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Sgt. Lina Satele

Pfc. Mathew Poole enjoys the few moments he has with his daughter McKenzie before he leaves to Hunter Army Airfield Sunday, in route to support Operation Iraqi Freedom V. See Story on Page 12A.

## Youth Summer-Job seekers hired by lottery

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## Individual Readiness Training, provides vital combat skills

Kevin Larson  
Chief, Public Communications

Around the bend of a dusty trail, a convoy of humvees comes to stop. The trail ahead has been blocked. Suddenly, heavy gun fire erupts from the trees to the left of the convoy. A rocket propelled grenade is launched at a humvee. A swarm of insurgents pour out of the trees, firing small arms at the Soldiers in the turrets of the gun trucks.

The Soldiers return fire, but one insurgent gets close enough

to the convoy to run alongside one of the humvees and fire up into the turret. The Soldiers continue to return fire, suppressing the attack, and pull casualties out of the humvee struck by the RPG, when another Soldier watching the activity calls out, "end ex!" The Soldiers in the convoy stop their actions, the Soldiers of the opposing force that were "killed" pull themselves up from the ground, and the simulated attack comes to an end.

It might be another hazy

Georgia day at Evans Army Airfield on Fort Stewart, but for the 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers undergoing Individual Readiness Training, it's a day in Iraq.

Individual Readiness Training is a 10-day cycle of classroom and hands-on, in-the-field instruction that prepares Soldiers for deployment. The training is realistic and intense, teaching Soldiers common situations that they could encounter in combat, Lt. Col. Brian Gale, 3rd Infantry Division rear detachment commander, said.

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## MNC 'top NCO' visits Ramadi

Spc. Ricardo Branch  
1st BCT Public Affairs

**RAMADI, Iraq** – Military servicemembers received a special visit April 30 when Multi-National Forces-Iraq Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin L. Hill arrived from Baghdad to witness first hand the efforts troops have made to allow security possible in Ramadi.

"Just from my experiences before in Iraq and back in the United States, these were the wasp nests," he said. "This was an area you dreaded putting boots on the ground, so to be able to walk some of the ground

now and see the Soldiers and Marines making a difference it's incredible."

Although Hill has only been in Iraq for two weeks, his decision to travel to Ramadi was for a couple of reasons.

"By coming here, it lets me get familiarized with the situation on the ground and allows me to meet with the key leaders that I'm depending on to help enforce the standards and discipline," he said.

Standards and discipline are the things he was looking for while amongst the troops during a patrol around Combat Outpost Falcon.

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## 549th Military Police change leadership

Pfc. Gaelen Lowers  
Sustainment Bde Public Affairs

A change of command and responsibility ceremony was held May 21 for the commander and first sergeant of the 549th Military Police Company, 385th MP Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade.

Maj. Larry Bergeron, Jr., outgoing commander, and 1st Sgt. Nelson M. Cooper, outgoing first sergeant, made way for Capt. Bryan VanRiper, incoming commander, and 1st Sgt.

Willie N. Massey, incoming first sergeant.

VanRiper was born in Seneca Falls, N.Y. in 1977. He enlisted in the Army as a Military Policeman in June 1995.

VanRiper's civilian education includes a Bachelor of Arts in Public Justice from the State University of New York at Oswego. His military schooling includes the Military Police Officer Basic Course, Military Police Captains Career Course and Airborne school.

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## MPs in Afghanistan receive visit from regimental leaders

Special to the Frontline

The Military Police Regimental Commander, Brigadier General David Quantock and the Regimental Command Sergeant Major Jeffrey Butler visited Soldiers of Task Force Dragoon, 385th Military Police Battalion in March, to get a first hand account of the challenges our War fighters face in

Afghanistan.

The 385th Military Police Battalion deployed to Afghanistan in November.

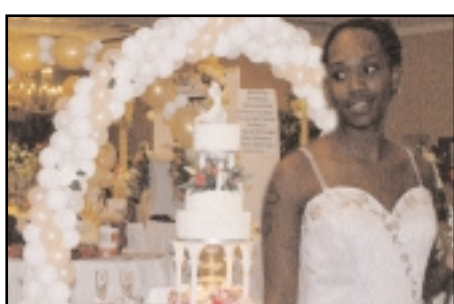
The 385th MP battalion commander and command sergeant major, Lt. Col. Donna Martin and Command Sgt. Maj. Charles R. Kirkland respectively escorted the regimental command team around Regional Command East to visit Soldiers assigned to TF Dragoon.

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Pfc. Gaelen Lowers

Spc. Merrill Martensen spends times with his son Hunter and daughter Kaylee, Sunday before he deployed with the advanced party of the 3rd Sustainment Brigade. See story on Page 13A.



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# Marne 6 Sends Memorial Day- remembering our fallen

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

139 years ago this month, to honor America's war dead, General John Logan, the national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic proclaimed the very first "Memorial Day" with his general order number 11.

Of the fallen Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of his day he wrote:

*Let us, then, at the time appointed gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of spring-time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon a nation's gratitude, the Soldier's and Sailor's widow and orphan.*

In the 14 decades that has followed, our nation was blessed and she grew strong. History shows us that America sent her sons

and daughters to defend the attributes that make her great... freedom, liberty, democracy, and the rule of law. Many never returned and it is those heroes who we pause to remember today.

For nine of those decades, Dog Faced Soldiers have served our great nation on the field of battle. Today is no different.

Memorial Day is about people like you and me. They were of humble birth, rarely knowing fame or fortune.

At great personal cost, they turned from



the safety of their homes. Some were fathers or mothers, all were sons, daughters. In life, they dared not dwell on their own mortality. But, they summoned the courage to face fear so that others might not.

As an American in battle, they donned the armor of a warrior. And on the day they fell, now nearly 3500 in this war alone, they took their posts in their formations on the battlefield, in command posts, aboard ships at sea and in the sky above. In their hearts was an uncommon love for some thing, some ideal greater than themselves. And it is this final act of love and devotion that they are now remembered.

They may have heard the words to the song; they certainly lived them...

**I don't want to die for you,  
But if dying's asked of me,  
I'll bear that cross with an honor,  
'Cause freedom don't come free.  
I'm an American Soldier, an American,  
Beside my brothers and my sisters I will proudly take a stand,  
When liberty's in jeopardy I will always do what's right,  
I'm out here on the front lines, so sleep in peace tonight.  
The price has been great. But today let us all resolve ourselves in life to remember that freedom isn't free.**

The blessings of life were paid for with the blood of common men and women who ascended to heaven, a uniformed servant of the greatest nation on Earth.

May God bless our nation and every Family Member who has grieved a fallen Soldier. **ROCK OF THE MARNE!**

## Memorial Day and Summer Safety

1. Memorial Day is a time when our country stops and takes a moment to honor and commemorate our veterans who gave their lives defending our country and our way of life. This Memorial Day, we honor and thank our Soldiers, and extend our gratitude and prayers to their Families during this time of remembrance.

2. Memorial Day weekend signals the start of summer weather, travels, and activities, which involve increased risks. These risks can lead to injuries or death if proper precautions are not applied. As this year's 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign kicks off on Memorial Day, we challenge each of you to use composite risk management and safety tools to maintain

safety awareness and minimize risk. We must strive to protect not only our combat power but the lives of our Army Family.

3. Leader engagement at every level - but particularly at the junior leader to Soldier level - can influence safe behavior. We charge each of you with the mission of enforcing standards, sharing and applying your safety knowledge, watching out for each other, and working together as a team to ensure you and your buddy's safety.

We must maintain our vigilance, particularly in the area of accidents involving privately owned vehicle, motorcycles, and sport utility vehicles, which continue to be the number one killer of our Soldiers and their

Families. Leaders who are personally involved can, and do make a difference. Our Army can not afford to lose a single member of our team to a preventable accident.

4. Have a great Memorial Day weekend and a safe summer season.

5. The United States Army Combat Readiness Center (USACRC) stands ready to assist with the safety tools needed to help you, your Soldiers and your Families enjoy this time of year and still remain in the fight. Visit the USACRC Web site at: <https://www.crc.army.mil> <<https://www.crc.army.mil/>> .

6. Army Strong!

## This Week in Marne History: Rudy Davila

**Sasha McBrayer**  
Fort Stewart Museum

For his actions on May 28, 1944 Staff Sgt. Rudolph Davila was awarded the Medal of Honor. It was during WWII, that Rudy, as he was called, was with his unit participating in an offensive designed to destroy Germany's foothold on the mountains surrounding the Anzio beachhead. It was near Ardena, Italy that the then 24-year-old staff sergeant spied a rifle company, 125 men strong, trapped and unprotected in an open field. Quickly recognizing the danger, Davila decided his heavy machine gun unit comprised of 24 men, would have to come to the rescue. Rudy had gone out ahead of them, however, and found that they, too, were stuck in an unsafe position.

Davila took it upon himself to position a water-cooled machine gun and begin to fire upon the enemy. This drew their attention away from the vulnerable units. From his set up atop a hill Davila could hear his men begging him to get down and warning that the bullets from the Germans were trained right for his head.

