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Hunter residents sound off during community meeting

Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

Hunter Public Affairs Office

Hunter Army Airfield officials, activity heads and other senior community representatives gathered for Hunter's quarterly community meeting Jan 28, held at the Army Community Services center.

The primary reason for a community meeting is to give senior leaders a chance to interact and interface with the residents of the Hunter community.

In his opening remarks, Lt. Col. Gerald Davie, Hunter garrison commander, reassured the community that Hunter would not turn into a "ghost town" despite the flurry of deployments. Security on post remained a top priority and residents need not worry about a decrease in the installation security levels to which they have grown accustomed. He urged everyone to be patient with the ongoing gate construction and promised the end result will be well worth the temporary inconvenience. He also announced Hunter had recently been selected as an honor-

able mention in the Army Times' "Best Post Award," and the winner in the category of "Community Spirit." The award was a result of a survey by the Army Times in which the readers voted on their favorite posts in different categories.

Following the opening remarks, several items of old business from the previous community meeting were addressed. Topics included a concern with speeding school buses on post, stray animals, the self-help system and Catholic chaplain services.

Captain Jason Jajack, Deputy Provost Marshal, stated that simply reporting speeding is not enough. Anyone observing a school bus driving too fast is urged to get the bus number and exact time and location of the incident. With this information, the offending driver can be reprimanded. The same procedure can be used with any speeding military vehicle.

Stray animal incidents are being more aggressively investigated, said Jajack; and people were once again asked to provide as much information as possible when reporting them.

The self-help system is in the process of being evaluated and restructured, according to Clarke, who is just taking over the program. The new system will be as close to a 'Home Depot on Hunter' as it can be, said Clarke. Everything is on schedule to be running smoothly by the next community meeting.

Chaplain (Maj.) John Foxworth, garrison chaplain, assured the audience that Hunter will have a new Catholic chaplain soon. A temporary chaplain will be assigned from Fort Hood on 90-day temporary orders. During this time, a full-time replacement will be found.

New business was then addressed as each activity head was given a chance to spotlight their organization.

Some of the highlights included plans for new post housing, a new eatery at the shoppette and a limited basis tax center for soldiers and dependents.

Ron Hanson of Residential Communities Initiative spoke about plans for new post housing.

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Scientists visit Stewart to research endangered species

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

Biologists from all over the country visited Fort Stewart, Jan. 29, for the Red Cockaded Woodpecker Symposium IV. The scientists, as well as military officials, are aiding in the recovery of this endangered species that makes its home here at Fort Stewart.

According to a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service press release, the symposium consisted of more than 300 biologists from all over the country. They hold this symposium every 10 years to learn from each other and study each other's research on the RCW. Fort Stewart is home to approximately five percent of the world's RCW population. Here there are 239 clusters, mating pairs, the symposium said.

"Red-cockaded Woodpeckers are the keystone species that represents the longleaf forest," said USFWS RCW Recovery Coordinator Ralph Costa. Because of this, many other species in the forest are dependant on the cavities the RCW digs.

"Fort Stewart is one of the few places in the world that has longleaf pine," said Costa. RCWs use longleaf pine trees to dig their cavities, or homes.

"(Because of expansion) 90 million acres (of longleaf pine forest) has turned into three million acres and devastated the Red Cockaded Woodpecker population," Costa said.

Fort Stewart Director of Public Works, Lt. Col. Michael Clarke, spoke to the symposium members at the Multi-Purpose Range Complex. He stressed that although Fort Stewart is a military post, it doesn't have a negative impact on the RCW.

"The management of this land as a military installation has preserved this ecosystem," he said.

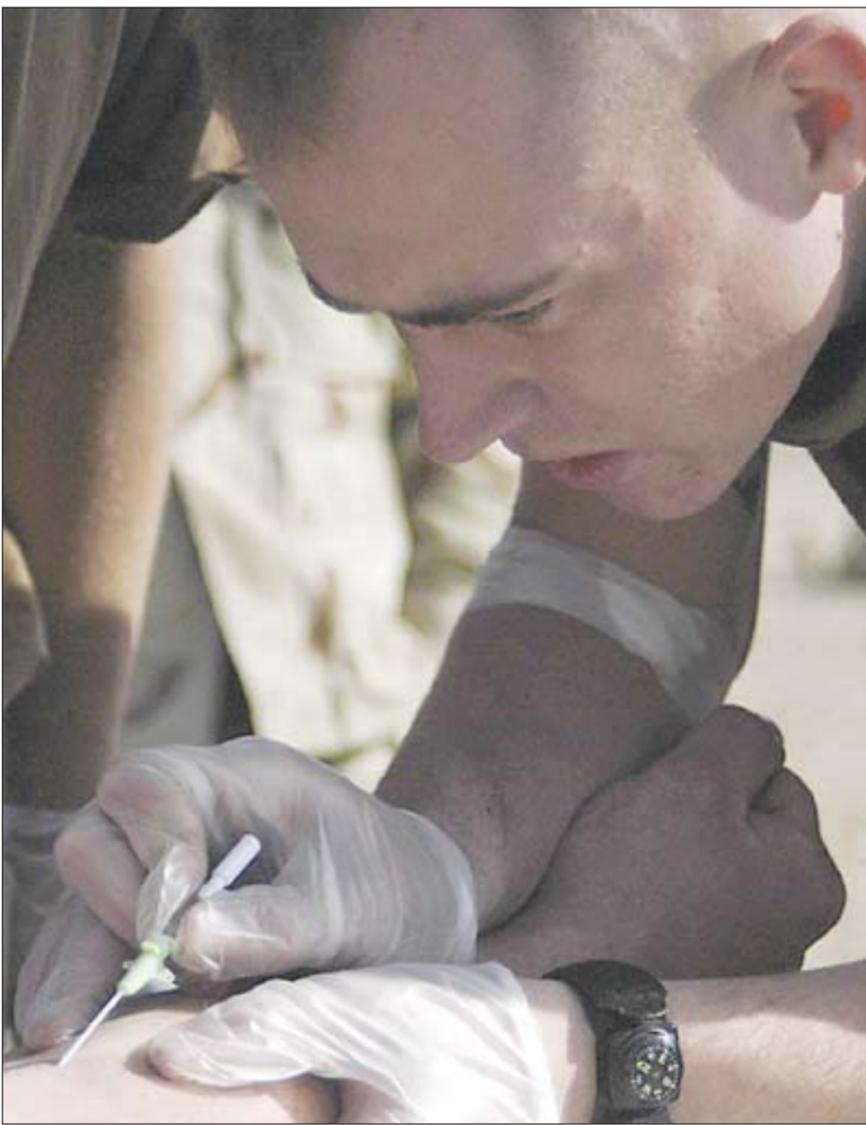
He explained how small arms and artillery fire makes some of the areas even more suitable for the RCW because it clears out some of the underbrush. Clarke also talked about how important the mission of the recently deployed 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) is.

Clarke's speech, though, mostly dealt with the obligation that he feels that Fort Stewart owes to the environment.

"We believe that it is worth the effort to preserve this wildlife," he said. "We are proud to balance our

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One good stick deserves another ...



Spc. Adam Nuelken

Pvt. 2 Shawn Stremmel, Rockford, Ill. native and Linebacker driver for B Battery, 1st Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery, gives an intravenous injection to Pfc. Jesse Hill, Wenatchee, Wa., native and tactical satellite operator for D Company, 123rd Signal Battalion, during combat life saver certification Jan. 25 in Kuwait. For story and photos, see Page 13A.

National Guard takes to the air, ground in Columbia disaster support

Master Sgt. Bob Haskell

American Forces Press Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — National Guard airmen and soldiers joined the grim and painstaking search for debris from the ill-fated space shuttle Columbia soon after it disintegrated over Texas Feb. 1.

The Guard's efforts are tied in with other military and civilian support efforts.

Two F-15 fighters from the Louisiana Air Guard's 159th Fighter Wing began an aerial search for wreckage over the vast region of eastern Texas and southwestern Louisiana about a half hour after countless bits and pieces of the Columbia had fallen on the countryside.

Just as quickly, the Texas National Guard's 6th Civil Support Team, based in Austin,

was dispatched to east Texas to begin testing pieces of debris for hazardous residue.

Twenty-one members of that team spent much of Sunday testing, photographing and collecting pieces of debris around four schools in Nacogdoches, Palestine and Naches, explained Maj. Michael Dietz, the team's deputy commander.

Army Guard soldiers in both states spent the weekend helping state and local police officers pieces of the Columbia. The spacecraft broke apart 39 miles above Texas 16 minutes before it was scheduled to touch

down at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida following a 16-day scientific mission. All seven members of the crew, including five U.S. service members and Israeli Air Force Col. Ilan Ramon, died.

In all, 184 members of the Texas National Guard were supporting the recovery mission by Sunday afternoon, explained spokesman Lt. Col. John Stanford.

