children. The MPs who run radar are not at the school crossing guard program every day due to traffic accidents and other law enforcement missions.

Directorate of Plans Training Mobilization and Security

Q: *I live in Bryan Village South and the installation speakers are too loud when playing reveille in the morning. It wakes up my child. Can something be done about the system?*

A: After careful review and several site visits it has been determined the sound systems in question cannot be turned off and still meet the installation commander and the Army's intent of providing bugle calls and the Marne Song for our Soldiers to render appropriate honors. Bugle calls have been

rendered since the Revolutionary War and play a significant part in a Soldiers life, basically regulating their work day. Additionally, turning the volume down is not an option since the speaker systems are tied to the installation's early warning system. The EWS is critical to quickly and accurately notify all personnel of threats and gives instructions to assure their safety and ability to respond. From terrorist threats to approaching tornados, the installation must be able to instantly reach mass audience and targeted individuals, whether they are outdoors or inside sound-proof buildings.

DPW/GMH

Q: *My concern is the playground behind my residence. The area has old equipment and it has not been kept up. I do not want my son playing out there.*

A: Playgrounds are inspected on a

regular basis for serviceability, trash, and graffiti. The playground in question was inspected and found to be serviceable with the exception of a broken swing. The broken swing has been replaced. In the event that a playground needs attention prior to scheduled maintenance, residents can submit a work order/report deficiencies to the GMH work order line at 408-2466 (Stewart) and 259-2147 (Hunter) to initiate repairs/grounds maintenance.

Q: *I have lived here for three and a half years and I have concerns about GMH. It is difficult to get things done and it is frustrating. I called and no one has returned my calls. For example, I was told by maintenance that I did not know how to work the thermostat. I changed the filters and was told that they were not put in correctly. I replaced them in the same way as I found the old filters.*

A: GMH strives to provide the absolute best customer service and quality maintenance repairs to our residents. GMH continues to emphasize quality customer care and reinforces this by additional training and implementing quality assurance measures. In cases such as the aforementioned circumstances, GMH asks that the residents provide names, dates, and what took place so it can be addressed immediately. Residents can call Community Management at 408-2471 to report such incidents.

Unfortunately GMH does not have the point of contact for this complaint. In future Town Hall meetings, a GMH representative will approach the resident after they have stated their issue in order to

establish a point of contact for resolution.

Q: *I live in New Gannam on Hunter. Can GMH supply pressure washers to clear quarters? The patios appear not to be sealed.*

A: Fort Stewart began a pressure washing program in March. The Community Manager for Hunter has conducted an inspection of homes that need pressure washing. Pressure washing has begun and will continue until complete. Residents can request that their patios/porches be pressure washed by submitting a work order. Exterior concrete has compression strength of 3000 PSI which is an acceptable rating for this region. Because of this, sealing the patio is not required.

Q: *On Hunter, there is a huge water main problem. There are FCC daycare providers on the installation and the water is being shut off without notice.*

A: When GMH is notified of scheduled maintenance of water lines, GMH notifies affected residents. In the instance that accidental damage has occurred or an emergency situation exists, GMH is unable to provide prior notification. If a resident experiences a water outage without prior notification, we ask residents to call our work order line 408-2466 at Stewart and 459-2147 at Hunter to report the interruption in service. Regardless of the cause of the interruption, GMH will do its utmost to minimize the time service is not available.

DES

Q: *In the November 2006 Town Hall minutes, I saw a concern about no speed bumps in the housing areas. At Hunter there are only a few speed bumps in the housing areas. I also suggested more speed limit signs be posted. I was told by MPs that they cannot give tickets if no signs are posted.*

A: The Stewart/Hunter Military Police will continue to monitor speed in the housing areas and will work closely with DPW based on trends we observe to ensure the right devices are in place to keep all of the installation

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3rd BCT assists Soldiers, civilians



Courtesy Photo

First Lieutenant Terri Gurrola, C Co., 203rd FSB casts the leg of an Iraqi boy, April 9.