A bullet would ricochet off his gun's tripod and sink into one of his legs, but Davila did not relent. He parted with the water-cooled, automatic weapon when another Marne man in his unit took it over, but then crawled toward the Germans and delivered hand signals to his mates, directing them where to fire. The element of the Third Division was able to press the enemy back at least 200 yards.

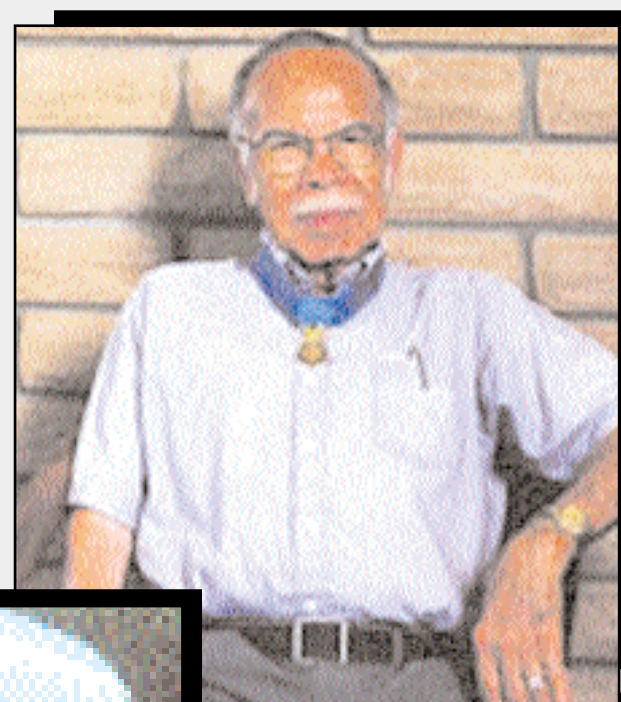
From there, Rudy did not stop. He discovered a sniper firing from an upstairs window at a nearby house and fought his way closer to the location. Armed with a rifle and two hand grenades, Davila single-handedly took out everyone inside.

Cited as saving the lives of the entire rifle company, Davila knew he had been nominated for the Medal of Honor. He was told by a superior that too many men from minorities were being given the medal, though he reported later he never felt slighted. Instead he was

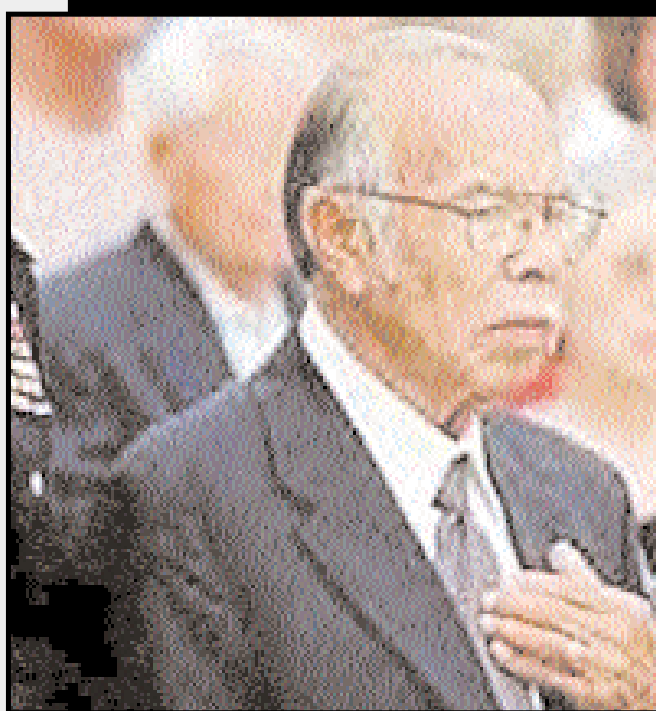
awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and sent back into battle. Medal of Honor recipients are customarily released to go home from the front. Davila was not, but, just a few weeks later Rudy was injured again while in France. This time damage to his shoulder would render the whole limb unusable during a remarkable rescue in which Davila dragged a young, wounded, enemy soldier to safety.

Davila was sent to a hospital in Modesto and though it took many years for him to fully recuperate, it was there that he met his cherished wife, Harriet.

After a 56-year wait, Davila, who is half Hispanic, and half Filipino, was finally awarded the Medal of Honor by President Bill Clinton. By that time Davila had retired from teaching history in Los Angeles and held bittersweet feelings over his recognition. He was proud, but his wife, who always believed he deserved the medal, had passed on. Davila had been a part of H Company, 7th Infantry. He died January 26, 2002.



Courtesy Photos  
<http://www.medalofhonor.com/RudyDavila.htm>



**"These American Soldiers, with names we have at long last recognized as American names, made an impact that soars beyond the impact of any battle," Clinton said. "They left a lasting imprint on the meaning of America. They didn't give up on their country, even though too many of their countrymen had given up on them. They deserve, at least, the most we can give ---- the Medal of Honor."**  
**- President Bill Clinton**

# Ready to roll 1BCT maintains the line

**Spc. Ricardo Branch**  
1st BCT Public Affairs

**RAMADI, Iraq** – On the streets and alleyways of Ramadi, combat units need the tools necessary to maintain the fight and continue the mission.

For the troops of B Company, 3rd Brigade Support Battalion, they have to be prepared to live up to their motto “ready to roll” at a moments notice to deliver valuable supplies to the units fighting for stability in the city.

The Soldiers lived up to their motto by bringing five-thousand pounds of bottled water, food and vehicle parts to B Company, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor, May 15 at Camp Blue Diamond.

“We have to get this to them so they can continue their mission,” said Spc. Richard Cowling, a mechanic with 3rd BSB.

“Right now 3/69 Armor is our main security here. If they don’t have the supplies and tracks for their vehicles, they can’t do their mission, so it’s important we do these runs to resupply and refit units like them.”

The Soldiers don’t just support units in nearby Blue Diamond but units in and around Ramadi as well. B Co. has driven over 10,000 miles on more than 80 convoy missions in their effort to resupply units around the city.

“There are times where we’ve had to go to Corregidor to drop off jersey barriers for units to improve their security, or push supplies into hostile areas like Albu-Bali,” Cowling said.

“We go to where the units are and bring them whatever they need.”

Even though they are not on the frontlines, the Soldiers who help maintain the supply lines often find themselves in harm’s way while on duty.

“While we were going down the roads into Albu-Bali, I was thinking this is a long route, and it was kind of creepy – not scary – but like I was being watched,” Cowling said.

“Then while I was scanning a house it exploded.”

“It was one of those ‘did that just happen?’ moments,” he continued. “I was wondering if EOD did it ... but they were in front of us. We also had a couple of Bradley vehicles hit not even ten minutes later in front of us during that push.”

Although the Soldiers have not had to deal with small-arms fire, which is a testament of the success in Ramadi, they are always prepared.

“We’ve been pretty lucky on our routes because the units securing them have done a real good job,” Cowling said.

“(But) It doesn’t stop us from scanning our sectors and being alert for anything suspicious.”

Staff Sgt. Joseph Monroe, the convoy commander, sees the pride the Soldiers have in their job reflected in the way they perform.

“The Soldiers are doing real well,” Monroe said.

“Each time they go out, they use the operation as an opportunity to get better, so I’m proud of them – they grow more with every mission.”

Monroe said the satisfaction the Soldiers displayed in their work can be credited to their eagerness for the opportunity to perform something extraordinary – keeping their comrades supplied in combat.

He added, “They love this work. This is something they may never get a chance to do again. Some of them we had to pick for this duty, but most of them volunteered because they knew they could handle it.”

Despite all the dangers, the Soldiers delivering supplies continue to roll out the front gates of the combat outposts in their journey to maintain the line.

“This is my first time being deployed,” Cowling said.

“I thought I’d be in a motor pool working 20 hours a day, so this is a new experience, and I like it. I wouldn’t give it up for anything.”



Photos by Spc. Ricardo Branch

**Soldiers from B Co., 3rd BSB hold a prayer for a safe journey before starting a mission to 3/69 Armor, May 15 at Camp Ramadi.**



**Above: A forklift unloads supplies at Camp Blue Diamond during a supply drop off by Soldiers from B Co., 3rd BSB.**

**Left: Sgt. Mark York, a truck driver with B Co., 3rd BSB ties down a container of supplies before the unit travels back to Camp Ramadi.**

**RAMADI**

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“From what I’ve seen here today, I think we need to continue to work force protection,” he said. “We can’t afford to let our guards down as we work the command’s intent. It’s really not an improvement, but a reminder for the troops to never forget force protection.”

Since taking over the position of MNC-I command sergeant major, Hill has two main priorities he’s looking to accomplish while in his new role.

“One, is to not lose a servicemember due to negligence of any sort,” he said. “This means

that it will take NCOs at all levels to help me accomplish that goal, and two, is to continue to grow our future NCO corps through tactical proficiency, and role model leadership.”

As his visit drew to a close, Hill spoke a few words.

“I was fortunate enough to spend eight months with the Raider Brigade in Kosovo in 2001, where I served as the Task Force Falcon Command Sergeant Major. I’m honored to share dirt in a combat zone with that very same brigade.”