They included 96 Army Guard soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 133rd Field Artillery, who were helping to guard debris sites in Nacogdoches and Lufkin. They

also included members of a dozen UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crews who were primed to fly a variety of missions for NASA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Texas officials, Stanford said.

A Texas Guard counterdrug airplane equipped with infrared sensors also joined the search for wreckage that included computer chips, fuel cells five feet in diameter, and "pieces of tile all over the place," one Guard officer explained.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command diverted a total of four F-15s from the Air Guard fighter wing near New Orleans to look for debris Saturday, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. That mission

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Weather Forecast

FRI

High 57° Low 35°

SAT

High 58° Low 39°

SUN

High 60° Low 37°



TF 1-30 demonstrates firepower



Photos by Spc. Jacob Boyer

A Bradley provides support-by-fire to engineers setting up a Miclick charge to clear the way for Task Force 1-30 during their live fire in Kuwait Jan. 25.



(Above) A Bradley approaches smoke and obstacles Jan. 25 during Task Force 1-30's live fire in Kuwait
(Left) Capt. Martin Bowling, from Chattanooga, Tenn., 1-30 assistant S-3, reads a letter before the night fire.



Spc. Jason Yergin, Atlanta, Ga., cleans the seal to the driver's hatch on his crew's M1A1 Abrams tank.



An explosion during the night fire brightens the horizon.

Five Astronauts Were in U.S. Military

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Five of the seven astronauts killed aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia were serving U.S. military officers.

The orbiter broke apart above north-central Texas on Feb. 1 at about 203,000 feet and was going about 12,500 mph, or Mach 18, when the accident occurred. It was headed for a planned touchdown at the Kennedy Space Center, Fla., in about 15 minutes.

The mission commander was Air Force Col. Rick D. Husband. The 45-year-old officer was from Amarillo, Texas. He was married and had two children. Husband received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Texas Tech University in 1980 and a master of science degree in mechanical engineering from California State University, Fresno, in 1990.

Husband was commissioned in May 1980, and attended pilot training at Vance Air Force Base, Okla. He flew F-4 Phantom aircraft. In December 1987, Husband was assigned to Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., where he attended the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School. Upon completion, Husband served as a test pilot flying the F-4 and all five models of the F-15. In June 1992, Husband was assigned to the Aircraft and Armament Evaluation Establishment at Boscombe Down, England, as an exchange test pilot with the Royal Air Force. He logged over 3,800 hours of flight time in more than 40 different types of aircraft.

NASA selected Husband as an astronaut candidate in December 1994. He flew as pilot on STS-96 in 1999, and logged 235 hours and 13 minutes in space.

Navy Cmdr. William C. McCool was the pilot of the Columbia. Born in San Diego, he was 41. He graduated from high school in Lubbock, Texas. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy and graduated second in his class in 1983. He was married.

McCool completed flight training in August 1986 and flew EA-6B Prowlers aboard the aircraft carriers USS Coral Sea and the USS Enterprise. He was also assigned to the Navy Test Pilot School, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md. McCool had more than 2,800 hours of flight experience in 24 aircraft and more than 400 carrier arrestments.

He was selected as an astronaut in 1996. This was his first flight into space.

Air Force Lt. Col. Michael P. Anderson, 43, was born in

Plattsburgh, N.Y. He received a bachelor of science degree in physics/astronomy from University of Washington in 1981, and a master of science degree in physics from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., in 1990.

Anderson entered the Air Force in 1981 and was assigned to Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, as the chief of communication maintenance at the communications squadron. In 1986, he was selected to attend Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance Air Force Base, Okla. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the 2nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., as an EC-135 pilot. Anderson had logged over 3,000 hours in various models of the KC-135 and the T-38A aircraft.

He was selected as an astronaut in December 1994. He flew on STS-89 in January 1998.

Navy Capt. (Dr.) David M. Brown was 46 and from Arlington, Va. He received a bachelor of science degree in biology from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va., in 1978, and a doctorate in medicine from Eastern Virginia Medical School in 1982.

Upon completion of flight surgeon training in 1984, was assigned to Adak, Alaska. He was then deployed aboard the carrier USS Carl Vinson. In 1988, he was the only flight surgeon in a 10-year period to be chosen for pilot training. He received his wings of gold in 1990. Brown flew the A-6E Intruder and later the F-18 Hornet. He served aboard the carrier USS Independence. In 1995, he reported to the Navy Test Pilot School as its flight surgeon, where he also flew the T-38 Talon. Brown logged over 2,700 flight hours, with 1,700 in high performance military aircraft.

He was selected as an astronaut in 1996. This was his first flight into space.

Navy Cmdr. (Dr.) Laurel B. Clark was born in Iowa, but considered Racine, Wis., to be her hometown. She was married with one child. She received her bachelor of science degree in zoology in 1983 and doctorate in medicine in 1987, both from the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

During medical school, Clark did active duty training with the Diving Medicine Department at the Naval Experimental Diving Unit, Panama City, Fla., in March 1987. After completing medical school, Clark underwent postgraduate medical education in Pediatrics at the Naval Hospital Bethesda, Md. In 1989, she completed Navy undersea medical officer training at the Naval Undersea Medical Institute in Groton, Conn., and diving medical officer training at the Naval Diving



Photo courtesy of NASA

The crew of the Columbia. Seated, Air Force Col. Rick Husband, commander, and Navy Cmdr. Willie McCool, pilot. Standing, from left, mission specialists Navy Capt. Dave Brown, Navy Cmdr. (Dr.) Laurel Clark, civilian mission specialist Kalpana Chawla, payload commander Air Force Lt. Col. Mike Anderson, and payload specialist Israeli air force Col. Ilan Ramon.

and Salvage Training Center in Panama City.

She was then assigned as the Submarine Squadron Fourteen Medical Department Head in Holy Loch, Scotland. During that assignment, she dove with U.S. Navy divers and Naval Special Warfare Unit Two Seals and performed numerous medical evacuations from submarines.

Clark also was designated as a Naval flight surgeon. She was stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz. She made numerous deployments, including one overseas to the Western Pacific, practiced medicine in austere environments and flew on multiple aircraft.

Prior to her selection as an astronaut candidate, she served as a flight surgeon for the Naval Flight Officer advanced training squadron in Pensacola, Fla.

The Columbia mission was her first space flight.

IRS says partial tax break ok for service members' home sales

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service recently clarified a home sales rule affecting service members seeking a capital gains tax exemption worth up to nearly \$500,000 for a couple.

The IRS said service members can claim partial exemptions if military duty interfered with their ability to comply with the exemption's two-year residency rule.

The income tax rule in question said home sellers could claim the full exemption only by owning and living in the house for at least two years out of the

previous five. Sellers who couldn't meet that rule could still qualify for a partial exemption if, among other things, they

sold because of a change in the place of employment of 50 miles or more.

The rule made no explicit mention of exceptions or relief for service members moving on official military

orders. The IRS clarification, in essence, gives service members the same status as any other early seller eligible for a partial exemption.

The amount of the partial exemption is based on how many days of the 730 (two years) required were met before the sale. For example, one year of residence would merit 50 percent of the tax exemption, which would mean an exemption of up to \$125,000 for an individual and \$250,000 for a couple.

Tax reporting and treatment of full and partial exemptions are discussed in IRS Publication 523, "Selling Your Home." It's accessible and downloadable online at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p523.pdf.



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was suspended Saturday night, and the wing was not asked to resume those flights on Sunday, explained Dusty Shenofsky, spokesperson for the Louisiana National Guard.

Meanwhile, 24 Army Guard soldiers from Louisiana's 199th Support Battalion were helping to safeguard debris sites in that state by Sunday afternoon, said Shenofsky. Debris had been located in 13 places, scattered over some remote and rugged terrain, within six Louisiana parishes, she added.

"Nacogdoches is the urban epicenter for the debris, and that's where a lot of it has been located because people live there," noted Dietz from Texas' 6th Civil Support Team.

But much of the area where debris has been reported lies in the Piney Woods timber region of east Texas, which is rugged and densely wooded in places.

In addition to the Texas unit, so far National Guard civil support teams from Oklahoma and Arkansas have also been tapped to survey debris sites and test the wreckage for toxic substances that could harm other emergency responders and the public.

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

CG: 3ID ready to ensure peace

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III
3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army
Airfield commanding general

The Marne Division has closed on Kuwait. The 1st Brigade Combat Team is settling into Camp Pennsylvania, and the Division Support Command and 24th Corps Support Group are working from Camp Doha and Camp Virginia. As if out of an old western movie, the 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment came riding in just in time to Camp Udairi. Our separate battalion commanders Lt. Col Mark Garrell, 1st Battalion 3rd Air Defense Artillery, provost marshal Lt. Col. Mack Huey, and Lt. Col. Robert Taylor, 103rd Military Intelligence Battalion are on the ground providing outstanding force enhancement capabilities. We are now in the process of generating combat power as we continue to draw vehicles from propositioned stock, unload vessels at the port, and draw equipment and supplies from warehouses.

