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## 3ID to become larger, more diverse

**Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs**  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — “It’s like breaking China,” said the commanding general who has proposed to make his division larger, diversify his brigades and turn all his Soldiers into riflemen.

Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), seized Baghdad and helped in the stabilization of Fallujah. They know what tactics work against an unconventional enemy, and what vulnerabilities make American troops targets.

Their task now is to turn their four brigades into five rapidly deployable “brigade units of action” that are able to plug into any division and independently fight a high intensity conflict.

“The chief told me that he wants five maneuver brigades that look exactly alike to respond to all the needs of combat-

ant commanders when a crisis occurs, and he said that he wants it to happen ASAP,” said Maj. Gen. William Webster, 3rd Inf. Div. commanding general, referring to instructions given to him by the Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker.

Part of Schoomaker’s instruction was to see if the reorganization could take place using existing resources within the division. However, the proposal on the table now would cause the division to get larger by about 2,000 to 3,000 troops, Webster said. The brigade numbers would stay the same, but combat troops would decrease by about 10 to 15 percent, he added.

Each brigade unit of action will have one fewer company-size element and less artillerymen, Webster said. However, it will have more military policemen, better command and control assets to talk to each other over long distances, and more certified troops to call in close air support, he added.

The transformation of the mechanized division will require more than requesting more troops and equipment; the Soldiers

are in for some tumultuous times because they are going to have to break precious ways the Army used to do business to create a new organization.

“Soldiers don’t mind breaking things,” Webster said, “but in the beginning it will be difficult because there will be some frustration and confusion. It’s not something that they can’t do, but it will be a big challenge.

“They will need to get their equipment combat ready again. Junior leaders will have to learn a number of new tasks and then retrain a lot of new Soldiers. There will be engineers, medics, artillerymen and a host of other Soldiers who will be assigned to a brigade commander who is not accustomed to taking care of Soldiers with their job specialties.”

Change has begun, and one of the first lessons learned from Iraq that is being implemented into the reorganization is making sure that every Soldier is comfortable being a Soldier first,

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Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody

**Col. William F. Grimsley, 1st Bde. commander, pins the Soldier’s Medal on Sgt. 1st Class Bryant Caldwell at the 3/69 Armor motorpool Jan. 15.**

### 3/69 NCO earns Soldier’s Medal

**Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody**  
Staff Writer

Under sunny Georgia skies, a Soldier from 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment was awarded with the Soldier’s Medal Jan. 15 for his bravery rescuing Soldiers who were injured in an attack on their vehicle in Baghdad, Iraq.

The afternoon of May 26, while serving as the S4 noncommissioned officer in charge for 3/69, Sgt. 1st Class Bryant Caldwell witnessed an enemy bomb attack on a scout Humvee from 2nd Battalion 7th Infantry Regiment which left the vehicle burning and the crew inside. Caldwell rushed to the vehicle to rescue the scouts, despite the possibility of subsequent attacks, and began to remove the Soldiers from the accident scene as others called for medical evacuation.

As Caldwell reached safety with the second injured crewman, the fire in the Humvee reached the ammunition cache, igniting secondary

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**Capt. William Brodany of A Btry., 1/9 FA, observes Howitzer fire during 1/9’s train-up for the National Training Center.**

### 1/9 rains fire from skies

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Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery rained a hail of 155mm shells down at Fort Stewart’s Table 18 training area Jan. 14 to evaluate their readiness prior to the unit’s upcoming rotation to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

“Table 18 has a little of everything — high explosive rounds, smoke, observer

coordination, multiple aiming points,” said Capt. Todd Smith, 1/9’s fire direction officer. “It’s our last chance to get all 18 of our guns firing before the reorganization.”

Smith referred to the impending reorganization of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) from four brigades into five smaller, more agile “units of action.” Smith’s unit is slated to have 12 guns after the shift.

Several of 1/9’s M109 Paladin Howitzers fired on a single target, a low

concrete structure, from seven to 13 kilometers away, and adjusted fire according to reports from A, B and C Battery commanders who acted as forward observers. The observation group that watched rounds fall from an overlook several kilometers from the target also included commanders from each of Stewart’s field artillery battalions.

“These are basic call for fire missions

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Joe Burlas

**Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Preston’s wife, Karen, helps pin on his new sergeant major of the Army insignia Jan. 15 at the Pentagon.**

### Preston sworn in as Army’s new top NCO

**Joe Burlas**  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Introduced by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker as the right man for the job, Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Preston was sworn in as the 13th sergeant major of the Army during a Pentagon ceremony Jan. 15. Preston replaces Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley who was recognized for his 35 years of service during a retirement ceremony earlier in the day.

As sergeant major of the Army, Preston will act as the Army chief of staff’s personal adviser on all enlisted-related matters, particularly in areas affecting Soldier training and quality of life. That job entails extensive travel throughout the Army to observe training and talk with Soldiers and their families. He will also sit on a variety of councils and boards that

make decisions impacting enlisted Soldiers and their families and testify before Congress on Soldier issues.

“(Preston) is the finest noncommissioned officer in the (NCO) Corps,” Schoomaker said. “We have a real Soldier here. I am confident he will serve our Soldiers well as we transform and reorganize our Army.”

One of the Soldiers Preston will serve is his own son, Spc. Michael Preston. Michael is a member of the 327th Military Police Company, an Army Reserve unit based in Maryland and currently deployed in Iraq. Michael was able to attend the swearing-in ceremony as he was home on leave under the Central Command Rest and Recuperation Program. Because his son is a reservist, Preston said he believes that he will be able to better serve the Army Reserve and National

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<b>FRI</b>	High 58°	Low 32°
<b>SAT</b>	High 59°	Low 45°
<b>SUN</b>	High 63°	Low 42°

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# BattleKings train for NTC rotation



Photos by Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody

The morning sun hits 1/9's Bradleys as the unit's leaders prepare to monitor Paladin fire at Table 18. The target is several kilometers in front of the observers.

## FIRE

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we're doing," said Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 1/9 fire support specialist Sgt. Gary Wright. "Here at the observing post we're adjusting the Paladin's fire so the rounds hit in the target area."

The call for fire went out from the observation post, and seconds later a deep bellow sounded from the Bradleys deep in the forest, followed by a huge spray of dirt and smoke in the target area. As the dust settled from the blast, a loud crack and concussion wave rumbled past the observers and echoed off the surrounding trees. The explosion sent a flock of egrets fleeing into the forest from the wetlands in the impact zone.

"Right on! Fire gun two!" shouted 1/9 commander Lt. Col. Steven Merkel to his radio telephone operator.

Another round splashed down, but well to the right of the target area. Merkel ordered the gun to fire again, with similar results. The gunners traced the error to muzzle velocity and were eventually able to hit close to the target.

"Right now we're fine tuning everything to make

hits as accurately as possible," Merkel said. "The reality with field artillery is that pretty close is good enough. These rounds are absolutely devastating to their targets."

All of Stewart's artillery units must go through the Table 18 evaluation before they go to NTC, according to 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery Regiment commander Lt. Col. Michael Antonietti.

"In preparing for any missions we might have at NTC, we've got to ensure that we're meeting the five elements of accurate, predictable fire," Antonietti said. "Firing battery location, target location, accurate computations, accurate weather data, and accurate information on the weapons and ammunition must all come together to drop the round within 35 meters or so of the target. I guarantee anything within 35 meters of an HE round will feel the effects."