# State declares level two drought in effect

**Directorate of Public Works**  
Prevention, Compliance Branch

Despite the fact we should be entering the rainy season and hurricane preparedness is on the minds of many Coastal residents, Georgia has not forgotten the drought it has suffered over the past several years. As a result of this, the Coastal Empire, of which Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield are a part, remains under water usage restrictions for outdoor use. On April 18, the Director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division declared a level-two drought response across the state and will require all of Georgia to follow a more stringent outdoor water use schedule.

"Every area of Georgia has been in a persistent and progressive drought condition since last June," said EPD Director, Dr. Carol A Couch. "It's important that we take steps now to prepare for the warm, typically dry summer months."

The level two drought was declared for all of Georgia. Couch said drought conditions will continue to be monitored and she will confer with the drought response committee again in a month. Revised drought response declarations will be issued as necessary.

The current drought level limits outdoor water use to mornings only from midnight to 10 a.m. and are restricted to specific days as follows:

- Odd-numbered addresses (building numbers) are permitted to use water outdoors on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday during this period.
- Even-numbered addresses, unnumbered addresses, and golf course fairways are permitted to use water outdoors on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.

• Irrigation of newly installed landscapes is allowed any day of the week, but only during allowed hours for the drought response level in effect, for a period of 30 days following installation.

"The goal is to get all Georgians to manage their outdoor water use, even during times of non-drought," Couch said. "Population growth, combined with inevitable periods of drought, makes water conservation more important than ever."

Although the drought conditions seem to change, the need to manage and maintain our limited water supplies does not. State and local governments in Georgia have been preparing for decades to help meet water supply needs during drought situations and since Georgia's last major drought during 1986-1988, progress has been made by developing drought contingency and emergency plans, as well as adopting local ordinances to impose water restrictions.

Fort Stewart's forester, Tommy Hilliard, commented at the May 16 meeting of the Environmental Quality Control Committee, that conditions are the worst that he has seen since the 1950s when the Okefenokee Swamp was on fire for more than a year. In fact, as of mid-May this year, rainfall has been 25 inches below normal since January 2006.

Fort Stewart recently had one of its worst wildfires since the Army acquired the land in 1941. The Red Cloud Hotel fire burned in April this year and was so severe because of a combination of drought and extreme fire weather. Another example of the combination of extended drought, high temperatures, high winds, and low humidity can be seen by the ongoing fires in Ware County.

Throughout the state, Georgia faces many challenges in its

quest for a sustainable water supply, such as population growth, low stream flow rates, saltwater intrusion, and depletion of groundwater sources. Water conservation must become an integral component of effective water resource management for sustainable economic development. As fresh water sources in several regions of the state may be approaching their sustainable limits, water usage must be prioritized and water conservation must become the norm rather than a last resort during times of crisis.

Initiatives to manage water resources effectively can only be achieved through cooperation and collaboration among Georgia's eight million citizens. Individuals must conserve water at home and at work throughout the year. Businesses and industries across the state must find more efficient ways to use water and eliminate waste. Farmers are finding solutions that reduce their irrigation needs while protecting their crops. And local governments must drought-proof themselves before the next drought level by implementing aggressive conservation programs.

Everyone at Stewart and Hunter must continue to do their part by conserving water which, in turn, conserves energy. Did you know, only one percent of water on Earth can be used for drinking? So, changing our water use habits in ways that will help the resource sustain itself is important not only for ourselves and for the animals and plants upon which we depend for food, but also for future generations.

For more information on the current installation's water restrictions and other articles about its environmental programs, please visit the DPW Intranet Website or the MS Office Outlook Public folders (DPW, Public Folders and DPW, Environmental Division folders).

## Water conservation tips

According to officials of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, consumers can cut water use by an additional 15 percent with very little difficulty or discomfort by using voluntary water conservation practices in the home and garden. Please consider utilizing some of these great water-saving tips below that are not only inexpensive, but also simple to execute. Everyone is encouraged to do his or her part.

### Kitchen and Laundry

Eliminate leaks by turning faucets off completely and, as needed, replace old gaskets. A single dripping faucet can waste as much as 3,600 gallons a year.

- Don't rinse dirty dishes before loading into dishwasher; scrape clean

and let the machine do the rest.

- Don't use a garbage disposal.
- Use the "water-saver" setting or make sure your machine is set for the most efficient use.
- Only wash full loads of dishes or clothes.

### Bathroom

• If you hear running water in your toilet tank, adjust the leaky float valve or replace the faulty hardware. Check for leaks by dropping a small amount of food coloring in the upper tank. If color appears in the bowl, you have a leak.

- Flush only when necessary. Install a water-filled plastic jug in your toilet tank to reduce the water

used per flush, without disturbing the flushing mechanism.

- Don't use your toilet as a trash can (not only does it use excess water, it requires additional energy to separate from the waste stream and can potentially clog pipes).
- Take fewer and shorter showers
- Don't leave the water running while rinsing, shaving, or brushing teeth.
- Reuse bath water or excess water as you await water temperatures to adjust for other uses such as watering plants in or near the house, to soak clothes, etc.

### Lawn and Garden

- Hold your garden hose close to the roots of plants so that there's lit-

tle waste and evaporative loss. Soaker hoses are even more efficient.

- Water slowly so that the soil soaks up all the water you use. To avoid the possibility of disease, due to promotion of fungi growth. Minimize evaporation by watering in the early morning hours - dawn to approximately 9 a.m. Avoid watering on windy days, which increases evaporation.
- Position sprinklers so that they do not water the pavement. Do not over water allowing water to run down the street. Note-turf grasses survive on as little as a half inch of water per week.
- Never let water run unnecessarily. Installing a spray handle helps.

## Correction

In Volume 41, Issue 18 of The Frontline, dated May 17, on Page 1B, in the article entitled *Soldiers represent Fort Stewart at Glennville Onion Festival*, express gratitude to community, Col. Derek Miller's name was misspelled as Derick. We regret this unfortunate error and express our gratitude to his representing Fort Stewart at the Glennville Onion Festival.

**Pat Young**  
Managing Editor

# Housing Mayors announce Yard of the Month contest

**Mellanie Crowther**  
Mayor Coordinator

In our last column, the mayors gave lots of advice about ways to keep our housing areas looking good. This time, we'll tell you what's behind our encouragement.

Every year, the mayors, in conjunction with GMH, vote for the yards that we feel are the best-kept. We offer a certificate of appreciation to each housing resident chosen to be a Yard of the Month winner. At

the end of the season, we choose the winner of the Yard of the Year.

This year, we're going to do things a little differently. We'll run our Yard of the Month contest through September. Once a residence has been selected as Yard of the Month, the Family's name will be put into a drawing.

We'll keep checking on previous winners as the contest continues, and as long as they keep their yard up, their name will remain in the drawing. In September, we'll hold a

random drawing out of all the Yard of the Month winners, and that Family will receive a prize package from the Mayor's Team and GMH.

In short, once you've won a monthly prize, you are eligible to win Yard of the Year as long as your yard is maintained. Residents can only win Yard of the Month once. If the condition of your yard deteriorates, your name will be removed from the Yard of the Year drawing.

For those of you who are not gardeners, we want to reassure you that

we will not be picking only homes with extravagant gardens. We will also be checking to ensure that our winners have no discrepancies from the housing residents' guide. A yard that is neatly kept is just as eligible to win as a yard that showcases the resident's gardening skills.

Here are a few brief reminders to help you prepare for this contest. Keep your grass trimmed, especially around fencing.

Make sure toys and other items are put away when not in use. Police

your yard for animal waste. Make sure that you pick up newspapers and recycle them. Fill in holes that your pets may have dug. If you're not sure whether something is allowed in housing, you can find out by calling 767-1597 and leaving a message for your housing mayor, or emailing [Mellanie.Crowther@hotmail.com](mailto:Mellanie.Crowther@hotmail.com). Get outside and show your pride!

For more information on the Army Community Service, Mayoral Program, call 767-1257.

## Marne Voices Speak Out

## What safety tips do you want to offer for the coming summer months?

"Get plenty of rest."



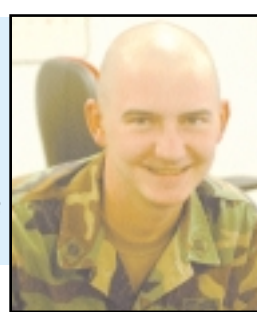
**Pvt. Dana Stevenson**  
B Battery, 1/76th Field Artillery

"Stay safe. Limit your activities at night. Don't park on dimly lit streets. Lock your car."



**Margaret Newman**  
Family member

"When boating, use the proper equipment and follow regulations."



**Spc. Morgan Jones**  
MSC, 3rd Division STB

"Slow down and watch for other motorists."



**Shannon Williams**  
Contractor, SACK Company



"Don't drink and drive."

**Pfc. William McBee**  
A Co., 1/64th Armor



"Hydrate frequently. Moderate your exercises."

**Mark Hahn**  
EMS, Fort Stewart

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# From the Frontline

## Cav protects road workers

**Spc. Ben Hutto**  
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

**FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq** – Soldiers from C Troop, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, provided security for local road workers as they prepared roads outside of Al Zatia, 20 miles east of

Baghdad, May 17.