Good logistics is combat power and there is no doubt that our logisticians are a combat multiplier in the Marne Division. Third Infantry Division soldiers were arriving at a fast clip and our G-4 section maintained the tempo matching equipment with soldiers. We have unloaded one boat and await several more that are due in. Our movement control specialists in the Division Transportation Section and in the 24th CSG are just as adept at receiving equipment as they are at shipping it out. Maintaining equipment in the harsh desert environment is an extremely difficult feat. We have had some incredible winds and sandstorms recently that our mechanics have worked through undaunted.

Leading our logisticians is our newly frocked assistant division commander for support Brig. Gen. Bill Weber. Congratulations to Brig. Gen. Weber on another great milestone in an already distinguished career. The promotion was well-deserved and hard-earned. Congratulations also go to his better half, Robin, and his children Teri and

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Christopher. Participating in the ceremony Sunday on Camp New York was Maj. Gen. James Thurman, an ancient Spartan 6 who is currently the operations officer for the Coalition Forces Land Component Command. Marne Heritage ran deep Sunday as Brig. Gen. Weber pointed out that four Spartan 6's past and present were involved in the ceremony. Maj. Gen. Thurman, Brig. Gen. Weber and the current Spartan 6 Col. David Perkins were all in attendance. Gen. Eric Shinseki, Army Chief of Staff who signed the promotion orders, commanded the Spartan Brigade when the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) was in Germany. The ceremony was also the debut of the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Band in Kuwait, who recently arrived. Chief Warrant Officer 3 Fred Catchings and the band have never sounded better.

Training continues at all levels from individual tasks to battalion task force live fire exercises. The 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment began their company situational training exercise Sunday. This will culminate in about two weeks with a live fire exercise for the Cottonbalers to synchronize all their systems. Infantry continue to cycle through the various urban warfare and trench/bunker complexes. The 1st Bn., 15th Inf. Regt. from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team began their iteration last week. Armor battalions throughout the division will begin zeroing their guns and screening ammunition next week to ensure accurate fires. We eagerly look forward to Feb. 13 when Marne Thunder mass their guns on Udairi Range.

Last week two soldiers were hurt in separate training accidents. Staff Sgt. Marv Fleming from Company B, 1st Bn., 30th Inf. Regt. was hurt Jan. 26 when a 25 mm round exploded inside the

turret of his Bradley Fighting Vehicle. He is currently at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in stable condition recovering from facial and hand injuries. Staff Sgt. Aaron Guss from C Company, 3rd Bn., 15th Inf. Regt. was struck in the abdomen Jan. 28 while participating in urban warfare live fire training. After a short visit to Kuwait Armed Forces Hospital, Staff Sgt. Guss is back with the China battalion and will soon be fully recovered. Both men received immediate medical attention from their battalion medics and surgeons who are always on the ranges when there is training. They were medically evacuated quickly by helicopter to KAFH where they received urgent care by American military doctors. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families for a speedy recovery.

We are conducting some complex and sophisticated training, the likes of which have never been done before. Before each iteration of every exercise, leaders and units conduct risk assessments to mitigate potential hazards. The complex training we are conducting does not happen overnight. Units rehearse, conduct dry fire and blank fire iterations, then progress to the live fire exercise. Training begins with the smallest element before working up to larger units and combined arms exercises. There are many leaders and units working and training every day while maintaining high safety standards.

You were probably just as anxious as we were to hear what President Bush had to say in his recent State of the Union address. The president placed the responsibility for compliance on Saddam Hussein saying, "It is up to Iraq to show exactly where it is hiding its banned weapons and lay those weapons out for the world to see and destroy them as directed. Nothing like this has happened." As the president noted, a peace "lived at the mercy of terrible threats is no peace at all."

The 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) is prepared to do what our Nation asks to ensure future generations live in peace, freely, at no one's mercy.

"Rock of the Marne!"



Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

How do you think the space program will be affected by the loss of the Columbia?

"If it's anything like the Challenger, it'll delay it because of an investigation."

Air Force Staff Sgt. John Dunovant
15th ASOS



"I think people are starting to lose faith in the space program."

Sgt. Melissa Barron
HSC, 92nd Engineer Bn.

"It's going to set it back a good bit, just like the Challenger."

Pvt. 2 Zach Peterson
B Co 3/124th Inf.



Does 6 more weeks of winter matter here?

Pvt. 2 Emily Danial
Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs

To me, it seems like Groundhog Day just doesn't get enough recognition around here.

I suppose when you live in an area that gets snow as rarely as Savannah does, you tend not to think about or even care about whether or not six more weeks of winter lie ahead. Still, speaking on behalf of all the northern folk who've happily ended up here, Groundhog Day is too important to too many cold-weather dwellers to be overlooked.

Who knows the history of Groundhog Day? The tradition of Groundhog Day has European roots dating back to the Candlemas Day of the early Christians and was looked at as a day in winter when the weather outside was

taken into careful consideration as an indication of what was to come. It was observed in the United States on Feb. 2 for the first time by German settlers in Pennsylvania in the late 19th century.

They decided that the groundhog, which most closely resembled the hedgehog that they'd used in Europe, was smart enough of an animal to recognize its shadow on a cold, sunny day and run back into its hole to huddle under its electric blanket for six more weeks of winter.

Nowadays, Feb. 2 is celebrated most heavily in Punxsutawney, Pa., at a site called Gobbler's Knob, where the famous groundhog Punxsutawney Phil emerges

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from his home every year to greet tens of thousands of spectators who eagerly await his forecast because they are so cold that any glimmer of hope for warmth is welcomed.

To digress momentarily — if you have never heard of Punxsutawney Phil, know that in his hometown he is probably held in higher esteem than many humans — in fact, if you were to move to Punxsutawney and give everyone in town a large sum of money, you would still not be as popular as Phil. Phil even met President Reagan back in 1986.

Getting back to the subject at hand, something needs to be done about the lack of a

well-known observance of Groundhog Day here in the Southern U.S.

Unfortunately, we can't rub our frozen hands together and shiver our contentment or frustration at the prospect of a shortened or lengthened winter as our northern friends do.

I would suggest that next year we all take a prolonged moment on Feb. 2 to appreciate the fact that we don't forget what the sun looks like between the months of September and May, like the darkened states of the north do.

Let's be happy that many of our friends around here don't have to know what a groundhog is, and then let's call our loved ones up north and remind them that we might have to put on a sweat-shirt if we don't want to catch a chill. After all, it's only 55 outside.

Astronauts' sacrifice can not be forgotten

Sgt. Raymond Piper
Editor

In every century, there are brave men and women who make it their purpose in life to reach beyond the known world and explore new frontiers.

Today, the world's pioneers are astronauts. Their missions bring them to the edge of the greatest frontier known to man — space.

But facing the unknown always comes with risk and anything wrought by man is less than perfect. On Saturday, the nation lost the space shuttle Columbia. Each astronaut knew that something might go wrong, but it was a risk they were willing to take.

In a time when it seems natural to hear about a space shuttle in orbit, it's more of a shock when something goes wrong.

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Although we may mourn the lost of these brave souls, we should not lose our focus on the space program. Maybe watching too many episodes of Star Trek and it's spin offs have made me a firm believer that space is the next step for the human race. There are many reasons to keep space exploration alive.

Experiments that benefit the earth are taken into space each time a shuttle takes off for a mission. The Challenger carried six experiments that ranged from finding more accurate ways to measure the

ozone layer to measuring the solar constant to determine climate changes on the earth.

Several experiments were carried on board for students so they could learn the affects of space on a variety of subjects that were designed to promote science and the students' interest in space.

One of the benefits are a telescopes in orbit that give tons of information to scientists so they can discover how the universe works. There are a wealth of resources in space that given time and research could easily be within our reach — as long as we pursue them.

The spirit of exploration is one of the things that have contributed to our country becoming such a great nation.

We must honor the seven astronauts memory, and continue for them and our future.



"It's going to affect it for a little while, until they get one built."

Sgt. Krista Bufe
1186th TBDE

"The loss of the Columbia will determine whether we use space shuttles in the future."

Sgt. Brian Neal
A Co., 92nd Engineer Bn.



"I hope it revitalizes the space program by investing in new ways to get into space."

Maj. Grant Slayden
3/265 ADA

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PSYOP soldiers here to win hearts, minds

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — A psychological advantage on the battlefield can go a long way. Convincing the enemy to surrender before units arrive can greatly contribute to ending needless casualties on both sides. But simply telling the opposition to lay down its weapons is usually not enough. The message needs to be tailored to best convince the opposing force to give up before a battle even begins. In order to do that, intelligence needs to be gathered and disseminated. The media that will deliver the message have to be assembled. And

somebody has to go and deliver the declaration to its intended audience.