Rounds fell steadily throughout the morning, the 1/9 guns increasing in accuracy with each shot.

"Every artilleryman loves to watch rounds land and blow things up," Antonietti said. "It's always fun and it's what we're paid to do."

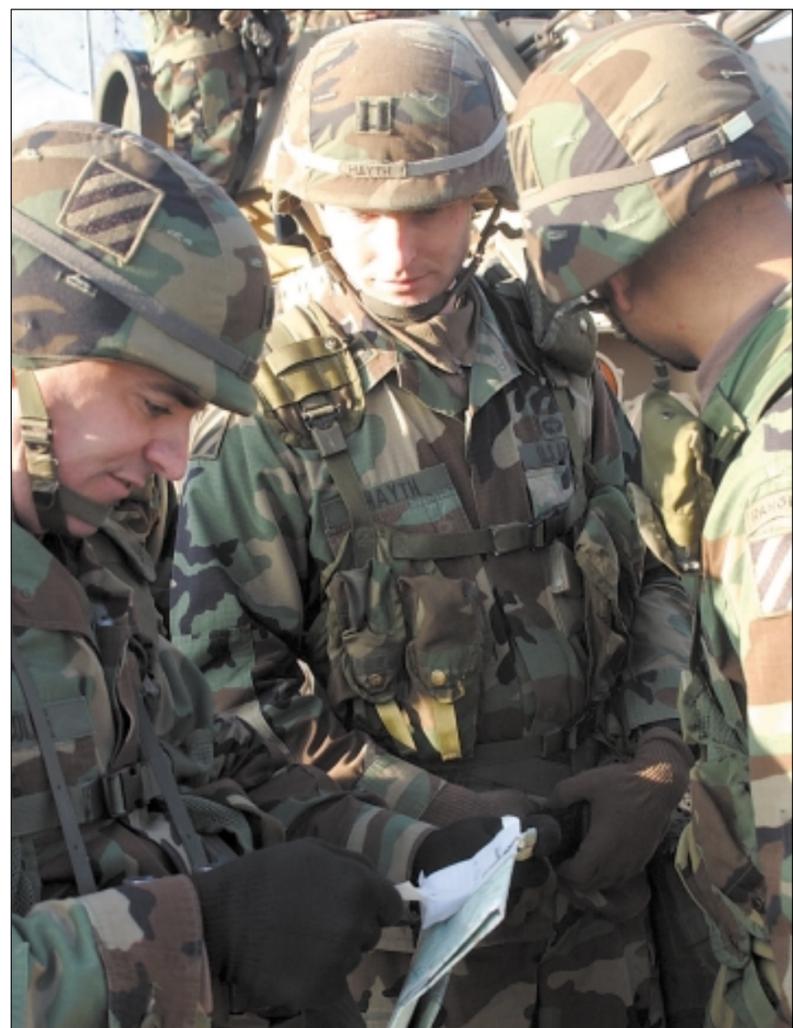
**A 155mm high explosive shell falls on its target, sending smoke and debris flying, as well as scaring some birds.**



1/9 commander, Lt. Col. Steven Merkel, points out the target to forward observers.



Capt. William Brodany of A Btry. and Capt. Kevin Capra of B Btry. look over the target area before calling for fire from their Bradleys miles behind them.



Lt. Col. Noel Nicolle of DIVARTY goes over a map of the target area with 1/9's Capt. Bennett Hayth and Maj. Kenneth Parks.

# Rangers recognize Soldiers for OEF, OIF

**Sgt. Craig Zentkovich**

NCOIC, Hunter Public Affairs Office

In the past year, it has become a rarity for Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, to be back at Hunter Army Airfield for extended periods of time.

Deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan and other regions for months at a time have hindered the opportunity to hold a formal ceremony.

On Jan. 15, adorned in dress uniform, the Rangers received awards and recognition for their meritorious service at the Departure and Arrival Control Group building.

Congressman Max Burns was on hand to help present Bronze Star Medals and Army Commendation Medals with Lt. Col. Michael Kershaw, 1/75 Rangers, commander.

"We had a less formal ceremony in the summer where we presented the Soldiers with the valor awards," Kershaw said. "I'm glad we're finally able to recognize these Soldiers and all their hard work."

In March and April, 1/75 Rangers, were deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. One of their missions was to rescue and recover Soldiers from the 507th Maintenance Company, including Jessica Lynch.

"At the time (of the rescue mission), I was attached to (Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1/75) on rehab assignment for back surgery," said Staff Sgt. Josh Marple, Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal awardee. "It was



Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

**Capt. Donald L. Kingston A Co., 1/75 Ranger Regt., platoon leader, is awarded the Bronze Star Medal by Lt. Col. Michael Kershaw, 1/75 Rangers, commander, and U.S. congressman Max Burns during a ceremony at Hunter Jan. 15.**

a large-scale mission which required a lot of Rangers, so I volunteered."

Marple was humble and modest in the explanation of his

duties during the mission. "Among other things, I drove a truck."

The Rangers, after returning home in April, departed again in July; going to Africa, where they remained until Aug. Two months later, they once again deployed; this time to Afghanistan. In mid-December, they redeployed to Hunter.

Although the deployments have meant many months away from home, they have been beneficial to the proficiency of the battalion, according to Kershaw.

"We've been able to capitalize on lessons learned in a very short time," he said. "This is a veteran unit — I don't worry about these Soldiers when they come under contact. I know they'll get the job done."

Kershaw added that his troops are never concerned with how many enemies there are — just where they are.

"Every Soldier in the battalion has contributed to accomplishing the mission," said Cpt. Donald L. Kingston, A Co., 1/75 Rangers, platoon leader and Bronze Star Medal awardee. "In general, I believe there are plenty more who deserve similar recognition."

Additionally, every Soldier who had participated in combat operations during the deployments was formally presented the coveted combat infantry badge.

As for what the future holds for this frequently deployed, elite fighting force, Kingston keeps it simple.

"We're going to continue doing what we have to do to support the global war on terrorism — wherever and whatever that may be."

## Tilley hangs up his muddy boots, bids Army farewell

**Sgt. 1st Class Marcia Triggs**

Special to The Frontline

WASHINGTON — Through tearful eyes and a wavering voice, retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley promised his wife no more deployments and muddy boots, but long walks and more days to do yard work.

Tilley ended a 35-year career in the Army Jan. 15 at a ceremony held at Fort Myer in Arlington, Va. He has made it known to his close friends that he is looking forward to retiring in Florida, but he struggled to clear the lump in his throat and fight back the tears to make his farewell speech as the 12th

sergeant major of the Army.

"Although I am taking off my boots for the last time this morning," Tilley said, "I am a Soldier, no matter what uniform I wear."

Standing at 5 feet 7 inches tall, he is no giant, but whenever Tilley walks into a room he's looked up to by both junior Soldiers and senior leaders.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker said that he has only worked with Tilley for about five months, but he sees that he's a ball of energy ... devoted to improving the quality of life of Soldiers and their families.