Local civilian contractors were hired to grade, repair and clean up roads in Al Zatia. The local workers will continue this "route sanitation" project all the way to the town of Sabah Nissan, nine miles east toward Baghdad.

"We are assisting the local population

here," said Capt. Tavares Tukes, the personnel officer for 3/1 Cav.

"We are helping to provide jobs and a safe environment so the workers can ensure that the people there have safe transportation and a clean environment. This project really helps everyone involved."

Workers are busy improving checkpoints, filling potholes, cleaning up trash and grading the roads in the area.

"We are doing everything possible to work with the Iraqi police to ensure the safety of the workers," explained Tukes. "We want to help make sure their progress is not hindered by (the enemy)."

## CF Raid captures leads, holds suspects

Special to the Frontline

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** – Coalition Forces detained six suspected terrorists May 8 during raids in northeast Baghdad.

The individuals targeted during the raids are suspected members of a secret cell terrorist network known for facilitating the transport of weapons and explosively formed penetrators, or EFPs, from Iran to Iraq, as well as bringing militants from Iraq to Iran for terrorist training.

Coalition Forces found improvised explosive device materials and detained six individuals, including two who tested positive for explosives residue. Another two of the six suspects are believed to be key leaders in the secret cell terrorist network.

Intelligence reports indicate one suspected secret cell key leader is responsible for the planning and coordinating of numerous murders, kidnappings, assassinations and attacks on Iraqi civilians and Coalition Forces as well as involvement in IED attacks on Coalition Forces. The other suspected leader is an explosives expert and weapons dealer.

One Iraqi civilian received minor injuries during the course of the operations, and he received medical attention on the scene from Coalition Forces.

"Coalition Forces are targeting the terrorists, searching them out in the places they hide," said Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, MNF-I spokesperson. "This morning's operation is one more step in removing the terrorist networks from Iraq."

View news from the front at  
"The Frontline", online at  
[www.stewart.army.mil](http://www.stewart.army.mil)

## Coalition Forces detain nine in search for missing Soldiers

Special to the Frontline

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** – Coalition Forces detained 11 individuals during operations May 18 and 19, including nine suspected of involvement in the May 12 kidnapping of three U.S. Soldiers.

Coalition Forces continued to follow tips and information leads in the disappearance of three U.S. Soldiers, raiding a building near Amiriyah Saturday morning.

During the raid, Coalition Forces detained nine individuals suspected of involvement in the kidnappings.

Friday, intelligence reports led Coalition Forces to a site in Baqubah where they detained two individuals allegedly associated with the command network of al-Qaeda in Iraq.

In other operations Saturday morning, Coalition Forces discovered two weapons caches. One

cache south of Baghdad contained weapons, magazines and assault vests, and another northeast of Habbiniyah housed eight rockets. The weapons were safely destroyed on site.

"We will not stop searching until we find our Soldiers," said Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, MNF-I spokesperson. "We're using all available assets and continuing to assault the al-Qaeda in Iraq network."

IN THIS SITUATION, THERE ISN'T TIME FOR A TRANSLATOR.



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## 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.

### 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. For more information visit [www.healthierfeds.opm.gov](http://www.healthierfeds.opm.gov).

### 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. For more information, contact Mike Iliff at 767-9789.

### Prepare for bad weather

Learn about hurricane and severe weather planning. Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will hold three severe weather briefs. Stewart will hold two at Moon Theater from 5:30-6:30 p.m. today. Hunter will have one May 29 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Hunter Club.

### Outdoor pools open May 26

The pools open Saturday - Sept. 3. Daily hours are 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Corkan Pool, Bryan Village and Hunter Outdoor pools.

### Stewart

#### 'Changing your flat' class offered at Libby

Fort Stewart Libby Auto Crafts Center will hold a class at 6 p.m., Friday on learning basic car care principles and how to change a flat tire in an emergency situation. For more information, call 767-3521.

#### Youth summer basketball league offered

Child Youth Services is hosting a free summer basketball league for middle school and high school youth, May 29 - July 31. Registration is ongoing through Friday. For more information, call 767-4493.

#### Go canoeing at Holbrook pond

Learn the basics of canoeing 10 a.m., Saturday. This class will teach the basics of boater safety, basic strokes and handling. For more information, call 435-8205.

#### Come to the installation BOSS meeting

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will hold a meeting 1:30-2:30 p.m., May 30 at Rocky's Club, in the disco room for all brigade and battalion representatives.

#### Shop at Shop of the Marne

Don't forget to shop over the summer. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. at Building 25 off McNeely Road behind the PX. Look for the OPEN flags outside.

### Locating lost-and-found items

The Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield has a lost and found program. If you want to report an item lost or check on the status of one, check with the military police. Visit building 280, 354 East Bultman Avenue on Fort Stewart and check with William Hooks, 767-9596. The Hunter point of contact is James Westfall, at Building 1240, 197 South Lightning Road - 315-5374.

### Boss Talent Show II slated

Come show off your singing, dancing, poetic, and instrumental skills June 15 at Rocky's. Rehearsals are at 4 p.m., today and June 7. There will be cash prizes for winners, as well as door prizes for attendees. Winners may have a chance to compete at the Army Show. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Erica Gordon at 572-4486.

### Register to 'Walk to Iraq and Back'

The Walk to Iraq and Back continues as an on-going program where teams will submit walked miles monthly towards the goal of 13,000 miles. Registration is also ongoing and forms are now available at the Family Readiness Center. For more information, contact Amy Lambert at 320-5400.

### Hunter

#### Hunter free racquetball clinic postponed

The free racquetball clinic and tournament for ages 18 and up at the Hunter Fitness Center is postponed until 10 a.m., June 16. Brenda Kyzer, a professional racquetball player, will be the hostess of the clinic. For more information, call 315-2019.



### Stewart

#### Pen Pal Club meeting offered

Make a new friend for life by writing and receiving letters 3:30-4:30 p.m., May 29 at the Southern Oaks Community Center.

#### Family Fun Festival

Enjoy games and prizes, pony and train rides, inflatable obstacle course, face painting, a magician, food and much more from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., June 9 in front of Newman Fitness Center.

### Father's Day Raffle

Enter the drawing for a chance to win your dad a \$100 gift card to the Bass Pro Shop June 4 at the Liberty Woods and Southern Oaks Community Centers. The winner will be announced June 14.

### Yard of the month

Make your house a home by taking pride in your yard. GMH will be selecting one yard in each neighborhood to receive a prize. Winners will be selected every month for the next five months. June winners will be selected and notified by June 13.

### Popsicles at the Spray Park

Come beat the heat at the spray parks

and enjoy a free popsicle 1 - 2 p.m., June 14 at the Southern Oaks Community Center.

### Enjoy water games

Enjoy water balloons, water guns, and much more 2-3:30 p.m., June 28 at the Southern Oaks Community Center. Don't forget to wear your swim suit.

### Join neighborhood huddles

Be an active part of your community by attending your huddle and sharing ideas, issues or concerns with GMH 10:30-11 a.m., June 19 at Liberty Woods and June 21 and June 28 at Isenhower Village.

### Hunter

#### Father's Day Raffle

Enter the drawing for a chance to win your dad a \$100 gift card to the Bass Pro Shop.

The drawing begins June 4 and the winner will be announced June 15. The drawing is held at both GMH Community Centers.


### Yard of the month

GMH will be selecting one yard in each neighborhood to receive a prize. Winners will be selected every month for the next five months.

June winners will be selected and notified by June 12.

### Popsicles at the Spray Park

Come beat the heat at Spray Parks and enjoy a free popsicle 1 - 2 p.m., June 15.



## Ft. Stewart/Hunter Morale, Welfare and Recreation

**2007 Army Soldier Show @ FS & HAAF**  
30, 31 May- 7:00pm @ Newman Fitness Center  
6 June- 7:00pm @ Hunter Fitness Center

Enjoy an evening full of fun and entertainment! Admission is free!  
Register for AT&T's "Best Seats in the House" at both FS/HAAF  
Leisure Travel offices. 767-6212

**Cast Party:**  
FS: 30 May- 9pm (right after the show), Club Stewart.  
HAAF: 6 June- 9pm (right after the show), Hunter Club.  
Come for cake, autographs & to meet the cast!  
368-2212

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**Outdoor Pools Open @ FS & HAAF**  
26 May- 11:30am to 8:30pm (Daily)  
Start the summer off with a splash with the opening of  
Corkan, Bryan Village & HAAF Pools!  
Season will run through 3 September.

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**"The Springs" Water Park  
@ Cypress Creek Open**  
26 May - 18 Aug; 12 to 7pm (Daily)  
Come get soaked at The Springs! Ages 12 & under.  
Admission: \$1.00  
767-4273

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**SAS & Youth Services Summer Camps @ HAAF**  
28 May- 31 Aug, Youth Center

Eliminate summer boredom and join in on the fun! Both  
programs include field trips, sports, fitness, nutrition, arts &  
crafts, computer & recreational activities, community projects,  
4-H & Boys/Girls Club activities, and more!