The soldiers of C Company, 9th Psychological Operations Battalion, are tasked with inducing an enemy to either surrender or defect, said Maj. Bill Bryant, company commander.

"I think our role in an operation is very important," said Bryant, a Weymouth, Mass., native. "By convincing the enemy to surrender without a fight, we can save the lives of soldiers on both sides."

The company, which is based out of Fort Bragg, N.C., is attached to the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) while it is deployed to Kuwait

to deter Iraqi aggression in the region. Its 60 soldiers put together and distribute products targeted at both enemy troops and civilians, Bryant said.

"Our job is all about influencing behavior," said Staff Sgt. Sean Noonan, C Co., 9th PSYOP Bn.'s plans and programs team chief from Colorado. "With military units, we want them to surrender. With civilians, we want them to stay out of the way."

There are several ways psychological operations specialists go about getting the message to its intended audience, Bryant said. Leaflet drops, audio messages and face-to-face communications are all used in an attempt to save as many lives in wartime as possible.

Face-to-face is the most dangerous, but it's also the most effective in a permissive environment," he said. "An interpreter can say things to a person in his language and have a more personal impact."

Before products are developed, their message has to be tailored to most effectively reached the target audience, said Spc. Mark Joseph, intelligence analyst, C Co., 9th PSYOP.

"A lot of intelligence analysts are looking for the size and strength of units," said Joseph, a Barnegat, N.J., native. "I need to know more about the human side: beliefs, religion and morale. If the message is going to work, we have to know the people themselves."

The product development team uses what intelligence analysts find to create products that will be delivered to the target audience, said Sgt. Elizabeth Lee, psychological operations specialist, C Co., 9th PSYOP.

"We get a request that details what psychological message is needed for this product," said

Lee, a Lakeville, New Brunswick, Canada, native. "With that, we put together leaflets, handbills, flyers, posters, and a number of other products to deliver to the enemy and civilians."

Most printed products are delivered through drops from aircraft, Bryant said. Two different leaflet bombs can be dropped from fixed-wing aircraft, and boxes can be dropped from a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter.

Detachments from the company have also been attached to each brigade in the division, Bryant said. In battle, three-man tactical psychological operations teams go with each battalion to broadcast messages over loudspeakers that can be heard as far as 1,800 meters away.

The teams can broadcast recorded messages from the battalion commander, said Staff Sgt. Aaron Leath, team leader, C Co., 9th PSYOP. They can also hook the loudspeakers up to a radio and broadcast live messages from the commander.

"We augment whatever unit we're supporting at the time," said Leath, a Glen Burnie, Md., native. "We go out ahead and try to eliminate the need for an operation. It's a good feeling."

The company does its job without getting immediate feedback on how effective it was, Noonan said.

"The problem with PSYOP is it's very difficult to accurately measure its effects," he said. "You won't find out if things worked until a long time later. It's hard to measure, but I personally believe it has an impact."

But even without tangible evidence of a job well done, Joseph and others recognize the importance of their task.

"The more effective we are here, the less fighting they have to do out there," he said.



Spc. Jacob Boyer

A Humvee from C Co., 9th PSYOP Bn., broadcasts a surrender message during a training drill.

Scholarships for military children a sweet deal for recipients

Bonnie Powell

DeCA

FORT LEE, Va. — Valentine's Day is fast approaching and the Scholarships for Military Children program has a really "sweet" deal for military children going to college this fall. Applications for \$1,500 scholarships are due in at the nearest commissary by Feb. 21, just after Valentine's Day. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

"We've made it even easier to apply this year," said program liaison Edna Hoogewind of the Defense Commissary Agency. "Everything a potential applicant needs to know is in the Frequently Asked Questions section of our scholarship page at www.commissaries.com. The application can be downloaded and filled out by hand, or filled out on the computer and saved as a file. Copies of the application are also available at commissaries worldwide."

The scholarship essay topic is "How has being the child of a

military service member influenced your educational goals?" In past years the essay has been a key factor, along with activities and community involvement, in deciding among the many outstanding applicants.

"Remember, the deadline for returning applications by hand or mail to a commissary is Feb. 21," said Hoogewind. "Applications must be in the store by close of business on that day, and if you are not hand-delivering your application, it's a good idea to use a delivery method that supplies a return receipt. Commissaries will bundle up the applications and send them to scholarship managers as soon as the deadline passes," said Hoogewind. "Scholarship managers will only acknowledge final receipt of the applications if students include a self-addressed and stamped post card with their applications."

Hoogewind also advises students to check all their materials carefully for simple things — like making sure the application is signed or that they are using the 2003 application, not one from previous years.

The scholarship program is open to unmarried children under

the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and that they have a current ID card. All applicants must be citizens of the United States.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2003. Students at community or junior colleges must be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program. Additional instructions can be found on the application.

Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization best known for building comfort homes near military medical facilities, administers the Scholarships for Military Children program.

The Scholarships for Military Children program has awarded 920 scholarships and nearly \$1.5 million since the first awards were given in 2001.

New Yorker defends skies of Kuwait

Capt. Enrique T. Vasquez

32nd AAMDC PAO

CAMP DOHA, Kuwait — Once a project manager for a major construction company in New York City, N.Y., Pfc. John DiIorio, avenger gunner, B Battery, 1st Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, left a great job, family, friends, and the “city life” to come to Southwest Asia to serve America as an air defender.

Like many soldiers of this era, DiIorio enlisted for patriotic reasons.

“I joined the military shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, to help my country,” DiIorio said. “The city (New York) was not the same after 9-11. It felt so empty, and that is another reason I joined.”

“After 9-11 we were all very angry. We didn’t know what might happen next. Our whole world had changed,” Melissa DiIorio-Guercia, DiIorio’s sister said. “John felt it was partly up to him to go out and help his country to stop the madness and once again make it a secure place for his family, so they could have the safety and freedom he knew growing up.”

“I joined, because I wanted my children, future grandchildren, nephews and nieces to

have the same freedoms I enjoyed growing up,” DiIorio said.

DiIorio began his military career by attending basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., in the winter. Shortly afterward, he attended the avenger crewmember advanced individual training school at Fort Bliss, Texas. He graduated May 3, 2002.

As an Avenger crewmember, DiIorio is part of the Avenger Air Defense System, which forms an important element of the U.S. Army’s Combined Arms Team.

The Avenger air defense system is fielded worldwide by the U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps and Army National Guard. It was first deployed in 1991 to support NATO troops during Operation Desert Storm.

DiIorio is proud to be a part of the Avenger history and said it was ironic how he chose his military occupational specialty.

“I went to the recruiter shortly after 9-11 and asked for a job that would get me assigned to a rapid-deployment unit,” DiIorio said. “The recruiter offered me two air defense MOSs, one of which was avenger crewmember, which is ironic considering New York’s twin towers were attacked by aircraft.”

The fact DiIorio was offered only air

defense MOSs, when joining the Army may seem ironic, but to others it is justice.

“It is justice for the people of New York that one of their own is serving as an air defender, defending the skies of Kuwait,” said Col. John Davis, adjutant, 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command.

DiIorio’s persistence on joining a deployable unit finally paid off. He was assigned to B Battery, 1st Bn., 3rd ADA, after graduating AIT.

While at Fort Stewart, DiIorio’s unit was alerted and put on standby. Avenger units throughout the United States took part in operation “Clear Skies,” during 2002.

“I remember my unit being on standby ready to be called forward last Fourth of July,” DiIorio said.

Since his early days in air defense, DiIorio shows a deep commitment to his branch and confidence in performing his job, according to his co-workers.

“DiIorio received an Army achievement medal for distinguishing himself as a top avenger gunner successfully engaging nine of ten targets last summer,” said Staff Sgt. Lonie Lee, Avenger section chief, B Battery, 1st Bn., 3rd ADA.

“DiIorio is always wanting to learn, and he



Pfc. John DiIorio

is a hard and dedicated worker,” Lee said. “He is motivated and proactive.”

DiIorio is currently attached to the 32nd AAMDC, providing air defense to key military installations in Southwest Asia.

“John DiIorio spent his childhood protecting his siblings from anything that might have caused them harm,” DiIorio-Guercia said. “Now as an adult, his commitment to protect has grown to include his siblings, nieces, nephews and the entire country.”

Eyes on the target ...



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

“It’s better than sitting around Camp New York,” said Sgt. Steven Crane, from Whittemore, Mich., A Co., 10th Eng. armored vehicle launch bridge team leader, during A Co.’s live fire in the desert Jan. 29.

Garrison activities not slowing down, just taking a breather

Pvt. 2 Emily Danial

Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs

The eye of a hurricane is the most peaceful part of the storm despite being the center of intense activity. When you're within the eye, there is the illusion that all is quiet, but in actuality you are only experiencing a pause in the action.