"He has worked tirelessly behind the

scenes ... He has testified before the United States Congress communicating Soldiers' concerns about housing, health care and compensation," Schoomaker said. "And Congress listened, and they approved increased base pay and targeted pay raises for our NCOs (noncommissioned officers.)"

Soldiers don't expect to get rich soldiering, Tilley said. They only ask that their leaders train them hard and truly care for their welfare, he said. Soldiers learn very quickly if you have their best interest at heart, Tilley added.

"Sergeant Major (Tilley) just doesn't say he cares about us, he does," said Spc. Contress

Noel-Maberry, a medical specialist at Fort Myer.

While stationed in Germany, Noel-Maberry said that Tilley intervened and helped her get a compassionate assignment to the States to get help for a family member who was enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program.

"I felt proud to be a Soldier to know that the sergeant major of the Army cared enough about me to help me and my family," Noel-Maberry said.

The Army's Soldier of the year, Spc.

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# VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

## Identity theft touches Soldiers

**Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.**  
Staff Writer

Identity theft is a crime that is becoming prevalent in our society. In many cases that have been prosecuted, all the perpetrator had to do was obtain an individual's Social Security number to begin a spending spree that often devastates the victim's credit.

Soldiers are constantly being identified by their Social Security numbers. In most military facilities the last four digits of a social is a more common way to get a Soldier's attention than by calling out Smith or Johnson. I remember standing in line at the dining facility and calling out my name and last four every day in basic training.

I have stood in line at the dentist or doctor's office and looked at piles of medical records, all of them with the Social Security number and a Soldier's full name plainly displayed.

If all a criminal needs is a Social Security number to

begin stealing, then in most military settings a criminal can just keep their eyes and ears open, and maybe a notebook handy.

Yet it may go farther than that. According to a recent e-mail from the Department of the Army Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts Division, summary court officers in daily or weekly bulletins for debt collection notices have published Social Security numbers of deceased servicemembers.

One might think that if a person has such notices being published that the deceased may not have such good credit after all. This is not true, since in many cases the next of kin is waiting on settlements to be made concerning the deceased, and will eventually come into a large sum of money.

Pretty tempting for some

**Commentary** — to take a sergeant major's name and ruin what he has worked for 30 years to build. There are plenty of stories available on the Internet concerning military victims of identity theft. Triwest Healthcare Alliance

had a theft of Social Security numbers, birth dates and medical records of more than half a million people in 16 western states. The article at <http://www.newsmax.com/archives/articles/2003/1/10/174327.shtml> tells the story of how a healthcare contractor in control of medical benefits for military, military dependents and military retirees lost information due to Triwest's interactive databases.

Once a thief has control of your information, it is very hard to prove that you are a victim of fraud, even after the perpetrator is caught.



Identity theft is hard to avoid when you are in the military, but there are ways to protect yourself and make it hard for thieves to get your information. Shred all bank and credit card statements, do not discuss personal financial information on a cellular or wireless phone, write the department of motor vehicles in your state to protect your personal information from disclosure, and make sure anything bought off the internet is purchased from a secure Web site.

Check your credit rating often. This way you can be sure that nothing has been billed to you that you did not purchase.

Military life is very demanding, and the pay is enough to survive and be comfortable. Do not fall victim to identity theft, because it takes countless time and effort to convince creditors that you are innocent. It is a crime that can follow you for years.

### Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

Who are you rooting for in the Super Bowl and why?

"Carolina — they've got a strong defense that'll see them through."

**Spc. Troy Williams**  
450th Ordnance Co.



"I'll go with the Patriots, but only because I've got a friend who likes them."

**Pvt. 2 Darin Volkhart**  
92nd Eng. Bn.



"I think Carolina will win, but I'd rather see the Patriots get it."

**Sgt. Maj. Jackie Gedling**  
711th Signal Bn.



"Neither one — I'm a Cowboys fan."

**Spc. Justin Hunter**  
C Co., 3/15 Inf.

"I'll take the Patriots — they've got better defense and that's what wins games."

**Staff Sgt. John Brown**  
1171st Trans.



"Carolina — they're the first expansion team that I liked."

**Spc. Marius Gravelly**  
293rd MP Co.

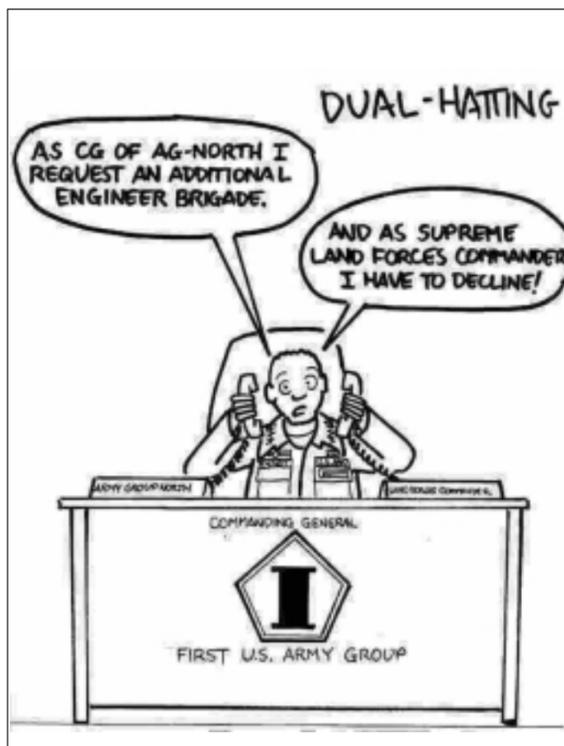
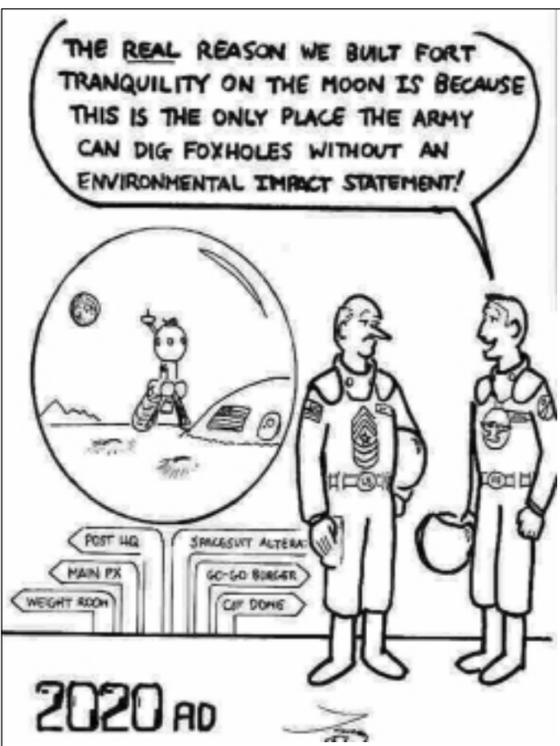
## FLYING SHADOW...



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Perry Solomon

An F/A-18C Hornet assigned to the "Marauders" of Strike Fighter Squadron 82 casts its shadow onto a U.S. Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker as it prepares to refuel. VFA-82 is currently deployed with Carrier Air Wing 1 aboard USS Enterprise in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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# Training materials offered at IG Web site

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The Inspector General of Fort Stewart has compiled an electronic resource library at [https://intranet1.stewart.army.mil/IG/Web1/Resources/inspector\\_general\\_resources.htm](https://intranet1.stewart.army.mil/IG/Web1/Resources/inspector_general_resources.htm) to aid all Battalion, Brigade and division staff in obtaining training materials as well as information on legal, medical safety briefings and chaplain related material.