**School Age Services Camp:**  
6am to 6pm (Mon-Fri)  
Open to children grades 1-5. Camp fees are charged weekly based  
on family income. No extra cost for field trips, meals & snacks.

**Middle School & Teen Summer Program:**  
12-8pm (Mon-Sat) 2-8pm (Sunday)  
Open to youth grades 6-10. There is no cost to participate in this  
program and free lunch will be provided at the youth center.  
Youth are responsible for field trip expenses.  
315-5708/6075

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**Learn How to Trap Crab/Low Country Boil**  
31 May- 9am to 5pm, FS Youth Center  
Participants will depart from the Youth Center at 9am for  
Midway, GA where they will have hands-on instruction on how to  
properly trap crab and prepare low country boil. Registration  
deadline is 29 May.  
767-4493/4491



# Ask the Judge

**Katherine Ingram**  
Staff Judge Advocate

**Question: What kinds of problems can the legal assistance office help me with?**

**Answer:** Legal Assistance offices can help with a broad range of issues including the following:

- Preparing and signing correspondence on behalf of an eligible client
- Negotiating with another party or that party's attorney
- Assistance with preparing legal documents
- When necessary, referring eligible persons to a civilian lawyer
- Drafting powers of attorney
- Drafting wills
- Giving estate planning advice
- Reviewing contracts and leases (before you sign, of course)
- Providing notarizations
- Assisting with military administrative issues (Reports of Survey, OER/NCOER appeals, QMP appeals, etc.)
- Family and domestic relations advice (divorce, separation agreements, AR 608-99 Family Support, custody, adoption, paternity and name changes)
- Giving advice on consumer issues (inaccurate credit reports, repossessions, harassing creditors, etc.)
- Preparing and giving advice on tax issues
- Answering questions about landlord-tenant issues
- Providing advice on immigration and naturalization issues

## Introduction to legal services

Best of all, the services of the legal assistance office are provided to you without charge!

**Q: Who is entitled to legal assistance?**

**A:** IAW AR 27-3, legal assistance is available to members of the Armed Forces of the United States and their Family members, retired military personnel and Family members, and survivors of members of the Armed Forces who would be eligible were the Soldiers alive.

Reserve component and National Guard personnel on active duty for thirty days or more are also entitled to assistance.

**Q: I am a 20/20/20 spouse and used to receive legal assistance but am now told that legal assistance will not update my will. Am I entitled to legal assistance.**

**A:** No, 20/20/20 spouses are not entitled to legal assistance. Though you retain an ID card, and are entitled to commissary, medical and certain other services, you are no longer entitled to legal services.

Many former spouses received services and advice in the past even though it is not authorized by Army Regulation 27-3 governing legal assistance. We are required to perform legal services within the guidelines of this regulation.

**Q: Are my conversations with a legal assistance attorney confidential?**

**A:** Yes, legal assistance attorneys hold all conversations and dealings with clients in confidence, as required by the rules of professional responsibility.

**Q: I have a civilian court date coming up, can I have a JAG represent me?**

**A:** Generally, no. Although all JAGs are licensed attorneys, most are not licensed to practice law in the state where they are stationed.

**Q: How do I setup a consultation with a legal assistance attorney?**

**A:** Consultations with attorneys are by appointment only.

You can call the Fort Stewart office at 767-8809 or 767-8819, or walk into the office and make an appointment. The Fort Stewart legal assistance officer is located in building 621. You can call the Hunter office at 352-5115, or walk into the office and make an appointment.

**Q: Are there any walk-in services?**

**A:** Walk-in services are limited to powers of attorney, notarizations, and emergencies. Office hours for these services are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Emergency legal situations are determined by the Chief of Legal Assistance and will be accommodated as our appointment schedule and workload permit.

**Bottom-line up front,** the most important consideration is that you get in to see an attorney as soon as possible when a legal issue arises. Time is always crucial and may be the difference between success and failure.

Come in and see us so we can get your mind off your legal problems and back to your mission!



### Adverse Administrative Actions

OMPF Filed General Officer Memoranda of Reprimand for DUI Offenses

**Specialist,** 1st Battalion, 64 Armor, BAC .167

**Specialist,** 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, BAC .127

**Staff Sergeant,** 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation, BAC .109

Locally Filed General Officer Memoranda of Reprimand for DUI Offenses

**Sergeant,** 3/7 CAV, BAC .201

**Specialist,** 3/7 CAV, BAC .146

## — Legal Notices —

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Spc. Eddie Daniel Tamez**, D Co. 3rd BSB, Fort Stewart, GA 31314, contact 2nd Lt. Charlene Smalls at 1st BCT, 3rd BSB, Fort Stewart, GA 31314, phone: 767-1921.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Pfc. David Austin Kirkpatrick**, D Troop, 5/7 Cav., Fort Stewart, GA 31314, contact 1st Lt. Levi Lenon, Rear Detachment D, 5/7 Cav., Fort Stewart, GA 31314.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Pfc. Nicholas Emerson Riehl**, A Troop, 5/7 Cav., Fort Stewart, GA 31314, contact 1st Lt. Levi Lenon, Rear Detachment D, 5/7 Cav., Fort Stewart, GA 31314.

# Heroes remembered at Warriors Walk

**Pfc. Amanda McBride**  
4th BCT Public Affairs

The 3rd Infantry Division and Fort Stewart- Hunter Army Airfield honored five fallen heroes with a tree ceremony at Warriors' Walk Thursday.

Families, friends, Soldiers and strangers bared rain and smoke to pay tribute to five Soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Spc. Forrest J. Waterbury, 25, from Wamego, Kan., was assigned to D Company, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment from 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart. Waterbury died March 14 near Ramadi, Iraq when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire.

Waterbury had six years of active duty military service.

"Spc. Waterbury was a highly motivated Soldier and took his job seriously," said Col. Todd A. Buchs, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander.

The second Soldier honored was Pfc. Joey T. Sams. Sams, 22, from Spartanburg, S. C., was assigned to 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment of, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Inf. Div. at Fort Benning.

Sams had one year of active duty military service.

"Pfc. Sams was a Soldier who knew the meaning of duty," said Buchs. "He gave one hundred percent in all he did and cross-trained other Soldiers in what he knew."

Sgt. Adrian J. Lewis 30, from Mauldin, S. C., assigned to D Company, 3/69 Armor, died March in Ramadi, Iraq, of wounds suffered when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire.

Lewis had six years of active duty military service.

"Sgt. Lewis raised the moral of his fellow Soldiers with his upbeat personality," said Buchs.

The fourth Soldier honored was Staff Sgt. Harrison Brown. Brown, 31, from Prichard, Ala., was assigned to B Company, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment of 3rd Brigade at Fort Benning. Brown died April 8 in Baghdad, Iraq, when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using improvised explosive devices and small arms fire.

Brown had 11 years of active duty military service.

"Staff Sgt. Brown was a devoted Soldier on the job and on the sports field," said Buchs.

David N. Simmons, 20, from Kokomo, Ind., also assigned to B Company, 2/69 Armor, died April 8 in Baghdad, Iraq, when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using improvised explosive devices and small arms fire.

Simmons had one year of active duty military service.

"Pfc. Simmons was a true example of selfless service," said Buchs. "Simmons put the needs of others before his own."

Thursday's tree ceremony brought the total number of trees at Warriors' Walk to 326. The Eastern Red Bud trees planted at Warriors' Walk serve as a liv-

ing monument to the great men and women of the U.S. Army, the National Guard, and the 3rd Inf. Div. Soldiers who have been immortalized by their sacrifices.



Pfc. Amanda McBride

**A 3rd Inf. Div. Soldier unveils the granite marker of Staff Sgt. Harrison Brown. Brown's marker represents the 326th Soldier honored on Warriors' Walk at Fort Stewart at the tree ceremony held May to honor fallen heroes from 3rd Inf. Div.**

## Army pilots gather at former classroom after 40 years



Gail Aldridge

**Gail Aldridge**  
Community Relations

Vietnam pilots and spouses returned to Fort Stewart April 27 to visit the site where they attended the officer's fixed wing aviator class.

A group of 16 pilots and Family members met attended class 67-9 in 1969. The class began their initial flight training at what was then known as Liberty Army Airfield. They trained for several months before moving on to the second phase of training at Fort Rucker and eventually to Vietnam.

The class began meeting annually nine years ago and decided to return to Fort Stewart and Savannah for the 10th reunion and the 40th anniversary of OFWAC 67-9.

During their visit, the group gathered for a group photo outside the former classroom located at Wright Army Airfield.

Harry Mitchell briefed the group with a historical presentation including photographs of the airfield in the early 1940s and progress since the beginning.

Memories of the Vietnam War surfaced when the group visited Warriors' Walk to consider how many of our Marine Division Soldiers have been killed in action since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom I.

"Only one of our unit was killed in action, in Vietnam. However, we have lost an additional four since our return," reflected Col. Gary Simon, retired.

Since the old officer's club has long since been removed and replaced, the group enjoyed lunch at Club Stewart. Next was a memorable trip to the Fort Stewart Museum, which included stopping at the Vietnam Memorial Monument there.