Right now it may seem like the perpetual motion of the fast pace of deployment and all that goes along with it at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield might be slowing down. However, we are only in the proverbial eye of the storm, according to Col. Gerald Poltorak, installation commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Mittie Smith, Hunter command sergeant major.

"Things are not slowing down," said Poltorak. "We have four tasks here ... deployment, mobilization, executing rear detachment operations and taking care of families. Although it appears that things have slowed down, it is only a pause."

Of the four tasks Poltorak mentioned, he said the only lull has been in the area of deployment, and that it too would begin to pick up again as more National Guard and Reserve soldiers are ready to go overseas — 2,700 soldiers in all.

"On the heels of these 2,700 soldiers," Poltorak continued, "are going to be significant mobilizations that are going to come here to Fort Stewart, and we will again have to go through the mobilization process of in-processing them into the active Army, of issuing them clothing and equipment, of ensuring their paperwork is correct, validating and certifying their training, and once we've done that, we'll go into another cycle of deployment."

Smith reaffirmed the commander's views, adding, "We still have to accomplish our mission, more so with less people ... Of course with so much going on because of the deployment it's going to increase the workload, but all the agencies have handled it exceptionally. They know the importance of soldiers' deployment and making sure that we give them service as quickly as possible."

In the area of rear detachment, Poltorak said, "Things are as intense as ever. The garrison and those units are required to get soldiers ready to deploy, to do the housekeeping that normally large bodies of units usually do as well as assist us in mobilization and

deployment ... they have the same requirements that you have at a home station base and there's less people to execute them, so it takes a lot of good management and a lot of hard work. That's why commanders left their best and their brightest to be able to handle this mission of working in rear detachment."

The last task Poltorak mentioned, taking care of families, has not been neglected in the midst of all that's been going on.

"There is a lot of supporting going on in various agencies around the installation with families who may be already encountering difficulties, that need support, that need a helping hand. Poltorak continued, the Family Readiness Groups, of course are meeting regularly to provide information. It takes a lot of aggressive work by the Family Readiness Groups to be very vigilant on what the issues are for the families and provide that information to us so that we can get involved as quickly as possible."

Organizations on post have been working diligently to accomplish a mission that can be quite daunting, causing some personnel to work 24-hour days at times, according to Poltorak.

"They've performed magnificently," he said. "We are in extraordinary times, and it takes extraordinary people to accomplish all those missions. The team that is in place here handled the level of work and effort superbly."

Poltorak said that all the soldiers, garrison and garrison support, came together as a team and every agency stepped up to the plate to accomplish the deployment mission. "And we are going to continue," Poltorak promised.

Smith spoke positively of agencies on Hunter as well.

"Overall we've seen more camaraderie, more coming together, they'll go that extra mile to make sure the soldiers get pointed in the right direction."

She said soldiers who are new to the installation and working in the supporting units have been adapting more quickly to the fast-paced environment, saying, "They just jump right in and go with it."

"This type of thing is always going to happen," Smith added. "We can never plan for it, but we are always going to be prepared."

Poltorak said, "Fort Stewart is a power projection platform. It is a facility that supports training. It is an installation that takes care of families, and we are going to do that."

Task Force 2-69 returns to Kuwait

Spc. Katherine Robinson

50th PAD

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — "Our crews are well trained and very lethal and we prove that every time we go out to the training area," said Capt. Stuart James, A Team, Task Force 2-69 commander.

James, a Wheeling, W. Va. native, and his team, are on a return trip to Kuwait, having just left about three months ago.

The team, as well as the rest of the task force did a 60-kilometer "road march" Jan. 27. They also fueled the tanks while they were still running — a process called a hot refuel, designed to reduce fueling time. The goal of the training was to make sure all the equipment was functioning properly.

Spc. Jason Reese, a 2/69 M1A1 tank driver from Brighton Colo., said most of the major maintenance that needed to be done on the vehicles was done while the team was back at Fort Benning, Ga. "We got it up to our standard," he said.

But finding out and fixing equipment problems wasn't the only benefit the soldiers of A Team gained from their first deployment. They also gained a sense of teamwork that they say is irreplaceable.

The team is made up of a platoon from A Company, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor, and a platoon of dismounted infantry from C Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry, according to Staff Sgt. Ryan Recktenwald, a C Co. squad leader.

"We weren't sure, when we first got together, about tankers and mechanized infantry, but we've actually melded together very very well."

He said the initial cause of concern was rooted mainly in lack of knowledge of the other soldiers' job, but after having worked together in Kuwait for six months, they've gained a newfound respect for each other.

"We accepted them as much as they accepted us," he said. "We do really well with the (armor) element ... the commander knows

how to use us."

James said the infantry soldiers assigned to the team are outstanding. "They give me an infantry capability no one else has in the task force," he said.

"It's awesome," Recktenwald said. "We have ten tanks with us, plus (infantry) forces and with everyone else surrounding us, we have just incredible firepower."

Besides the new camaraderie between the tankers and the dismounted infantry soldiers, the team has also learned to work well together in this environment, James said.

"It feels like home now ... It's an outstanding team. We brought probably 90 percent of

"These guys are great Americans, I respect every one of them. I'm proud of these guys. The hard work they put in day in and day out pays off."

Capt. Stuart James

A Team, Task Force 2/69 commander

our team back, and we've fallen back into the same routine ... it's a well-oiled machine we have here."

Reese said the team did plenty of good training while it was here the first time, and that has paid off. "Everybody really learned a lot from that. It's easier on us now that we've already been here and we know what

we're going to encounter. Things have been running really smoothly."

The day before the road march, James said the team prepared by getting all the commanders together to drill and coordinate, while the soldiers did thorough checks and maintenance on their equipment.

"With an experienced group like we have, we found no flaws," he said. "There has been very little change, and the changes we do have are improvements."

The next step after the road march, will be a live-fire to make sure all the systems are still on target. "They will be," he said.

Despite how well-trained the soldiers are, James said they were excited to get out of the camps to train some more.

"This is real-world training. We all know what future missions may entail and they know this is part of their job and getting out of the (camp) to do that is exciting for them."

"These guys are great Americans," he said of his team. "I respect every one of them. I'm proud of these guys. The hard work they put in day in and day out pays off."



Birthday wishes...



(From left to right) Chaplain (Maj.) John Foxworth, Hunter garrison chaplain; Ray Gaster, president of the Savannah Chapter of the USO, and Edwin Feiler, Jr., chairman of the Savannah Chapter of the USO help to cut the cake celebrating the United Service Organization's 62nd birthday.

Military life insurance premiums reduced

VA Press Release

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs will reduce Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance premiums, beginning in July 2003. Ninety-eight percent of active duty and 96 percent of eligible reservists hold SGLI policies.

"I am extremely pleased to announce these premium reductions," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi. "It is impossible to put a price tag on the peace of mind SGLI provides military men and women and their families. But it is possible to reduce the out-of-pocket expenses of these heroes, and that is what we're doing."

The new monthly rate will be 6.5 cents for every \$1,000 of coverage, about 19 percent less than the current 8 cents. Monthly premiums for the maximum coverage of \$250,000 will fall to \$16.25 from the current \$20.

In addition to the basic SGLI, family coverage is available for spouses and children of servicemembers holding SGLI policies. Spouses pay age-based premiums for up to

\$100,000 coverage, while children receive \$10,000 of free coverage. The reduction for spousal policies will vary among age groups, with the largest decline — 42 percent — affecting those 35 to 39.

The reductions will save servicemembers about \$96 million annually in basic SGLI premiums and about \$42 million in family policy premiums.

The reductions do not affect Veterans' Group Life Insurance rates, which VA reduced three times in the last four years. Servicemembers become eligible for VGLI only after they leave the military.

"Ideally, military members and their families will never need to collect from their SGLI policies," said Principi. "But if the need does arise, we want them to have as much insurance protection as possible, at the lowest rate possible."

For more information about VA administered life insurance programs, call 1-800-419-1473, or visit the website www.insurance.va.gov.

VA to grant benefits to more Vietnam Veterans

VA Press Release

WASHINGTON — Based upon a recently released review of scientific studies, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi has decided to extend benefits to Vietnam veterans with chronic lymphocytic leukemia.

"Compelling evidence has emerged within the scientific community that exposure to herbicides such as Agent Orange is associated with CLL," Principi said. "I'm exercising my legal authority to ensure the full range of VA benefits is available to Vietnam veterans with CLL."

The ruling means that veterans with CLL who served in Vietnam during the Vietnam War don't have to prove that illness is related to their military service to qualify for Department of Veterans Affairs disability compensation. Additionally, for more than 20 years, VA has offered special access to medical care to Vietnam veterans with any health problems that may have resulted from Agent Orange exposure, and this decision will ensure higher-priority access to care in the future.