203rd Medics help Iraqi boy

Sgt. Natalie Rostek
3rd BCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – Medics from C Company, 203rd Forward Support Battalion, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team gave a little hope to a local Iraqi boy when they provided him with a new prosthetic leg, April 9, at FOB Hammer.

The 15-year old son of a local vendor, lost his leg in an improvised explosive device incident four years ago.

He was treated and fitted for a prosthetic leg at a hospital in Baghdad. Since that time, due to normal adolescent growth and the harsh environment in Iraq, he has outgrown the now worn-down prosthetic.

According to Maj. Cynthia Majerske battalion surgeon for 203rd FSB, kids should have their prosthetics replaced once a year and teens once every two years.

“The challenge is the conditions you take for granted back in the (United States.) Here, it is one more challenge to face.” said Majerske.

“The prosthetic I would have proscribed is a silicone sleeve with a locking pin, but due to the harsh conditions here I want to give him an exoskeleton design with a hard outer casing.”

Majerske said she wants the boy to have something he can easily take care of on his own, because it’s more difficult in Iraq to take the leg to a medical professional for adjustments.

“It was very rewarding to do this,” said Sgt. Jae Min Yandon, C Company, 203rd FSB.

“The father was so thankful.”

Yandon said the vendor has another son with the same problem and is trying to make arrangements with 203rd FSB medics for surgery.

Hammer opens Barber shop for Soldiers

Spc. Ben Hutto
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – Soldiers of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team now have one more morale booster at the ever-improving Forward Operating Base Hammer.

A ribbon cutting ceremony marked the opening of the Hammer Cuts Barber Shop.

Located next to the new Post Exchange on FOB Hammer, Hammer Cuts Barber Shop took approximately one week to complete, according to 1st Lt. John Enfinger, FOB mayor.

Steps involved in creating the shop included establishing a location, power generation, air conditioning, plumbing, sinks, water, and solid flooring. Both Army and Air Force servicemembers were involved in making the establishment fully operational.

“It was a joint effort to provide our Soldiers with a much needed morale booster,” Enfinger said.

According to Enfinger, the barbers, contracted from the Army and Air Force exchange services, are from India and the Philippines.

Hair cuts cost three dollars for both male and female Soldiers, a significant decrease from the average seven dollars at 3rd HBCT’s

homestation, Fort Benning.

“I am very glad that AAFES was able to provide this service to our Soldiers,” said FOB Governor Lt. Col. Kelly Lawler, one of the first Soldiers to have his hair cut at Hammer Cuts.

The shop is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and already has a steady clientele, according to Enfinger. The profit goes to AAFES and the barbers collect tips.

“Hammer Cuts is great,” said Sgt. Jeremiah Thompson, Headquarters Company, 3rd HBCT.

“The prices are great, and it’s a very clean establishment. It’s a good sign that progress is being made at FOB Hammer.”



Courtesy Photo

Lt. Col. Kelly Lawler and 1st Lt. John Enfinger officially open Hammer Cuts.

HEART

“As soon as I saw it I yelled, Muzzle flash in the wood line! Muzzle flash in the wood line!” McGrue said. “We all took cover and when I went to raise my weapon I was hit.”

He felt exactly where he was hit — in the chest of his interceptor body armor.

“I started rubbing my body armor and calling out that I was hit,” McGrue said. “I checked real quickly for injuries and noticed my wrist was bleeding.”

McGrue explained he was hit in the chest and pieces of the round ricocheted off his armor and struck his left wrist in two places.

He said the physician’s assistant who was with the convoy that day wanted to do immediate care.

“I told the PA it was just a flesh wound,” McGrue said. “Then I moved to another wall for cover and continued to return fire.”

After an approximate 15-minute fire fight, McGrue said the patrol leader made the decision to return to the vehicles and

leave the area. When he got back to his vehicle, he received aid for his injury.

Although he was injured in the line of duty, McGrue still keeps an upbeat attitude about the mission in Iraq.