"By speaking with leaders and junior leaders, one of the things that we found was needed

was a repository for everything from range control to legal documents," said Lt. Col. Kyle George, deputy inspector general. "If a young lieutenant or noncommissioned officer was tasked to do a class, they had to start from scratch. Now all sorts of training related materials are available on the website to use for training purposes."

"We approached the construction of the Web site from two different angles," said Jim Hudson, webmaster for the inspector general's office. "It's not only for senior leaders, but for any leader to have the resources they need to

make their unit more proficient and run more efficiently. When we created the website, we tried to keep both levels of leadership in mind."

The Web site is logically organized so the general Army person can find what they need, George said. The creators made it easy to navigate and the Web site uses common army terminology.

We spent about two months planning and creating the Web site," Hudson said. The idea for the Web site came from George's conversations with other senior leaders. They agreed they all needed a one stop shopping center for

information." The Web site is also a place for new and good ideas to be published.

"It's a living document, it's always growing," George said. "If someone has a good idea, it can be submitted to me or Mr. Hudson."

The Web site is a resource center that people can visit not only to make their life easier, but to make their mission happen faster and more efficiently, George said.

"The main purpose of the Web site is so leaders don't have to play 'where's Waldo' when it comes to training materials and good ideas," George said.

## Making the healthcare system work for you

**Laurie Kemp**

Win Public Affairs Officer

Going to the doctor or picking-up a prescription is an inevitable fact of life. Sometimes it is unexpectedly easy to book an appointment or pick up a prescription and other times, you'd rather pull your own teeth out than wait on hold or in line any longer. We've all been there and wondered, "What's the major malfunction?"

The truth is, booking appointments and filling prescriptions can sometimes be a lengthy process, but that doesn't mean you have to succumb to it. You simply have to know how to make the healthcare system at Winn Army Community Hospital and Tuttle Army Health Clinic work for you.

This article is going to tell you just that — from alternatives in booking appointments to emergency room visits to quick prescription pick-up options.

### Appointments

Appointments can be scheduled in two ways — online through the hospital Web site at [www.winn.amedd.army.mil](http://www.winn.amedd.army.mil) or through the appointment line at 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

### Online appointments

Booking online is a safe, time efficient way to schedule wellness appointments with your Primary Care Manager. Wellness appointments are routine visits to clinics such as family practice and pediatrics and can be booked at [www.winn.amedd.army.mil](http://www.winn.amedd.army.mil).

First-time users must complete the one-time online registration prior to scheduling an appointment. Within a few minutes of registration, the user will be sent an email confirmation.

Once the confirmation is received, the user may book appointments anytime.

### Appointment line

The call-in appointment line, which averages two minutes per caller, is just as efficient as online booking, said Marilyn White, Family Practice medical appointments clerk. While wellness and same day appointments are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis, the key to successful booking is to keep checking for appointments throughout the day, White said, because cancellations do happen.

### Wellness appointments

Wellness, or routine appointments are available 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. by calling the appointment line at 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221. To avoid longer wait times when scheduling a wellness appointment, call after 8 a.m.

### Same day appointments

Same day appointments are for acute conditions, such as vomiting, diarrhea, fever or sore throat. These appointments are available 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for TRICARE Prime patients and 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for TRICARE Standard patients.

White encourages patients to continue calling in throughout the day to check on the status of available same day appointments because cancellations do happen.

### Emergency room

Sometimes the emergency room sounds like the best option, either because the situation is an emergency or because it seems like a quick alternative to scheduling an appointment.

Emergency medicine doctors are primarily trained to treat or rule out life-threatening illness or injuries, treat serious pain or discomfort and then recommend the clinic that can

best suit the medical needs of the patient for further care.

Some of the injuries and illnesses the ER staff are best equipped to handle include: severe headaches, lacerations, fractures, acute chest pain, ear pain, vaginal bleeding, environmental injuries to include heat and cold weather injuries and severe pain, whether in the teeth, lower back, abdomen or ankle.

If you have a dire medical need, such as serious bleeding or intolerable pain, then go to the ER. If the situation doesn't warrant a visit to the ER, but you're not sure about what else to do, try scheduling a Same Day Appointment or calling one of the nurse advice lines.

### Nurse lines

The Family Practice Nurse Advice Line is available 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday to answer healthcare questions. Call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221, leave a message and within 90 minutes a nurse will return the call.

### Pediatric Nurse Advice Line

The Pediatric Nurse Advice Line is available 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday to answer pediatric healthcare questions. Call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221, leave a message and within 90 minutes a nurse will return the call.

### TRICARE Nurse Line

The TRICARE Nurse Line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling 1-800-333-5331.

### Prescriptions

Filling a prescription can be time consuming, however, it doesn't have to be because Winn offers patients convenient options — from three Fort Stewart locations to online refills that allow patients to choose the pick-up point to a class that allows patients to get over-the-counter medication

without seeing the doctor.

Patients may pick-up their refills at one of three locations — Winn, Tuttle or the Fort Stewart PX. Follow the automated instructions carefully to ensure proper pick-up location.

For more information on pharmacy hours and "Take Care of Yourself" class, see the briefs on page 10A.

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Pharmacy Refills:  
[www.winn.amedd.army.mil](http://www.winn.amedd.army.mil)  
and 370-6575

Pediatric Nurse Advice Line:  
767-6633

Family Practice Nurse Advice Line: 767-6633

TRICARE Nurse Line:  
1-800-333-5331

# REORGANIZATION

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Webster said. Soldiers must be confident and competent with their own weapons and be able to pick up their buddies' weapons, he added.

There is a program in place now where Soldiers will be shooting a lot more ammunition and using a lot more simulators than before, Webster said. Everyone from the journalists and the mechanics to the brigade commander will have the same level of confidence along with being able to live and defend themselves in the field from the front to the rear," he added.

"The enemy is learning from us," Webster said, "... and they're looking for vulnerabilities to strike with explosive devises and rocket-propelled grenades ... so we want our Soldiers and their vehicles to exude a fearless confidence that would make the enemy think twice before attacking a convoy or command post."

Webster is working with the Army staff to acquire more machine guns and grenade launchers to put on vehicles.

While in Baghdad the division had to secure high value assets and set up numerous checkpoints to prevent terrorist attacks. Security mis-

sions alone started to absorb Soldiers and equipment all over the city. Webster's goal is to train more Soldiers to fight, so that combat Soldiers don't have to be used for security.

Besides changes to training tasks, other challenges at the division level will be overcoming the chaos that will occur when every unit identification code is affected. UICs are alphanumeric codes that help supplies flow to units. It's a system that allows personnel actions to occur, training readiness to be recorded and money to be budgeted.

"We are going to perform a very complex process of moving property from one UIC to another," Webster said. "I predict that some parts we order for one company will show up in another company. We're just going to have to make sure that things don't go awry."

In order to make sure that this massive restructuring project meets the Army chief's guidelines, a division staff was created. Lt. Col Eric Wesley is the chief of Reorganization, G7, and he served as the 2nd Brigade Combat Team executive officer during the push into Baghdad.