The decision to provide compensation was based upon a recent report by the Institute of Medicine that found among scientific studies "sufficient evidence of an association" between exposure to herbicides during the Vietnam War and CLL.

The IOM review, conducted at VA's request, was the latest in a series spanning the period since 1993 when the independent, non-governmental agency first published a report for VA that examined thousands of relevant scientific studies on the health effects of various substances to which American servicemembers may have been exposed to in Vietnam.

"On the modern battlefield, not all injuries are caused by shrapnel and bullets," Principi said. "This latest IOM study and my decision to act upon it are the latest examples of VA's continuing efforts to care for the needs of our combat veterans."

VA requested the IOM panel of experts to focus on CLL in their report because of veterans' concerns that CLL shares some similarities with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, which the

IOM had previously connected to Agent Orange exposure.

Principi ordered the development of regulations to enable VA to begin paying compensation benefits once a final rule takes effect. Publication of that regulation is expected in the near future. VA will publish further details, when available, on its Web site at www.va.gov/bln/21/benefits/herbicide/.

In the meantime, veterans with questions about health-care, compensation and survivor benefits may call a toll-free help line at 1-800-749-8387 for information. VA also encourages Vietnam veterans who have not done so to request a subscription to Agent Orange Review, VA's free newsletter that will keep them abreast of developments on this issue and other policies and scientific findings in the future.

Newsletter subscription information is available from the help line number above.

Back issues and additional information about Agent Orange are available at another VA Web site at www.va.gov/agentorange/.

POLICE REPORTS

• **Subject:** Civilian, 22-year-old male
 • **Charges:** No proof of insurance, possession of a controlled substance
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Civilian, 21-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Possession of a controlled substance
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Family member, 20-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Simple assault, consummated by battery, improper starting of a parked vehicle
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 • **Charges:** Public drunkenness, disorderly conduct
 • **Location:** Statesboro

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 • **Charges:** Public Drunkenness, disorderly conduct
 • **Location:** Statesboro

• **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 • **Charges:** Wrongful appropriation of private property
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, Division Artillery
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to show proof of insurance, expired tags
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old male, Engineer Brigade
 • **Charges:** Failure to obey a lawful order or regulation, driving on post suspension, failure to wear a safety belt, failure to show proof of insurance, driving while license suspended
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 • **Charges:** Failure to yield, no valid drivers license
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 27-year-old female, Engineer Brigade
 • **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Civilian, 27-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Following too closely
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 23-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Possession of counterfeit license, driving while drivers license suspended, unlawful transfer of license plate, no proof of insurance, failure to maintain lane, failing to properly register vehicle

• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 • **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 30-year-old male, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Battery, cruelty to a child
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private 2, 21-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 • **Charges:** Making, drawing or uttering check, draft or order without sufficient funds
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private 2, 22-year-old male, Division Artillery
 • **Charges:** Simple assault
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, no driver's license on person
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 23-year-old male, Aviation Brigade

• **Charges:** False statement to buy firearms, unlawful transfer of firearms, conspiracy to commit an offense
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 • **Charges:** False statement to buy firearms, unlawful transfer of firearms, conspiracy to commit an offense
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 28-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** False reporting of a crime, false official statement
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class 19-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old male, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of marijuana
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 21-year-old female, Aviation Brigade

• **Charges:** Shoplifting
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 • **Charges:** Criminal trespass
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, driving under the influence
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** False official statement, malingering, conspiracy, false report of a crime
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** False official statement, malingering, conspiracy, false report of a crime
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old female, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Pedestrian failing to yield the right of way to approaching vehicle
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, Division Artillery
 • **Charges:** False or unauthorized pass offense, failure to obey a lawful order, driving on post suspension
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended or revoked
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 45-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Failure to maintain lane
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 25-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, speeding 70/55
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old female, Headquarters Command
 • **Charges:** Larceny of NAF property
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 21-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Corporal, 22-year-old Male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, no seat belt
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private 2, 27-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 • **Charges:** Housebreaking, wrongful damaging of government property, failure to obey lawful regulation, resisting apprehension
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Family member, 23-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended or revoked
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Civilian, 22-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Simple battery
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Civilian, 28-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 26-year-old male, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 57-45
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, Division Artillery
 • **Charges:** Failure to appear, driving while license suspended, mutilation or altering license plate
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Family member, 23-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Cruelty to children
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 40-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Failure to exercise due care
 • **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 27-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 • **Charges:** Failure to obey order or regulation, driving on post suspension, driving on a suspended or revoked license

• **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, Headquarters Command
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 • **Charges:** Obstruction of justice, under age drinking
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private, 24-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 • **Charges:** False official statement
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 • **Charges:** False official statement, forgery, housebreaking, larceny of private funds, larceny of private property
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 24-year-old male, 24th Support Group
 • **Charges:** False official statement, forgery
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 • **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 • **Charges:** Speeding 88/55, no proof of insurance, no driver's license
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, Headquarters Command
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 31-year-old male, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private, 36-year-old female, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Three counts deposit account fraud
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Family member, 25-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Improper backing
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 30-year-old male, Headquarters Command
 • **Charges:** Improper backing
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

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New Soldier Service Center

There will be a groundbreaking for the new Soldier Service Center, 9 a.m., Feb. 20 in the area adjacent to the Marne Welcome Center, Building 251.

Gate closure and changes

Due to the decrease in traffic flow on and off of Fort Stewart, Gate 2 (Troop Gate/E. 4th St.) and Gate 4 (Bryan Village/Austin Rd.) will close 9 p.m., Friday, and not reopen until further notice.

Also, this morning is the last morning traffic cones will be set up to allow inbound traffic total use of General Screven at the main gate 5:15 to 7 a.m. during physical training. It will be normal traffic flow coming on and going off of the installation until further notice.

Warrant officer promotion board

HQDA has announced the Fiscal Year 2003 CW 3, 4 and 5 Promotion Board. The board is scheduled to meet April 29. The following are the zones of consideration for all grades:

- AV MOSs less 151A
- Above Zone — Sept. 30, 1997 and earlier
- Primary Zone — Oct. 1, 1997 through Sept. 30, 1998
- Below Zone — Oct. 1, 1998 through Sept. 30, 1999
- Tech MOSs plus 151A
- Above Zone — Sept. 30, 1998 and earlier
- Primary Zone — Oct. 1, 1998 through Sept. 30, 1999
- Below Zone — Oct. 1, 1999 through Sept. 30, 2000

Officers who will be considered by this board in all zones of consideration should immediately schedule themselves for a new digital photo. In addition to having the new digital photo posted to their files, officers will also receive two hard copies. These hard copy photos must be forwarded to PERSCOM in time for the promotion board.

For more information, call 767-3416 or 352-6296.

Tax assistance available

Get free tax assistance at the Marne Tax Assistance Center. The center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at Building 9611 in the National Guard Training Center area. Call 767-3909 for more information.

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The Special Forces recruiting office is seeking professional enlistees and officer volunteers to join the

ranks of one of America's most premier fighting forces.

Available class dates for Special Forces assessment and selection are Feb. 16 and March 23. Both combat and non-combat MOSs may apply.

To learn more about Special Forces, attend the weekly briefing at Hunter, noon and 4 p.m., Tuesdays at the Education Center or Fort Stewart, 10 a.m., 2 or 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at the Recruiting Office, Building 132 (Coastal Communications). For more information, call 767-1857.

Recycle cardboard

All military units and activities should deliver their bulk cardboard to the new Processing Station, located off of Kilpatrick Road (Gate 6) next to the landfill scale house. All other customers should take their cardboard to the Recycling Center, located on the corner of McFarland Avenue and Sigma Street.

Processing Station hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Recycling Yard hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 767-8880/6327.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is currently seeking individuals who are interested in volunteering at the hospital, youth center, bowling alley, gym, library and Red Cross Office. We are also seeking to fill volunteer leadership positions. For more information, call 767-2197.

Continuing education

Family members, Army Reservists and National Guardsmen can continue their education during their relocation to Fort Stewart at the following learning center locations, regardless of their specific unit:

- Main Education Center, Building 130, 767-8331
- Engineer Learning Center, Building 623, Room 144, 767-2905
- DISCOM and 123rd Signal Learning Centers, Building 729, 767-2652
- DIVARTY and 1st Brigade Learning Centers, Building 1237, 767-8543
- Marne Learning Center, Building 506, 767-2618
- Rock Learning Center, Building 206, 767-3398
- 2nd Brigade Learning Center, Building 520, 767-8353

Classrooms are also available for training and FRG meetings. For additional information about these locations, or the ACES program, call the Main Education Center at 767-6130.

Hunter

Hunter traffic delays

Montgomery Gate construction began Nov. 18; Wilson Gate construction began Dec. 10. Each gate is down to one inbound and one outbound lane. You will not be able to exit through Middleground Road. This will create delays. Plan accordingly and allow extra time to gain post access.