One of the last stops for the group was to get a hands-on simulation experience at the Close Combat Tactical Trainer at Evans Airfield.

The group was appreciative of Fort Stewart's hospitality. "Thank you for allowing us to revisit some old sites on the base and letting us tie up some memories. What an enjoyable reunion. Thank you for showing us what southern hospitality is all about," said Simon.

**Vietnam pilots and spouses visit Fort Stewart.**

# Education Matters



## Georgia HOPE Grant offered

The HOPE Grant is money given by the state of Georgia to students with financial need to attend vocational/trade schools. The Grant covers certificate and diploma programs. Any Soldier or Family member of a Soldier who is stationed in Georgia may be eligible. If you are interested in attending a Georgia vocational or trade school, inquire with your school's financial advisor or visit the Army Education Center to speak with a counselor.

## 18 months of MGIB benefits to go to spouses

The Secretary of the Army has approved the transfer of up to 18 months of MGIB benefits to spouses as a pilot program. This program became effective July 21, 2006. The program is bound by law to the retention of critical skills. Eligible Soldiers must have enrolled in MGIB on DD Form 2366 upon entry to active duty. If you cannot locate your Department of Defense Form 2366, check your official Military Personnel File or go online to Army Knowledge Online for details. Your education counselor can assist you with information about your MGIB benefits. Please contact your unit retention career counselor for details.

## Take an educational coffee break

Fort Stewart - Have an Educational Coffee Break with us on 9:30 a.m. Jun 5. A professional counselor will discuss setting and achieving educational goals, the programs offered at the Army Education Center, and funding options for active duty, Family members and DA civilians. They are available to help you maximize your potential as you are affected by Army mobility requirements. Join us at Building 100. Call 767-8331 for more information.

## Free SAT and ACT test prep software offered

The Victory Sports Group of NFL football players is sponsoring test prep software for military Families. There will be a small shipping charge for delivery. The sponsorship code is 2ad9c5ccfd for [http://sat.eknowledge.com/purchase\\_coupon.asp](http://sat.eknowledge.com/purchase_coupon.asp).

## Get \$4500 in tuition assistance

All active duty members have \$4500 per fiscal year for education. This entitlement is separate from the Montgomery GI Bill benefits available from the Veteran's Administration. Details are available at 1:30 p.m. Monday - Friday during a one hour brief at the education center, room 223. The [www.goarmy.com](http://www.goarmy.com) Web site provides 24 hours, 7 days a week virtual access for Soldiers. Our education counselors are available to assist in educational goal setting and

advising.

## College testing offered

Columbia College is now providing our college testing services. More than 70 CLEPs and DSSTs are computer based for immediate results. CLEP/DSST testing is free to Soldiers and costs vary from \$80 to \$100 per test for civilians. Columbia will also be the test proctor for all college distance learning tests. There is a \$20 fee for registration. Please call 767-7558 or 877-3406 for more information.

## Upcoming college term dates announced

Central Texas College, June 4-July 25, Aug. 13-Oct. 6, 767-2070 at Stewart, 315-4090 at Hunter.

Columbia College, June 4-July 25, Aug. 13-Oct. 6, 767-5336 at Stewart, 352-8635 at Hunter.

Embry Riddle, Aug. 6-Oct. 7, 767-3930 at Stewart, 352-5252 at Hunter.

Savannah Tech, July 9-Sept. 19, 408-2430 at Stewart.

Webster University, Aug. 13-Oct. 11, 767-5357 at Stewart, 354-0033 at Hunter.

## Savannah Technical College offers childcare

Childcare is available at the Airport Road Hinesville campus. Please contact Natasha Brown at 408-3024 ext 6026 for more details.

## Free college tutoring offered

Savannah Technical College is offering tutoring in math, English, computers, reading, etc. The service is available at the Hinesville Liberty Campus. Math and tutoring in the other subjects is offered Monday-Friday and is available some evenings.

Service at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center that includes math tutoring is offered at 3:10-5:30 p.m., Monday and Wednesday of each week. You don't have to be enrolled in Savannah Tech to participate. Call 408-3024 for more information.

## Register now for your GED

Now is the time to register for the General Education Diploma, 1-5 p.m., June 4-5 and June 18-19. For details, call 767-7322 or 767-7329.

## GED prep and enrichment courses available

GED preparation courses, offered in partnership with the Liberty County Adult Education Program are held at the Army Education Center on Fort Stewart. These courses will prepare you to take the GED or refresh your skills in basic

education subjects. Courses are free of charge on a space available basis.

The Sgt. 1st Class Paul Smith Education Center hours are: Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday evenings 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. in rooms 225 - 228. Please call 368-7322 or 368-7329 for more information.

## Computerized certification exams available

Hundreds of different certification exams, including many information technology, emergency medical technician, paramedic, IBM exams, etc. are now being administered on computer in room 165, at the education center.

Because the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center has become an official Pearson Virtual User Environment center, many Soldiers and Family members have access to a broader variety of tests. For more information, call the test administrator, at 767-9569, or, visit [www.pearsonVUE.com](http://www.pearsonVUE.com).

## Central Texas College offers scholarships

The Central Texas College Foundation office has more than 100 scholarships available to students.

These scholarships are not just for students at the Central Campus but many of these scholarships are available for students attending one of Central Texas College's World Wide Campus'.

Filling out a single application will give students the opportunity to be considered for all of their available scholarships. The application process is simple, visit [www.ctcd.scholarships.nelnet.net](http://www.ctcd.scholarships.nelnet.net), and set up an account.

## Look at your graduation options

2007 Graduates are being invited to join with the 2008 Graduates for the May 15, 2008 ceremony at Fort Stewart. We are recommending they contact their individual colleges for an alternate ceremony if they want to walk this year.

## Book-club volunteers needed at Hunter

Volunteers are needed to start a book club. You set the rules, you decide what you want to read. Anyone interested in starting the book club or participating in the club, please contact the Hunter Army Airfield Branch Library at 315-2403.

## Summer reading kicks off at Hunter

Story Time is every Wednesday from 10-10:30 a.m. for children ages 2 through 5. Join the Summer Reading Program kickoff party with lunch crafts and fun from 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., May 30 at the Hunter Army Airfield Branch Library. For more information call Veronica Restrepo at 315-2403.



Pfc. Gaelen Lowers

**Lt. Col. Douglas McBride, commander Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Bde, looks on as Major Larry Bergeron Jr., passes the unit guidon to 1st Sgt. Nelson Cooper during a change of command ceremony for the 385th MP Co., before turning it over to incoming commander, Capt. Bryan VanRiper.**

## COC

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VanRiper's awards and decorations include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Overseas Ribbon, the Korean Defense Service Medal and the German Armed Forces Efficiency Badge (gold).

Massey was born in Waverly, Ga. and enlisted in the Army as an

Infantryman in September 1987 and reclassified to Military Policeman in 1991.

Massey's civilian education includes an Associate Degree in General Studies from Central Texas College. His military schooling includes the Military Police Basic Course, Air Assault Course, Anti-Terrorism Instructor Course and Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Officers Course.

Massey's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with one silver oak leaf cluster, the National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with two bronze stars.

## VISIT

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The day was filled with travels to Forward Operating Base Salerno, Torkham Gate and then back to Bagram. The command team was able to gauge the challenges faced while deployed to Afghanistan. While traveling around RC East, the command teams took the opportunity to re-enlist and promote Soldiers. One re-enlistment focused on a Soldier with a chemical MOS who was re-enlisting to become an MP. The Command Team was given a brief on Task Force Dragoon's mission, followed by a meal with some outstanding Soldiers.

Quantock and Butler met with Soldiers from the 66th Military Police Company, TF Dragoon Staff, the 546th MP Co. and A Battery, 2nd Battalion 138th Field Artillery. They talked to the Soldiers about the future of the Military

Police Corps, the MP role in the Global War on Terrorism and Quantock's expectations of future MP leaders.

Quantock discussed the plan to cover the entire span of military police operations.

During the visit to Afghanistan, the regimental command team thanked the Soldiers for their sacrifices and as well as accomplishments while deployed.

To the Soldiers, a visit from the commandant and regimental command sergeant major was an experience never to be forgotten.

The regimental command team received a beautiful, green and gold embroidered rug as a small token of appreciation from their visit with the Soldiers, non-commissioned officers and officers of TF Dragoon. Both

Quantock and Butler agreed the work required and done in Afghanistan to train the auxiliary police, the uniformed police, the border police and the highway police, in cooperation with contractors and two brigade combat teams is graduate level work.

The Soldiers and leaders of TF Dragoon remain committed to the task while improving the level of security to the population.

Their resolve remains to win this war against the insurgency in Afghanistan while accomplishing two primary missions.

The battalion remains steadfast on separating the population from the insurgents and training the police to be a credible, professional force capable of providing enduring security to the people of Afghanistan.

## IRT

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"We've taken this seriously," Gale said. "We want to make sure Soldiers are trained and ready to deploy and fight in combat. This is our base line training so that our Soldiers are trained to survive in combat."

"I went through the first rotation," he said. "It's outstanding training."