"We have a near-term mission," Wesley said,

"which is to plan and then develop a course of action to increase our deployable entities and ensure that the division doesn't have to deploy every time a brigade-size element does ... in the meantime, we must remain combat ready."

This is not a 3rd Inf. Div. initiative, Wesley iterated. This is an Army initiative, and Training and Doctrine Command has the long-term mission, he said.

TRADOC was given the responsibility of focusing on Modularity, which is one of Schoomaker's 16 focus areas, Webster said. Modularity would give smaller units a degree of flexibility and more power. The 3rd Inf. Div.'s role is more immediate, but will keep TRADOC informed to help with their long-term Armywide reorganization plans, he said.

Previously, whenever there was a change to be made in the Army it would be handed to TRADOC to do an analysis and eventually come up with and execute a plan, Wesley said. Now both organizations have parallel guidance.

Reorganize, train, tweak some more, go back and train some more until it's time to deploy again, is the direction Webster has from

Schoomaker. The first newly formed brigade unit of action will be trained at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin Calif., in late February.

The first three brigades will be fairly easy to reorganize, but standing up the last two will take time because more people and equipment are needed to make them whole, Webster said.

The 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky., commanded by Maj. Gen. David Petraeus, has the mission of reorganizing next. The 101st Abn. Div. has officially begun to redeploy their more than 18,000 troops after serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"What I have initiated to do for (Major) General Petraeus is to let him know what courses of action didn't work for us and what concepts caused the Army staff some difficulties," Webster said. "We will offer them anything that will help them start at a level further down the road than we started."

**Editor's note:** *This is the second in a series of articles on Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker's focus areas. This one discusses "Modularity."*

# MEDAL

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explosions. With the Humvee totally engulfed in flames, Caldwell returned to the vehicle to rescue the stricken vehicle, ammunition exploded, sending fire and shrapnel in all directions and hitting him in the chest. With multiple puncture wounds and burns, Caldwell continued on to the vehicle to retrieve the remaining scout. The badly wounded and exhausted Caldwell carried the Soldier to safety.

"I got hit by something, but to this day I have no idea what it was. If I had to do it over again, I would," Caldwell said. "I just didn't want anymore Soldiers to die out there. I was doing what I

would have done for anybody."

Once all of the crewmen were removed from the vehicle, Caldwell administered first aid to the wounded crew until overcome by his own wounds. Caldwell's actions saved the lives of two of the scouts at the risk of his own.

Col. William F. Grimsley, 1st Brigade Commander, pinned the Soldier's Medal on Caldwell before the entire battalion at the 3/69 motor pool.

"He's a tremendous hero, rushing in again and again with things burning and exploding all around him and Soldiers dying," Grimsley said. "It was just an unbelievable act."

# SMA

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Guard as Michael has no problem discussing reserve-component issues — "the good and the bad" — with his dad.

"With 20 to 25 percent of our forces currently in Iraq being Guard or Reserve, their issues are important," Preston said.

Serving the nation in the military is a family tradition, Preston said. His mother served in the Air Force and his father in the Army during the 1950s. Both attended the swearing-in ceremony. All of his uncles served in the military, during World War II or the Korean War. Four of those uncles were also present for the ceremony.

Among Preston's stated priorities in his job are: ensuring Soldiers are properly trained and equipped to win against the nation's enemies; instilling the warrior ethos in all Soldiers as "every Soldier is a rifleman first;" facilitating change as the Army embraces new formations,

technologies and tactics; and caring for Army families.

Change has been and will continue to be the norm for the Army, Preston said.

"Our enemy on freedom's frontier is adapting to our tactics everyday and so must we adapt and change our tactics to defeat this threat," Preston said. "Change and evolution are not new to us. Our veterans here today have seen many improvements and changes in our structure and tactics over their service.

"With the foundation of basic Soldier skills to build upon, we will continue to chart an azimuth to adapt to this ever-changing battlefield."

Preston has served in the Army for 28 years, mostly in armor units throughout his career. Prior to his selection as sergeant major of the Army, he was the command sergeant major for Combined Joint Task Force 7 in Baghdad, Iraq.

# Authorization key to offpost habitation

## Inspector General

Special to The Frontline

**Question:** *I live in the Barracks and my Squad Leader told me that I could move off post, so I went out and signed a lease with a local apartment. Now, the Battalion Commander says that I can't move off post. Since I've already signed a lease, he is required to let me live off post, right?*

**Answer:** What we have here is a "failure to communicate." We've seen this happen a few times over the past couple of months since soldiers have returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom. Here's the deal:

First, you need to understand that there are two systems at work here. One is called the "Barracks Upgrade Program," which allows E-5 and E-6

Soldiers to live off post. The other is the process to allow E-4 and below Soldiers to live off post. They are distinctly different programs, but generally work the same way.

For E-5 and E-6, follow the guidelines in the standard operating procedure for the Barracks Upgrade Program, which each battalion S1 should have a copy of.

For E-4 and below, the garrison commander has delegated his authority to allow Soldiers to live off post to the first colonel in the Soldier's chain of command.

For all ranks, the procedure is to submit a Department of the Army form 4187 through the company commander and battalion commander for approval. This is called the **request**. Then, the first colonel in the Soldier's chain of

Command must approve the request. This is called **authorization**. After the authorization, the Soldier can then go out and get a **lease agreement**. You've got to do it in that order, otherwise you could wind up with a lease agreement first and then get disapproved somewhere along the line. That would not be good.

What we've seen at the IG Office are two scenarios. The first is that sometimes the Soldier hears what he wants to hear and runs out and gets a lease agreement without approval. The second is where company and battalion commanders require Soldiers to provide a lease agreement prior to authorization from the first colonel in the chain of command. Both these scenarios are incorrect. Remember, **request, authorization then lease agreement**.



## It's that time again ...



Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, Jr., 3rd Inf. Div. commanding general and Col. William A. Hudson, division Staff Judge Advocate, cut the ribbon at the Marne Tax Center, which is open from Jan. 21 to April 15 to help Marne Soldiers file their tax returns. The center is located in Bldg. 9611 in the National Guard area. For more information, call 767-3909 or 767-6761.

## College open to civilians too

### Coastal Courier

Special to The Frontline

Area residents may now benefit from a Columbia College education. The college has received certification from Georgia to expand its educational services at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

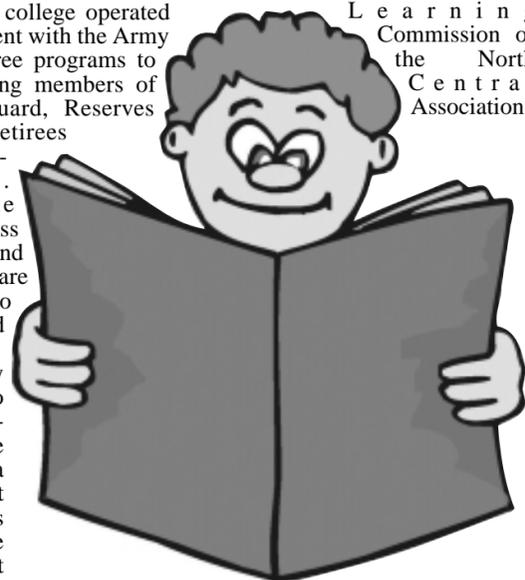
Columbia was certified by the Nonpublic Post-secondary Education Commission. Prior to certification, the college operated under an agreement with the Army and offered degree programs to Soldiers, including members of the National Guard, Reserves and military retirees and their dependents. Undergraduate degrees in business administration and general studies are now offered to both military and civilian students.