“We have a positive effect,” McGrue said.

“We talk with the local Iraqi citizens in our area and they are happy to see an American presence.”

After being awarded with the Purple Heart, McGrue spoke to his troops.

“Remember to wear the proper uniform because it does save lives, and remember to be prepared when you leave because you don’t know what you will face.”



Purple Heart recipient, Capt. Arthur L. McGrue

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“I feel very comfortable with my knowledge of vehicle search techniques,” said Pvt. Christopher Betts, a cannon crewmember with Company A, 1/76 FA.

During counter-IED training, Soldiers received up-to-date information on the latest IED threats and how to negotiate them.

Radio controlled IEDs are a danger to Soldiers while deployed. During RCIED training, Soldiers learned to recognize RCIEDS and how to “jam,”

which is a tactic where the Soldier disarms the RCIED using a Warlock device that uses constant noise over selected frequencies from more than 300 yards away to immobilize the threat.

“This new training and equipment raises the bar to a new level of safety,” said Pvt. Marcus Belcher, a cannon crewmember with Company A, 1/76 FA.

Soldiers with the 4th BCT are scheduled to participate in more hands-on training throughout their time at NTC.



Pfc. Gaelen Lowers

Spc. Charles Nash, 92nd Engineers, holds his child and talks to his wife before he deploys to Iraq. The 92nd Engineers left April 21 to meet up with the rest of their deployed unit.

More Black Diamond Soldiers depart Hunter, deploy to Iraq

Pfc. Gaelen Lowers
3rd Sustainment Bde. Public Affairs

Nine Soldiers assigned to the 92nd Engineer Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division deployed to Iraq Saturday in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The majority of these deploying engineers are reasonably new to the Army and this will be their first combat tour in Iraq. The Soldiers in the unit, who have been downrange before, tried to paint them a good mental picture.

"I've been able to give them a rundown on some of the missions they will be doing," said 1st Sgt. Denny Buck, who spent four months in Iraq before returning to become the unit's rear detachment first sergeant. "Bottom line, the number one priority is taking care of your buddy and getting the job done."

Buck also stressed to them that one of the first things to do is contact their Family once they have arrived in Iraq and let them

know that they arrived safely.

The 92nd Engineers has a long and distinguished combat record. In 1942, they deployed to Italy earning four campaign streamers during World War II.

They deployed again in May 1967 to Vietnam. During the Vietnam Conflict the "Can Do Regiment" became known as the "Black Diamonds" for their distinctive unit crest. They received 14 of the 17 campaign streamers awarded in Vietnam, four Meritorious Unit Commendations and the Vietnamese Civil Action Honor Medal First Class.

In January 2005, the battalion deployed to Baghdad in support of Multi-National Division - Baghdad during OIF III. The engineers' 276 construction missions included building an Iraqi tank gunnery range, a headquarters and airfield complex for the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, numerous battalion and brigade headquarters Southeast Asia Huts and the repair of more than 100 craters caused by improvised explosive devices.

STB Soldier remembered with tree dedication

Pfc. Gaelen Lowers

3rd Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

The 3rd Infantry Division and Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield honored a fallen hero with a tree ceremony at Warriors Walk April 19.

People came from all walks of life to pay tribute to a Soldier who made the ultimate sacrifice and to support his family.

Staff Sgt. William J. Beardsley, 25, was assigned to the 260th Quartermaster Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade, 3rd Inf. Div. and died Feb. 26 in Iraq of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle.

Frank Graw, Beardsley's step-father, said his son had a great spirit and a love of the Army.

"William was a good kid," Graw said, speaking of Beardsley's younger years. "He studied real hard. He liked hunting and archery. He liked the great outdoors. We did a lot of things together."

Beardsley was born on May 23, 1981 in Savannah. He enlisted in the U.S. Active Army on July 2, 1998 as an Infantry man. Upon completion of training in December 1998, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Hovey, Korea. In January 2000 he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. In October 2001, he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom where he served as a rifleman and a squad leader.