IRT ensures that all new Soldiers who join the division after Mission Rehearsal Exercises receive the same quality training and are equally prepared to fight and survive in combat. Classroom portions of the training include media training, legal training, recognizing improvised explosive devices and how to react properly, and more. Soldiers also go to the range to qualify on their individual weapons.

"This training prepares our Soldiers for whatever comes up," Staff Sgt. Donna Stevens, a 3rd Inf. Div. Soldier going through IRT, said. "It's real life training."

The real-life applications of the training also impressed Sgt. Torcara Tolbert, another Soldier going through IRT. His next deployment will be his second, and the training made him more confident in his Soldier skills, especially reacting to IEDs and to enemy fire.

"You might have to do that and be ready to do it," Tolbert said. "If they put me in that situation, I'm prepared to fight for my country."

At other locations at Evans Army Airfield, Soldiers are learning how to treat Soldiers wounded in an IED attack, how to interact with Iraqis and be culturally savvy, how to cordon and search a village, and how to cordon and

search a building with several rooms.

Learning the Iraqi culture—proper greetings and offensive behavior to avoid—is important, Spc. Sherille Butler, a 3rd Inf. Div. Soldier going through IRT, said.

"We will be interaction with them on a daily basis," she said.

So far, 1,000 Soldiers, regardless of rank or specialty, have been trained in four months. The Soldiers going through IRT aren't the only Soldiers being trained. The trainers that conduct the exercises update the situations Soldiers will encounter during IRT every month based on situations that Soldiers deployed to Iraq are encountering, Gale said. Before the first IRT cycle in March, the trainers began their two-month training in January to ensure they were properly certified.



Kevin Larson

**Soldiers move in stack as they conduct building searches at IRT.**



Courtesy Photo

**Soldiers with the 385th MP Co. pose with Brig. Gen. David Quantock, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Butler, the military police regimental commander and command sergeant major, during their visit to Task Force Dragon in Afghanistan in March.**

# Family members reconnect at FOB Hammer

**Spc Ben Hutto**  
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

**Forward Operating Base Hammer, Iraq** – Pfc. Britny Roberts, an intelligence analyst with Headquarters Troop, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, wasn't sure what to expect during her first deployment to Iraq.

The last thing she expected was to see a Family member living on Forward Operating Base Hammer.

"I was eating breakfast and this voice behind me asked me how my food was," said Roberts with a smile. "I turned around and there was my uncle Johnny."

Johnny King, a civilian Kellogg, Brown and Root environmental assessment analyst, has been working in Iraq for three



Spc Ben Hutto

*Pfc. Britny Roberts, an intelligence analyst with HHT, 3rd HBCT, eats breakfast with her uncle, Johnny King, a civilian Kellogg, Brown and Root environmental assessment analyst, at Forward Operating Base Hammer, May 16.*

years. When he walked in the Desert Grille Dining Facility, he recognized Roberts immediately.

"I've watched her grow up since she was a baby," King said. "I knew it was her the moment I saw her."

The two quickly spoke and did what they could to catch up with one another.

Both of them have busy schedules that haven't left them much time for an extended Family get-together, but they have managed to make time on four more separate occasions to check on each other and talk.

"We talk about things we are doing and what we are going to do when we go home," laughed Roberts. "He's really excited about going fishing with my dad."

Roberts has always enjoyed her uncle's company, but admits that growing up she didn't see a lot of him.

"I have three daughters that will tell you the same thing," explained King. "I joined the Army at age 16 and did 12 years active duty and eight with the National Guard. I missed them growing up because the Army kept me so busy."

After King retired from the military, he decided to join the civil service so he could continue to help and be around Soldiers. After 20 years as a civilian contractor, King is still helping Soldiers as an environmental assessment analyst for KBR.

"We've been out here (FOB Hammer) working to get it ready for you guys since day one," said King. "We came out here when there was nothing. We were dropped out here with a bag of brand new tents and provisions and have been working ever since. We worked through sandfly bites, scorpion stings and dust storms. Through it all, we still got it all done. We got 72 tents put up in 14 days. It was tough."

King had much easier living conditions in Baghdad, but volunteered to come out to FOB Hammer.

"I'm definitely proud of him," said Roberts. "He is one of the bravest and most dedicated people I know. The main reason he is here is to help Soldiers. He doesn't care about money at all."

When King's daughter, Jacquelynn Pozala, was deployed to Iraq with the Air Force three years ago, he made the decision

to come over here and help the Armed Forces through KBR.

After three years of hard work, he has decided to extend for three more months to finish a water project that will supply FOB Hammer with more fresh running water.

"It's not about money," explained King. "I don't want for anything. It's about making sure you guys have a better life over here and doing my part to help out this country. I'm extending an extra three months to make sure you guys have all the water you'll need. You guys are all like Family. Sure the money is good out here for contractors, but how do you put a price on Family?"

King's giving attitude is not news to Roberts, who has always known her uncle to help others. She explained how he and his wife Bonnie would dress up as clowns to help entertain children, nursing home patients and local church congregations.

That generosity extended to some of the children of Iraq as well.

"There is one little girl that would peek over a wall at me every morning while I was working in the Green Zone in Baghdad," explained King. "She had the prettiest brown eyes. I would just give her a fresh bottle of water every morning so she and her Family would have clean water to drink. I guess I watched her grow up for two years, one bottle at a time."

King is glad his niece is stationed here at FOB Hammer.

"This is where I would want my daughter to be stationed if she was still over here," said King. "In the middle of an Iraqi training base is about as safe as you can get. Of course, it's good to be near her as well. I talked to her dad and he said he felt better knowing that she was over here with me."

Roberts agreed.

"He couldn't believe he was over here," said Roberts with a smile. "I know he is glad that we are here together."

As King's time here dwindles down, he is trying to accomplish as much as he can to ensure the Soldier's of the 3rd HBCT are taken care of. He is working 16- to 18-hour days to make sure that their needs are met.

"I can't say enough about our Soldiers," said King. "I think they are doing a great job. Any little bit I can do to help really means a lot to me."



## Overwhelming summer hire applicants necessitate lottery

The Fort Stewart Civilian Personnel Advisory Center received more than 900 applications for the 2007 Student Temporary Employment Program. While the Garrison leadership would like to afford every student who applied with employment, only 208 positions are available for the 2007 Student Temporary Employment Program. Subsequently, selection for employment was conducted under a lottery system.

Nametags were constructed for applicants who submitted an application by the established first cutoff date of April 30. The nametags were placed in four separate envelopes based on vacancy announcement number. Where an applicant applied for both laborer and file clerk, nametags were placed in two of the four envelopes. As an example, 307 applicants applied for the file clerk positions located at Fort Stewart. All 307 nametags were placed into the envelope. The Garrison will employ 69 file clerks at Fort Stewart. This process was implemented for all four vacancy announce-

ments.

The CPAC extended job offers for the Student Temporary Employment Program during the week of May 14. In addition, to receiving telephonic notification of selection, selectees will receive written notification of selection and instructions regarding in processing. In processing will occur 8 a.m., June 11, at Woodruff Theater. Selectees will be required to bring photo identification and bank account information to in processing.

Students not selected for the Student Temporary Employment Program will receive written notification of non-selection. Non-selection does not indicate the student was not qualified for the position but rather the unfortunate fact that we received more application than we have positions to fill. Due to the high volume of non-selection letters (700+), estimated completion date for notification of non-selection is May 29.

For more information, call Angela Francis at 767-8358.

Marne Television Schedule	
6:30 a.m.	National Anthem/ DogFace Soldier
6:35 a.m.	Daily Devotional
6:40 a.m.	Audience
6:55 a.m.	Daily Devotional
7 a.m.	Marne Report
8 a.m.	Marne Chat w/Dina McKain
8:30 a.m.	AUDIENCE
9 a.m.	Pentagon Channel Iraq briefings/Audience
10 a.m.	Audience
10:30 a.m.	Education Matters w/Kaytrina Sharp
11 a.m.	3rd ID in Iraq- DVIDS/Audience
11:55 a.m.	Daily Devotional
Noon	Marne Chat w/Dina McKain
12:30 a.m.	Marne Report
1 p.m.	CG Stand Up
1:30 a.m.	CGs NewComers Brief
2 p.m.	Pentagon Channel Iraq briefings
3 p.m.	SMS video
4 p.m.	CG Stand Up or Audience
5 p.m.	Marne Chat w/Dina McKain
5:30 p.m.	CG Stand Up or Audience
5:55 p.m.	Daily Devotional
6 p.m.	Marne Report
6:30 p.m.	Education Matters w/Kaytrina Sharp
7 p.m.	Marne Report
7:30 p.m.	CG Stand Up or Audience
8 p.m.	Safety Concerns W/Kaytrina
8:30 p.m.	CG Stand Up or Audience
9 p.m.	Marne Report
9:30 p.m.	Audience
10 p.m.	Audience
10:30 p.m.	Marne Report
11 p.m.	Marne Report
11:30 p.m.	Education Matters w/Kaytrina Sharp

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# 2nd BCT Soldiers deploy to support OIF V

**Sgt. Lina Satele**  
2nd BCT Public Affairs

The 3rd Infantry Division's deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom V continued May 17, as Soldiers boarded a plane headed for Iraq. Over 170 Soldiers left on this flight, more than 15 from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team.