"We're very pleased to receive certification from the state of Georgia and believe that it will open doors for many people in the Fort

Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield areas," said Don Stumpf, director of the college here.

Columbia has had extended campuses at Stewart and Hunter since 2002. Classes are held in eight-week sessions, which start five times a year. Columbia College serves more than 10,000 students at its main campus in Columbia, Mo., and at 31 extended campuses around the country.

It is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association.



# Abandoned vehicles can be towed

**Provost Marshal Office**  
Special to The Frontline

Attention all Command Sergeants Major and First Sergeants! Are you sick and tired of having broken down, abandoned vehicles cluttering up your parking lots and creating an eye sore? Do you want to do something about the brown '86 Mitsubishi Galant with four flat tires sitting in front of your barracks that a Soldier "forgot" about before he moved away? Well you have the power to solve this problem!

According to the Fort Stewart Supplement to Army Regulation 190-5, which governs Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, any person granted the privilege of operating a motor vehicle on the Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield installations shall be deemed to have given his or her consent for the removal and temporary impoundment of the privately owned vehicle when it is abandoned. They have also agreed to pay for the cost of towing and storage should their vehicle be removed.

Of course, there are certain steps that need to be taken, but before you know it, the wrecked blue '99 Neon Plymouth will be a distant memory. First, all attempts to locate the owner of the POV must be made. The Military Police can

assist with this by running tag, decal, or vehicle identification numbers. If you would like to identify the owner of a vehicle you believe to be abandoned on Ft Stewart, call the MP Desk at 767-4895, or the Traffic office at 767-6390. On Hunter, call the MP Desk at 352-6133. If the owner has



left the area, all reasonable attempts must be made to notify them that their vehicle is in danger of being towed. If the owner cannot be identified or found, it can be considered abandoned, and the Military Police will tag it with an abandoned vehicle notice. The owner will be allowed three days from the date the POV is tagged to remove the vehicle before impoundment action is initiated. If the vehicle has not been moved after three days, it will be removed by a contracted civilian wrecker service. A notice of vehicle impoundment will be for-

warded by certified mail to the address of the last known owner and lien holder (if applicable) of the vehicle to advise them of the impoundment action.

Soldiers looking for alternate ways to get rid of their vehicles (with clear titles and proof of ownership) should consider the Auto Resale Lot, at Hero Road and West 6th Street on Stewart. By going to the Auto Shop with proof of ownership, valid identification and \$10, you can leave your vehicle on the Auto Resale Lot for a one-month period. Call the Auto shop at 767-3527 for more information. If it just will not sell, or there isn't enough time, consider donating the vehicle to a charity and getting a tax write off for your generosity. Local agencies such as Goodwill are more than happy to take a worn out vehicle off of your hands. They do not even require it to be running, and they will come to Stewart to pick it up from you. If you are interested in donating a vehicle to Goodwill, call Connie Curtas at 1-800-847-8117.

Bottom line, the maroon '94 Nissan 240 SX does not have to become a permanent static display in your parking lot. It can be sold, it can be donated, or it can be towed. If you are having problems with abandoned vehicles in your unit area, the Military Police can help.

## ASK THE JUDGE

### Filing Your Taxes

**Q: When must I file my taxes?**

**A:** Taxes must be filed by April 15, with limited exceptions.

**Q: What if I need more time because I can not meet the April 15 deadline?**

**A:** If you are not able to file your return by the due date, you generally can get an automatic four month extension. This is an extension to file your return, NOT an extension to pay. To get this extension, you must file Form 4868 by April 15. This form can be filed in paper form or electronically.

**NOTE:** Interest charges will apply to any tax not paid by April 15. So, if you know that you owe taxes, send the IRS a check with your estimated tax payment. Once you file your tax return, the IRS will reimburse you if you paid too much, or, alternatively, send you a bill for the amount you still owe. If you owe money, that money will be subject to interest rate charges.

**Q: What if my spouse is stationed in Korea, Germany or somewhere else outside the United States and Puerto Rico?**

**A:** Assuming that your spouse is NOT in a combat zone, your spouse is allowed an automatic two month extension to file his return. However, if your spouse owes taxes, interest will be charged from the regular due date until the date the tax is actually paid. To get this extension, your spouse must attach a statement to his return, explaining how he is qualified for this extension.

**Q: If my spouse is serving his country outside the United States, may I file my spouse's tax return?**

**A:** Yes, you may file your spouse's return. To do this, bring a valid power of attorney, along with all other necessary paperwork, to the tax center. Our tax preparers will then file your spouse's return. If you want to send your spouse's return to the IRS yourself, instead of e-filing the return at our tax center, you will need to send the IRS Form 2848. This form is a specific power of attorney that the IRS requires. You can get this form at the Legal Assistance Office, building T-37, or at the Marne Tax Center.

**Q: If my spouse is deployed in a combat zone, must my spouse file his/her return by April 15?**

**A:** No. If your spouse is deployed in a combat zone, your spouse has 180 days after his return from the combat zone, PLUS the number of days he served in the combat zone during the tax season (and if applicable, PLUS the number of days spent in a hospital due to combat related injuries). Assuming no injuries, a Soldier deployed to a combat zone has at most an additional 285 days to file his tax return after returning home. Contact the tax center for more advice.

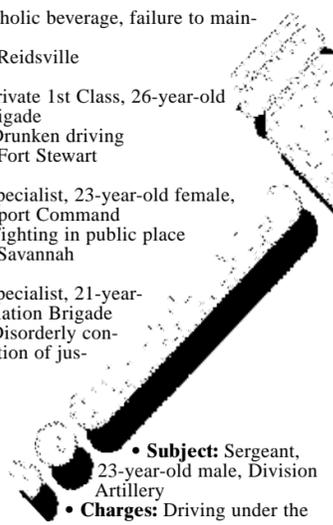
**Q: Where can I call for more advice?**

**A:** Contact the Marne Tax Center at 767-3909/6761 for more information about taxes and tax filing extensions.

## POLICE REPORTS

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine, wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving wrong way on one way street, driving under the influence
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 29-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 26-year-old male, 24th Support Group
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, open con-

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 26-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Drunken driving
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old female, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Fighting in public place
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Disorderly conduct, obstruction of justice
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 23-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Driving under the



- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 80/55
- **Location:** Pembroke
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 26-year-old male, Engineer Brigade
- **Charges:** Drunk/disorderly, communicating a threat
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 22-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 77/45
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 22-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving with suspended or revoked

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 32-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Simple assault, disorderly conduct
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 19-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Drunken driving, operating auto without headlights on
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 75/55
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 18-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Simple assault on a police officer
- **Location:** Savannah

# 3ID IN BRIEF

## Stewart

### Sergeants Major Association

The Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Sergeants Major Association is inviting all local active duty and retired sergeants major to its next organizational meeting, 3 p.m., Friday at Club Stewart. For more information call Sgt. Maj. Calvin Smithers at 767-0903.