Beardsley left the Army in 2002 to drive trucks for the next couple of years but returned to active duty in the summer of 2005 as a petroleum supply specialist. In November 2005 he was assigned to the 260th Quartermaster Battalion, Hunter Army Air Field.

There are 321 living monuments to those who made the ultimate sacrifice at Warrior's Walk. It's a place where people can stop and reflect on the contributions of Soldiers who gave their all for a cause they believed in.

Beardsley's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, two Army Good Conduct Medals and the National Defense Service Medal.

Beardsley is survived by his wife Stacey and two children; son Chance, 6, and daughter Alexis, 4.



Pfc. Gaelen Lowers

The family members of Army Staff Sgt. William J. Beardsley kneel before their son, husband, and father's memorial at Warrior's Walk, April 19. Beardsley died in Iraq when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle.

Ask the Judge

Legal Assistance Checking Accounts

My spouse just opened our first checking account. May I also sign the checks?

Normally, if your name is not on the account, you will not be able to sign the checks. If you want to be able to sign checks, the two of you should go to the bank and speak to a bank officer about having your name added to the account.

Our bank is not in the local area and my spouse will be deploying. The account is in my spouse's name. Does my

power of attorney, which authorizes me to write checks, allow me to pay the bills and get money while my spouse is gone?

While your power of attorney does legally authorize you to write and cash checks, you may have a problem because a bank is not required to accept your spouse's power of attorney. To prevent a problem, you should immediately contact the bank to see if they will honor the power of attorney. Many banks will only honor their own special power of attorney and, if this is the case, you should ask them to send you one. The legal assistance office can help you complete a power of attorney form from your bank.

My spouse will be away and I have never had a checking account. Where can I go to get help in managing this account?

Army Community Services offers free classes in how to manage checking accounts properly. Call ACS at 767-5058. Classes are by appointment.

If we cannot get an acceptable power of attorney before my spouse leaves, can he or she give post-dated checks to our landlord and the furniture store to cover our bills?

Legally, your spouse can write post-dated checks for the upcoming bills, but you should hold onto them until the dates that the payments are due. If he gives the checks to the creditor, that creditor may, if he chooses, present them before the date on the check. This could result in the check being dishonored and you being penalized with a bad check charge.

Contact Legal Assistance at Fort Stewart, Bldg. 621, 767-8809/767-8819 or Hunter, Bldg 1154, 352-5115.

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"Liggett also said that they distribute the monthly newsletter that comes to them from Iraq.

The FRG is the Army's effort to keep Families involved, informed, educated, and taken care of, Martin said.

"I think we have a pretty strong organization that takes care of each other, dispatches and sends information, works issues and tries to take care of Families

because at the end of the day, what we're really talking about is taking care of families," said Martin.

"I am honored that Family members take this kind of time out of their busy schedule to take care of other families," said Col. Darrell K. Williams, 3rd Sustainment Bde. commander, of the yellow ribbon ceremony and Family center. "It's among the best I've ever seen."



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REWARD
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A reward of \$7500 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for a fire which occurred on Jan. 26, at 43 Murray Ave., Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314.

Anyone having knowledge of the incident, but not wishing to be identified, will be briefed on available options in maintaining their confidentiality.

Those with information concerning this matter are encouraged to call the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division office located on Stewart at 767-4374. For more information, contact Special Agent Leif Erickson, or the Fort Stewart Military Police Desk at 767-4895.

Reward offer expires March 13, 2008

GANG AWARENESS TRAINING

The Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Directorate of Emergency Services hosts Gang Awareness training May 7 and 14, 6-7 p.m. at Club Stewart and the Hunter Club. The purpose is to provide information on how to identify gang paraphernalia, hand-signs, tattoos, and other gang-related activity and what to do if you spot this activity in our community. Parents, kids, and others are invited to attend. For more information about these presentations, please contact the police station at Stewart at 767-4895 or Hunter at 315-5088.