For Spc. Krista Ceretti, an X-ray technician from C Company, 26th Forward Support Battalion, the duration of the deployment doesn't bother her.

"I've been here on Fort Stewart for about six months and have just gone through a successful surgery, so I am ready to join my buddies forward," Ceretti said. "There's only one thing that's sinking in right now and that's the fear of the unknown. But, I know I'll get over it when I get into theater. I want to at least have one deployment under my belt before I change over to

becoming an officer."

Like most of the Soldiers, Ceretti had Family show up at the deployment to say goodbye. Her grandparents drove from Jacksonville, Fla. to help take some of her belongings home and to keep her company before she left.

"She came home this weekend to visit, and spend time with us," said Jean Gordon, Ceretti's grandmother. "I have five grandchildren and she is the only one in the service. So of course, we're here to support her every step of the way."

For most of the Soldiers heading to Iraq on this flight, it will be their first deployment. Some are leaving precious cargo behind.

"She's only two-weeks-old and sleeps all the time," said Pfc. Matthew Poole, B Company 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, about his newborn daughter McKenzie.

"I don't want to leave them," Poole

said. "I will always cherish the day I brought her home. I just wanted to be there for them and make sure that they were settled before I left."

Poole's wife plans to relocate back home to Talladega, Ala. while her husband is deployed.

"I'm going to miss him terribly, and I know that he's doing this for his Family, for us," Jessica Poole said. "When I gave birth, I saw how he went from husband to father in a matter of seconds, and that I will always remember."

Although the Soldiers will miss their families, they understand the calling.

"I know that it's going to be hot and I'm probably going to miss all the things that I took for granted, but I know it's worth it to fight for my country and for something that we believe in," Sgt. Amber Franklin, a medic from Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2nd BCT, said as she boards the bus to Caro gym.



Sgt. Lina Satele

**Soldiers from 2nd BCT stand in formation moments before boarding the bus May 20, in front of the 2nd BCT Headquarters, before going to Hunter Army Airfield for their deployment to Iraq.**

## Infantry unit dedicates combat outposts to fallen Soldiers

**Sgt. Natalie Rostek**  
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

**COMBAT OUTPOST CLEARY, Iraq** – Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team have established three combat outposts in the unit's area of operation, all named after their fallen comrades.

While in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom V, 1/15 Inf. moved from Forward Operating Base Hammer, where brigade headquarters is located, to Combat Outposts Cleary, Cahill, and Cashe.

According to Maj. John Cushing, operations officer for 1/15 Inf., the battalion was assigned to the outposts to be closer to the communities and people they are here to secure. He said moving closer to the towns, where they will be conducting their operations also allows for the battalion to better intermingle with the locals.

"To live with the populace and experience what they experience, you get a better appreciation for the area," Cushing said.

COP Cleary is named after 1st Lt. Michael J. Cleary, 2nd Platoon Leader for E Company, 1/15 Inf., who was killed during an improvised explosive device strike on Dec. 5, 2005 during OIF III in Ad Duliayah, Iraq.

According to Capt. Mathew Garner, commander for C Company, the unit had moved from a pharmaceutical plant to COP Cleary almost immediately. When they arrived at the former government building and greenhouses, there was nothing but one run-down building. Rubble and broken glass covered the ground, rendering it nearly impossible to maneuver vehicles.

"It only took one day, really, for the inside of the building to be cleared," Garner said, "and about a week or two to get all the glass cleared away."

After hard work and dedication from the Soldiers at COP Cleary, the outpost now has toilets, a shower facility, and the Dragon Inn dining facility area.

"It's gotten so much better here," said Sgt. 1st Class Quentin Fenderson. "Especially with the new chow hall and showers. Most of the Soldiers would rather just stay here than go back to (FOB Hammer) for showers and chow."

D Company occupies COP Cashe, which is named after Sgt. 1st Class Alwynn Cashe. Cashe was a platoon sergeant in A Co. during OIF III.

He died on Nov. 8, 2005 from injuries suffered during an IED strike on Oct. 17, 2005 in Ad Duliayah, Iraq.

"The firefighters help us out," said Staff Sgt. Quentin Heard, tank commander with D Company, 1/15 Inf. "They bring bread; they help us get our water running. We help them

too. Like if one has a headache or something, we will get with our medic to try to help them."

COP Cahill, named after Capt. Joel Cahill, Commander of B Company, 1/15 Inf. during OIF III, who was killed Nov. 6, 2005 in an IED attack in Ad Dwar, Iraq, is the smallest of the three outposts and is believed to be the former Hunting Club security building for Saddam Hussein's sons, owned by the Ministry of Agriculture.

"It's getting better everyday," said Spc. Anthony Hartley, A Company, 1/15 Inf. "We have the phones and Internet, all we need is a place to wash clothes and I'll be set."

Although the Soldiers don't know how long they'll stay at the post, they continue to make improvements, with the resources at hand, for the time they are there.

"It's my job," Hartley said. "If I wasn't prepared to do whatever I needed to, I wouldn't have signed on the dotted line."

## Special Operations Aviation Regiment deploys Chinook to Afghanistan

**Kimberly T. Laudano**  
160th SOAC Public Affairs

The 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) deployed the first MH-47G Chinook helicopters to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in March.

After the first two and one half months of the deployment, the detachment of aircraft executed numerous combat missions, flying more than 460 flight hours and maintaining a readiness rate of more than 97 percent.

Lt. Col. Manfred Little, commander of 3rd Battalion, 160th SOAR, who deployed the new aircraft, said that the MH-47G is proving to be

an impressive aircraft for his aviators who are conducting extremely challenging operations in Afghanistan, often on zero illumination nights with limited visibility from blowing dust and haze.

"The MH-47G Chinook provides an increased safety and situational awareness capability by allowing the pilots to navigate utilizing a digital moving map display with a height-above-terrain feature, a fused image display and a RADAR picture of the terrain along the flight path," said Little.

"This mission aids allow our pilots to safely navigate above the hazardous terrain to put the ground force on target plus or minus 30 seconds."

New technology onboard the MH-47G is also taking mission planning to a whole new level.

"On our first direct action mission with the G-model, the Flight Lead, with unprecedented speed and accuracy, was able to perform calculations on the fly for both the infil and exfil on three different flight routes with various allowable cargo loads to multiple helicopter landing zones," recalls Little.

This allowed the FL to provide more options to the ground force commander than ever before, enabling the commander to provide maximum combat power on the objective.

On another occasion, 160th crews received a time-sensitive mission while in-flight. The

crews leveraged the technologies onboard the MH-47G to develop a plan en-route to their staging location. They quickly transferred the information electronically between aircraft at the staging area, providing an accurate mission plan within the short mission timeline.

"This is a tremendous leap in planning capabilities and accuracy compared to previously establishing a plan in flight with paper maps and in a blacked out cockpit," said Little.

The 160th is growing its fleet of Chinooks and replacing the aging mixed fleet of D- and E-model Chinooks with the newest G-models.

These modernized rebuilt aircraft include all the features of the MH-47E with the addition of a few modifications.

# Organizational Day helps deploying Soldiers make memories

**Pfc. Gaelen Lowers**  
*3rd Sustainment Bde. Public Affairs*

The Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade held an organizational day at the local YMCA May 17 for their Soldiers and Families.

There was flag football, dodge ball, a dunk tank, swimming, face painting for the kids and even a miniature train ride.

"We wanted to have something for

our Soldiers who are getting ready to deploy," said STB Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Tolbert. "(It's) something for the Soldiers and their Family members."

The entire event was mainly set up by the veterans association, the local community and the STB rear detachment, whose job is to take over the responsibilities of the Soldiers that are deploying.

"It's nice to have a day to relax, just

let our hair down and enjoy," said Tolbert.

The advance party for the 3rd Sustainment Bde. deployed May 20 and the main body leaves at the end of May.

"This will be the last time we can be together as a Family," said Lt. Col. Douglas McBride, commander of the STB. "We've been doing about six to nine months of hardcore training, 18-hour days. Today's all about Family."



Pfc. Gaelen Lowers

*The Vet Express makes its way around the track taking the Soldiers and their children for a ride during the STB, 3rd Sustainment Bde. organizational day held at the YMCA May 17.*

## *Sustainment Brigade advance party joins 3rd Inf Div fight*

**Pfc. Gaelen Lowers**  
*3rd Sustainment Bde. Public Affairs*

The advance party of the Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Brigade deployed May 19 from Fort Stewart in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The advance party deploys before

the main body of Soldiers to get information and lay the foundation.

In the fall of 2002, the Division Support Command deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I, earning the Presidential Unit Citation.

The Division Support Command

was re-named the Division Support Brigade and deployed to Iraq in the fall of 2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III.

In January 2005 the STB, 3rd Sustainment Bde. deployed to Baghdad, Iraq as part of Multi-National Division Baghdad in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III.

The STB deployed to Kuwait December 2005 where it facilitated the redeployment of the 3rd Infantry Division.

"I'm looking forward to (the deployment)," said Maj. David Moore, battalion operations officer. "We're a volunteer Army and this comes with the territory."