### Marne Tax Center

The Marne Tax Center opened Wednesday and will be open until April 15. The hours of operation are:

#### Jan.

Monday through Friday  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Feb. and March

Monday through Friday  
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Saturday (ending March 13)  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### April

Monday through Friday  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The center is located in Bldg. 9611 in the National Guard Training Area.

For more information call the tax center at 767-3909.

### Red Cross Instruction

The American Red Cross is asking for your assistance in the handling of emergency messages for Soldiers during National Training Center rotations. All emergency Red Cross messages will be handled by the Fort Irwin Emergency Operations Center which is currently operating with minimal staff.

In order to facilitate the passing of emergency communications to your Soldiers in a timely manner, please consider the following recommendations:

- Brigades may consider providing Soldier(s) to supplement the EOC staff during their rotation.

- All units should ensure their current Alpha Roster indicates which Soldiers are at NTC and which Soldiers are part of their rear detachment.

For additional information, please contact Carrie Mead, Fort Stewart station manager, or Heather Conkle, command relations team leader, at 767-2197.

### DUI-free unit awards

The Army Substance Abuse Program is now accepting nominations for the April 2004 DUI-Free Awards Program.

Request all units eligible to self nominate for their DUI-Free Award by close of business Feb. 23.

ASAP will not be able to accept any nominations after COB Feb. 23 (no exceptions). Any nominations received after Feb. 23 will be awarded next quarter in July.

To nominate your unit, ASAP will need the name of the unit being nominated, the last accountable date a DUI was given to your unit, which award it will be, and the Point of contact and telephone number for the unit.

Please submit all nominations no later than Feb. 23 to ASAP. ATTN: Barry L. Graham, via email to **GrahamBL@stewart.army.mil**

## Hunter

### Hunter Golf Club

Hunter Golf club will host a Payday Activity Golf Scramble Jan. 30 at 12 p.m.

The driving range is now open and new hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Buckets of 60 balls are \$4 and 30 balls are \$2. For more information call 352-5622.

### Notice of availability

The Department of the Army hereby gives notice of availability of an EA for construction of a consolidated Ranger Complex to include Battalion Headquarters, Company Operations Complex, and an Equipment Maintenance Complex.

These facilities are necessary to facilitate mission servicing for the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Hunter Army Airfield. The EA addresses the potential impacts to the human environment to include wetlands, cultural resources, threatened and endangered species, and the surrounding environment. The EA, resulting in a FONSI, indicates that no significant adverse impacts would result from the proposed action.

A copy of the EA and FONSI is available for public review from Dec. 29 to Wednesday at the following public libraries. All public review comments must be received no later than Wednesday.

### Community meeting

Hunter will hold a community (town hall) meeting Feb. 3, 7 p.m., at the ACS ballroom. The meeting, open to all members of the Hunter Army Airfield community, will address the concerns and questions of residents.

### Active parenting

Army Community Service is conducting each Wednesday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Jan. 14 to Feb. 18, a session for parents of children ages 5 to 12. In these sessions parents learn styles of parenting, winning cooperation, responsibility and effective discipline techniques, communication skills and building courage, character and self-esteem in their children. Child care may be provided but participants must sign-up in advance. For more information contact Regina Mims at 352-6816.

### Pot of Gold

There will be a Pot of Gold Awards Ceremony Feb. 10, 1 p.m., in the ACS ballroom. The ceremony will recognize family members for their outstanding volunteer service to the Hunter community.

### Hunter Tax Center

The Tax Center, located in Bldg. 1279 on Neal Blvd. (behind the Ranger PT field), will have its grand opening Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.

Hours of operation are:

#### Jan.

Monday through Friday  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Feb. and March

Monday through Friday  
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Saturday (ending March 13)  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### April

Monday through Friday  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 352-5278.

## Winn Army Community Hospital

### Flu Shots

Flu shots will be available for all beneficiaries beginning Tuesday in the immunization clinic. The clinic is open 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information regarding the shots, call 370-6878.

### New OB-GYN Walk-in Hours

The new walk-in hours for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology are 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday thru Wednesday and Friday and 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

### Pharmacy Change

Refill prescriptions must be ordered and picked-up at the refill pharmacy, located in the hospital, or the satellite pharmacy, located at the Post Exchange. Refill prescriptions will not be filled at the main pharmacy. For more information, call 370-6040.

### Refill Pharmacy

The refill pharmacy is open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Refills can be ordered by calling 370-6575 or 1-800-652-9221 or online at **www.winn.amedd.army.mil**.

Orders placed before 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday will be ready for pick-up the next working day after 7:30 a.m. Orders called in after 2 p.m. Friday will be ready Monday after 10 a.m.

### Satellite Pharmacy

The pharmacy is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. New prescriptions can be dropped off and picked up the next day.

Refill prescriptions can be ordered by calling 370-6575 or 1-800-652-9221 or online at **www.winn.amedd.army.mil**.

Orders placed before 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday will be ready the next working day after 9 a.m. Orders called in after 2 p.m. Friday will be ready Monday after 10 a.m.

### "Take Care of Yourself"

The next "Take Care of Yourself" class at Winn will be held 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday. Tuttle's class will be held 10 to 11 a.m. Jan. 28.

The class gives an overview of how to use the "Take Care of Yourself" book. Upon completing the class, you will receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from Winn or Tuttle.

To register for the class at Winn, call 368-3048, or Tuttle's class, 1-800-652-9221.

### Tobacco Cessation Classes

Tobacco Cessation classes at Winn will be held 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays from Feb. 19 to March 11 or 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays from Feb. 17 to March 9. Tuttle's class will be held 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays from Feb. 4 to 25. To register for Winn's classes, call 370-5071. To register for Tuttle's class, call 1-800-652-9221.

### Tuttle Information Desk

Tuttle Army Health Clinic's new Information Desk phone number is 352-6500.

## Rewards for Information



**A \$1000 reward** is being offered for information leading to the recovery of stolen property and/or the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the theft of eight general mechanics tool kits from the rear yard area of Building 1509, A Company, 703rd Main Support Battalion. The incident occurred between Dec. 6 and Dec. 17. The reward offer expires March 24.

**A \$500 reward** is being offered for information leading to the recovery of the

property and/or arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the larceny of an AN/PVS-7A Night Vision Device from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment. The incident occurred between Aug. 20 to Dec. 11. Reward offer expires March 31.

**A \$500 reward** is being offered for information leading to recovery of stolen property and/or the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the larceny of an NA/PVS-14 Night Vision Device from B Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment. The

incident occurred between Oct. 27 and Nov. 25. The reward offer expires March 31.

**A \$250 reward** is being offered for information leading to the recovery of property and/or the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the larceny of ten assault backpacks and three Magellan Global Positioning Systems from the supply room, B Co., 3/15 Inf. The incident occurred between Dec. 18 and Jan. 7. Reward offer expires April 20.

**A \$200 reward** is being offered for information leading to the recovery of property and/or the arrest

and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the larceny of two laptop computers from Building 631, Room C3-4. The incident occurred Dec. 15.

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

Those with information concerning one of these matters are encouraged to call the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division at 767-5030 and ask for Special Agent Castorena, or the Military Police desk at 767-4895.