The following will help expedite traffic:

- Ensure your vehicle is registered
- Get extended passes if authorized
- Avoid leaving and having to reenter
- The worst times will be during lunch hours noon to 1:30 p.m.

Rio Gate now open

The Rio Gate is now open to vehicles with Department of Defense decals only. The gate will be open at the following times: 5:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday and Friday; 5:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday; 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The gate will be closed on federal holidays.

Hunter Club

Every Wednesday, the Hunter Club will be serving Grill Beef Strip Steak with Sautéed Onions, Baked Potato, Side Salad, and Drink for \$6.50.

Lunch is being served at the Hunter Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. Blue Plate Specials are offered weekly.

NCO and Officer Calls every Friday from 4 to 8 p.m., except training holidays.

Catering is available for any function. The Hunter Club is open to the public. For reservations, call 353-7923 or 352-5270.

Army Education Center

The Army Education Center is sponsoring a Pell Grant/Financial Aid Workshop, 3 p.m., Feb. 12 and Mar. 19, at the Army Education Center, Building 1290.

Correspondence Courses

Do you need promotion points? Visit the Hunter Education Center to sign up for Army Correspondence Courses. Call 352-6130 for more information.

FCC Certification

The Hunter Education Center offers Federal Communications Commission certification. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is

offering coursework that leads to certification.

Tuition Assistance is now 100 percent, up to \$250 per semester hour. Call 352-6130 for information.

Airframe and Powerplant

The Hunter Education Center offers A&P certification. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is offering coursework that leads to certification.

Tuition Assistance is now 100 percent; so come on in and sign up with your education counselor today. Call 352-6130 for more information.

Phatt Katz Comedy Show

The Phatt Katz Comedy Run will present shows at the Hunter Club on Wednesday starting at 9:30 p.m. Performances will feature two comedians and one headliner.

Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For reservations call 912-269-0277.

11th Annual Golf Tournament

American Red Cross Savannah Chapter is hosting the 11th Annual Golf Tournament and Million Dollar Shoot-out 2003, Feb. 27 and 28 at Southbridge. Shotgun starts at 12:30 p.m., Feb. 27 and 9 a.m., Feb. 28.

For more information, call 651-5309 or e-mail at Tournament web site www.tournevents.com/red-cross.

Learn basic automotive repair

The Hunter Auto Crafts is offering free classes 10 a.m. to noon, Sundays, through April 28. Learn to inspect tires, belts, hoses and brakes, learn how to check all fluid levels and how to rotate tires and replace brakes. For more information, call 352-6244.

Continuing education

Family members, Army Reservists and National Guardsmen can continue their education during their relocation to Hunter Army Airfield, regardless of their specific unit, at the Hunter Army Airfield Education Center, Building 1290. For more information, call 352-6130.

Classrooms are also available for training and FRG meetings. For additional information about these locations, or the ACES program, call the Main Education Center at 767-6130.

Winn Army Community Hospital

OB/GYN Appointments

To schedule an appointment, check on a consult or talk to a nurse in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, call 767-6633. The automated line will connect with clinic staff members who will schedule appointments and answer questions. To speak directly with a nurse about medical concerns, call 370-5920. Alternate phone numbers for the Women's Wellness Center and OB/GYN are 370-6017 and 370-6321. Please keep in mind the automated line takes precedence over the alternate lines.

Coping Support Group

The Coping Support Group is for adults having difficulty dealing with the stress in their life. The group meets 9 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday. The Coping Support Group for Children meets 3 to 4 p.m. for children ages 6 to 9 and 3 to 4 Thursday for children ages 10 to 13. For more information, call 370-6100.

SFHC Consolidation

Soldier Family Health Clinic #3 will be consolidating with SFHC #1 Feb. 3. SFHC #1 is located in Building 701 on Divarty Road. For more information, call 767-7035.

Medical Threat Briefings

Units that require a Medical Threat Briefing can now schedule it by calling Environmental Health at 767-3050.

Pregnancy Nurse Line

Patients more than 20 weeks pregnant who have questions between their regularly scheduled appointments can call the direct nurse line at 370-6550.

"Take Care of Yourself" class

The next "Take Care of Yourself" class will be 2 to 3 p.m. Feb. 19 at Winn. 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, call 370-5071 or 767-6633.

ASAP sees families

The Army Substance Abuse Program will now see dependent family members at least 18-years-old, retirees, contract employees and Department of the Army civilians on a walk-in basis. ASAP is located in Building 620 on 6th

Street. For more information, call 767-5265/5267.

Expectant Siblings Class

The next Expectant Siblings Class will be 5 p.m. Feb. 6. This class helps prepare children, ages 4 to 12, for the arrival of a new brother or sister. To register, call 767-6633.

Winn and Tuttle Champions

The Winn and Tuttle Champions program matches representatives with Family Readiness Groups to answer questions about what health-care services are available to you - from transferring your TRICARE enrollment to refilling prescriptions to schedule appointments. For more information, call Winn's representatives, Linda King or Darla Vaught, at 370-6225/6143 or Tuttle's representative, Marilyn O'Mallon, at 352-6015.

Tuttle TRICARE enrollment

TRICARE enrollment briefings for Tuttle are held by appointment from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday. To schedule an appointment, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Tobacco cessation class

The next Tobacco Cessation class will start Feb. 20. The class can help people who chew, dip or smoke.

This four-week class is available from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays. To register, call 370-5071.

"Winn Delivers" videos

Expectant moms and partners unable to attend a scheduled labor and delivery tour at Winn can now borrow a video tape that contains a 15-minute "video tour." This video gives families a sneak peek at what to expect during and after delivery at Winn.

Copies are available in the OB-GYN Clinic or at the public affairs office on the first floor.

Tuttle Army Health Clinic

Marilyn O'Mallon is Tuttle Army Health Clinic's patient representative.

Her role as a patient advocate means that patients have someone to address their concerns and find resolutions to their problems. Her office is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 352-5731.

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MEETING

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The style of the homes will emulate Savannah's southeast coastal architecture style, and will be built with plenty of input from the eventual occupiers. The design team will brief families on the plans on Feb. 18.

Frank's Franks portable hot dog and sausage stand will be taken out of the post-exchange in the near future. Replacing it will be a GrillXpress, which will be located at the shopette. The new stand will serve hot food with a greatly expanded menu to better serve the public during busy lunch times.

The Tax Center will be operational on Hunter but on a limited basis. Due to a shortage of manpower resulting from the widespread deployment, those wishing to have their taxes done can now fill out an information sheet and drop them off along with a phone number. They will be prepared overnight and a time to pick them up will be given. Customers will be called if any additional information is needed, according to

Weis.

As the meeting concluded, visitors were able to pose specific questions about issues of individual concern. Topics covered ranged from where pregnant spouses of deployed soldiers can choose to have their babies to Parent University to a concern over animal abuse and an anonymous hotline for housing issues.

Only women with high-risk obstetrics will be permitted to utilize a Savannah hospital. Extenuating circumstances are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and a waiver from the attending physician is required. All normal pregnancies are handled through Winn Army Community Hospital at Fort Stewart, according to Bentley.

Parent University offers a wide variety of child and parenting classes free-of-charge to military and dependants. Input is requested as to what types of classes are most in demand, said

Dave Smith. The new class dates will be forthcoming.

Several concerned residents expressed anger over instances of animal abuse in the housing areas. Jajack took the information and promised to look into each incident further. Residents were also directed to the recently upgraded Fort Stewart/Hunter website to anonymously bring further incidents to the proper authorities attention.

In attendance at the meeting were: Davie, Foxworth, Jajack, Lt. Col. Michael Clarke, Directorate of Public Works; Col. Vincent Bentley, clinic director, Tuttle Army Health Clinic; Lt. Col. Timothy Becker, clinic director, Tuttle Army Dental Clinic; Michael Pulley, Defense Commissary Agency; Nona Godwin, Army and Air Force Exchange Service; Maj. Richard Weis, Staff Judge Advocate; Millard Jones, Directorate of Community Activities and Services; Command Sgt. Maj. Mittie Smith, garrison command sergeant major.

RCW

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Sgt. Sam Hoffman

A biologist using Treetop Peeper to see the inside of an active Red Cockaded Woodpecker cavity. Certain models of the Treetop Peeper can extend as far as 55 feet.

military mission and environmental responsibility."

Following Clarke's remarks, the symposium began their tour of Fort Stewart's environmentally protected lands.

The first stop for the symposium was an active RCW cluster, Cluster 44. The environmentalists got a chance to look at active RCW cavities, as well as see some of the other federally and state listed endangered or threatened species that depend on the RCW. The most notable of these are the Gopher Tortoise and the Eastern Indigo Snake.

To view cavities high up in the trees, scientists use what is called a Treetop Peeper. It consists of a digital camera attached to a receiver with a screen at the bottom. Operating like a periscope, the Treetop Peeper can extend from 35 to 55 feet, depending on the model.