## Marne TV

### January 2004 Schedule

Marne TV can be found on Comcast Cable Channel 16 every day of the week. Tune in to the Marne Report seven times a day for the latest from Stewart and Hunter.

5 a.m.  
5:30 a.m.  
6 a.m.  
7:30 a.m.  
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12:30 p.m.

Army Newswatch  
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Navy News  
Army Newswatch  
**MARNE REPORT**  
Navy News  
Air Force News  
Army Newswatch  
**MARNE REPORT**  
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Navy News  
Army Newswatch

# Important road closure information

Georgia 119 North and Georgia 144 on Fort Stewart will be closed through Friday during the Division Fire Control Exercise (Gunnery). The highways will remain closed until 6 p.m. Jan. 22.

**Information on Roads Closed:**

Georgia 119 North will be closed from cantonment (Gate 6) to Installation boundary. During these days, individuals traveling from the Pembroke area to Stewart or from Stewart to Pembroke area may use either U.S. 280, I-95, U.S. 17, Ga. 196 and U.S. 84, or via Glennville using U.S. 280, U.S. 25, and Ga. 196.

Georgia 144 East will be closed from installation boundary on the Richmond Hill side near I-95 to 144 West at the intersection of Stewart 1 and County Road 63. During these days individuals traveling from the Richmond Hill area to or from Fort Stewart may use U.S. 17, Ga. 196 and U.S. 84. Individuals traveling from Glennville area to or from Stewart may use U.S. 25, and Ga. 196.

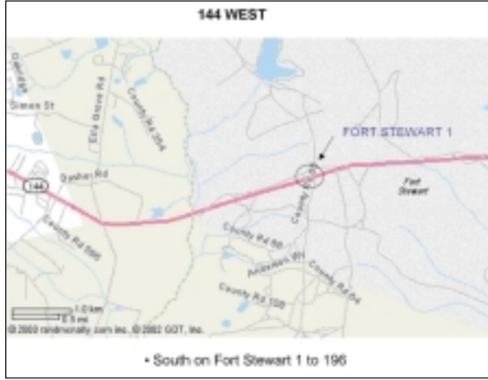
Wright Army Airfield can still

be accessed from Ga. 47, but there will be no access from Ga. 47 to Ga. 144. There will be a detour at Gate 3 leading vehicles back to U.S. 84 in Hinesville. Individuals who need to access from U.S. 84 may use either General Screven Ave to Gate 1 or Olmstead Dr to Gate 2.

Military Police will be stationed at all road blocks/detours to direct traffic.

Gate 6 (Ga. 119) will be used only for emergency vehicles during the dates of closure. Any persons requiring access out of Gate 6 to reach their workplace, will be required to have their agency head obtain the appropriate permits at the MP Station, building #280. This permit will be shown to the MPs at Gate 6 and the vehicle will be allowed to exit/enter the cantonment. There will be NO access to the roads from outside post boundaries, regardless of passes.

Further questions may be directed to the Stewart PMO Operations office during the duty day at 767-1721, or the MP Desk 24 hours a day at 767-4895.



**For all your Classified needs call 368-0526**

# Tilley

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Sgt. Russell Burnham, said that Tilley has done so much for him by giving him a chance to earn his current title. It was Tilley's idea to honor a Soldier and NCO of the year at the Department of the Army level two years ago.

This year Burnham and Staff Sgt. James Luby received \$30,000 in prizes respectively, and received the chance to travel with Tilley on a USO tour to Southwest Asia right before the holidays.

"What you see is what you get," Burnham said giving one reason why Tilley is so loved and revered among Soldiers. "No matter where life leads us, I will always look to him as my superior."

The list of people who have met Tilley and grown to love or admire him extends past his military life, and it was apparent when country music singer Darryl Worley made changes to his schedule to make an appearance at Tilley's retirement dinner. In attendance at his retirement ceremony was Karri Turner from the J.A.G. television series; John Layfield, known as wrestler Bradshaw; and Meredith Whitney from Fox news.

Tilley said he has a lifetime of memories from visiting Soldiers in all four corners of the world, but he has also provided Soldiers with memories of him doing one-arm pushups, telling his one and only joke of a private he ran into at the airport who didn't recognize him, and then there is the sight of him grooving on stage doing the electric slide.

Thanks to Soldiers, Tilley said he survived the streets of Saigon and was able to stand in the streets of downtown Baghdad 35 years later.

Now Tilley is going to focus on being a husband, father and grandfather. He doted on his three grandbabies, and choked up when he talked about how his sons grew up without him at home most of the times.

"That is my only regret," Tilley said. "I missed so much of your youth," talking to his sons Brian and Kevin. "I hope that these next 35 years I can try to make up for all the birthdays I missed."

Hours later after Tilley bid farewell to the Army, Schoemaker swore in the 13th sergeant major of the Army.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army

Kenneth O. Preston was joined by his wife, Karen, his two sons: Kenneth Jr. and Michael, a specialist in the Army; and his daughter Valerie.



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**Retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley salutes while his wife Gloria stands at a modified position of attention during his retirement ceremony Saturday at Fort Myer in Arlington, Va.**

## CENTCOM News

### **Detainee treatment investigation**

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Friday an investigation was initiated into reported incidents of detainee abuse at a Coalition Forces detention facility. The release of specific information concerning the incidents could hinder the investigation, which is in its early stages. The investigation will be conducted in a thorough and professional manner. The Coalition is committed to treating all persons under its control with dignity, respect and humanity. Lt. Gen. Ricardo S. Sanchez, the Commanding General, has reiterated this requirement to all members of CJTF-7.

### **4th ID's 24-hour activity**

TIKRIT, Iraq — Soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division and Task Force Ironhorse have over a 24-hour period, conducted 155 patrols, five raids, and captured 40 criminals. Ten of the patrols were joint operations conducted with the Iraqi Police, the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps and the Border Guard to continually improve the safety and standard of living for the Iraqi people.

Weapons and equipment confiscated in raids and patrols throughout the Task Force Ironhorse area of operations include 20 AK-47 assault rifles, three machine guns, one rifle, one shotgun, one pistol, six rocket-propelled grenade

launchers, one RPG, four grenades, one mortar round, two artillery rounds, 15 pounds of PE-4 plastic explosives, one 60-millimeter rocket, 770 rounds of 7.62-millimeter ammunition and eight improvised explosive devices.

### **4th Infantry Division Soldiers, ICDC killed in IED attack**

TIKRIT, Iraq — Three 4th Infantry Division Soldiers and two Iraqi Civil Defense Corps members were killed Jan. 17 when their combat patrol was ambushed with an improvised explosive device north of Baghdad. Two other 4th ID Soldiers were wounded in the attack. The patrol was conducting a surveillance sweep for IEDs when the attack occurred.

The IED detonated by the first Bradley Fighting Vehicle in the patrol causing the vehicle to catch fire. A quick reaction force immediately cordoned the area and detained three individuals fleeing the area in a white truck. Upon searching the truck, Soldiers discovered IED-making material in the vehicle. The three men have been detained for questioning.

The wounded Soldiers were evacuated to the 28th Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad and are in stable condition. The deceased ICDC Soldiers will be returned to their families for burial.