The symposium got a chance to look at the equipment used to make longleaf forest more hospitable for the RCW at the Wiregrass stop. Fort Stewart Fish and Wildlife botanists discussed the methods used to convert old fields into longleaf pine forests.

Another one of Fort Stewart's threatened species is the Flatwoods Salamander. The salamanders live in Fort Stewart's wetlands, a herpetologist said. The symposium also had

the chance to see some of the breeding sights of the Flatwoods Salamander and some of the other federally listed amphibians, such as the Oak Toad and the Pinewoods Tree Frog.

The symposium lasted four days, from January 27-31. From this symposium, the scientists will learn much more about the RCW and its recovery efforts.

"Eighty scientific papers will be published into a book so the scientists can gather information to do more to recover Red Cockaded Woodpeckers," Christine Eustis, a USFWS spokesperson, said.

"A lot of military sites are helping to recover this bird," she said. "It's good that people get to see how Fort Stewart is helping wildlife."

There is still much more work to be done here, Costa said. "Each cluster needs 150 acres to survive. Fort Stewart has the ability to harbor 700 clusters."

Members of the symposium were very pleased by the work that is done on behalf of endangered species, and the hospitality shown to them by the military personnel.

"Fort Stewart's been very good to the Red Cockaded Woodpecker," Eustis said. She added that the population of RCWs continues to rise and the symposium looks forward to returning 10 years from now.

NEW MAILING RESTRICTIONS

As of January **all** parcels (packages) must fit in a mail sack and **cannot** exceed 72" in length and girth combined.

- Measure the longest side of the box.
- Measure distance around whole box.
- Add these two numbers together. If they exceed 72", you **cannot** mail the package.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Other mailing restrictions are — **Do Not Mail:**

- Any mail containing religious material contrary to the Islamic faith.
- Any matter depicting nude or semi-nude persons, pornographic or sexual items.
- Any matter containing non-authorized political material.
- Firearms.
- Pork or pork by-products
- Alcoholic beverages and materials used in the production of alcoholic beverages (distilling material, hops, malts, yeast, etc.)

Due to the continued threat of terrorist attacks through the mail, individuals and organizations **may not** send letters or packages to soldiers addressed as "Any Soldier" or "Any Service Member" using a known APO. Instead, individuals and organizations may go to the following website and send an e-mail message.

<http://anyservicemember.navy.mil>





Photos by Spc. Adam Nuelken

Sgt. Crystal Hoon (left), a native of Dangerfield, Texas and medic for C Co., 703rd MSB, tests Hoboken, Ga., native Pvt. John Shuman (right), infantryman for A Co., 3rd Bn., 15th Infantry, on clearing and obstructed airway during the combat lifesaver certification Jan. 25.

Teaching soldiers to save lives

Course takes first aid to the next level

Spc. Adam Nuelken

Staff Writer, Frontline Forward

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — Hours of class work and hands on training in saving lives reached its pinnacle Jan. 25 when soldiers tested their knowledge to become combat lifesavers.

More than 70 soldiers worked for five days to learn extensive first aid techniques. Techniques they may find valuable on the battlefield and in everyday life.

The Combat Lifesaver Course is a 40-hour course that builds upon common task training and adds a variety of first aid methods.

“They learn several things. They learn how to do different kinds of carries. Depending on the situation, they learn which kind of carry to use. They learn how to build different kinds of litters. If you don’t have a litter, they teach you how to build one with the items you have around you,” said Master Sgt. Everett Bivens, Ocilla, Ga. native and Division Surgeon’s Office non-commissioned officer in charge. “It also teaches you how to start an IV, the signs and symptoms of shock, how you treat for shock, how you treat burns, head injuries, chest injuries, abdominal injuries and limb injuries.”

One of the most important and difficult tasks is giving the intravenous injection on the first try, according to Bivens.

“Most soldiers can do it,” he said. “A lot of soldiers are afraid of the needle, and they are afraid they won’t get the catheter in the vein on the first try. So they’re real nervous of it.”

The next thing is the carries. “Some people can out lift their own body weight, so we expect them to at least lift 150 pounds or more as a medic, plus their equipment,” Bivens said. “So that is difficult for a lot of people.”

Training combat lifesavers is a crucial, according to Bivens, because medics are only given a few seconds to live on the battlefield. Also, having more medically trained soldiers will save more lives.

“It’s important because, on the battlefield, a medic is given only nine seconds to live. So the more people we

can train on medical proficiencies, the more people we can save,” Bivens added. “Ten percent of each unit is supposed to be combat lifesaver certified, but I feel we need at least 20 to 30 percent. My goal is at least 30 percent of the division to be combat lifesavers within the next couple of weeks.”

Another reason to have so many combat lifesavers is to help treat civilian casualties as well as military.

“If the president gives us the word to go into Baghdad, you’ll have civilians there, so we’ll need to treat civilians as well as their partners,” Bivens said.

In the coming weeks, Bivens plans on training a lot more combat lifesavers to support Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Desert Spring by conducting a battlefield-like scenario similar to the Expert Field Medical Badge testing.

“My goal, believe it or not, in the next couple weeks is to train 6,000 combat lifesavers,” Bivens said. “To actually put them through a combat scenario and see how they perform.”

Soldiers who took the combat lifesaver course understand their importance if they are ever in a conflict.

“I see it as a very important thing because the very simple fact that we could be going into Baghdad at any time. There could be casualties — our own casualties, their own casualties and even civilian people possibly — you never know,” said Pfc. Jesse Hill, Wenatchee, Wa., native and tactical satellite operator for D Company, 123rd Signal Battalion. “It could help save many more lives by getting the more common soldier, not just the medical soldier, trained up on how to treat basic casualties and give IVs. I think it’s a very important deal.”



A soldier administers an intravenous injection as part of the combat lifesaver course qualification.

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Sea Cadets honor astronauts



Photos by Ken Robinson

(Above) Retired Navy Lt. Cmdr. William Hodges, Navy Lt. (Junior Grade) David Brague and U.S. Navy Sea Cadets pay their respects to the crew of the space shuttle Challenger as Taps is played Feb. 2. The cadets are members of Adolph H. Blumenfeld Division of the U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps, Savannah, Ga., which is based at Hunter Army Airfield. (Left) Seaman Apprentice Tim McCoy, plays taps to honor the memory of the astronauts who lost their lives Saturday.



Cadet Nicholas Lee, lead petty officer for the cadets, calls the company to attention before turning the company over to Hodges. The Hunter based company has been on the installation since 1988 and works to teach the cadets to respect themselves and others, self esteem and motivation.

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On Post

Black History celebration

DISCOM is sponsoring a Black History Month Celebration at Woodruff Theater, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Feb. 20. Dr. Abigail Jordan, Gullah Festival, "2002 Woman of the Year," is the guest speaker.

For more information, call 767-5850.

Support group

There is a Coping Support Group held 9 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays at the Winn Behavioral Health Clinic. For more information, call 370-6100.

Spouses' night out

A Spouses' Night Out will be held 6 to 10 p.m., Friday at Club Stewart's Patriot Corner. There will be line dancing and ballroom dancing lessons at 7:30 p.m. There will also be board games, music, snacks, cards and a beverage station. Child care is available, call CYS at 767-3203 for child care requirements.

2nd BCT FRG calendar

The following events will be held by the 2nd Brigade Combat Team Family Readiness Group:

- Walk to Kuwait at Quick Track 5 to 6 p.m., Feb. 11.
- Appetizer pot luck at the 1/64 classroom noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 15.
- Walk to Kuwait at Quick Track 5 to 6 p.m. Feb. 25.

If you would like your FRG schedule to be included, email Casey Craig at caseycraig@coastalnow.com.

Blood Drive

There is an American Red Cross Blood Drive scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 25 in the AAFES parking lot.

Tax assistance available

Get free tax assistance at the Marne Tax Assistance Center. The center is open 9 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Building 9611 in the National Guard Training Center area. Call 767-3909 for more information.

Toastmasters

Whether you're a professional, student, stay-at-home parent or retiree, Toastmasters is the best way to improve your communication skills. The Dog-Faced Soldiers Toastmasters International Club meets noon every second and fourth Wednesday at Club Stewart and is open to everyone. For more information, call 767-0383 or email at Bowenja@stewart.army.mil.

Academy deadlines

The Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools have posted the following dates concerning registration to the Academies, formerly know as the Magnet Programs:

- Friday — Academy application deadline for lottery
- Feb. 21 — Lottery date
- Feb. 24 — Letters mailed to parents.
- March 28 — Deadline for school year 03/04 pre-registration.

For more information call 201-4170 or 767-6533.

Off Post

Parents Night Out

Enjoy a night out, while your kids have fun at the YMCA. Every 1st and 3rd Friday, 5 to 10 p.m.

Fees per hour, per child are:
E-1 through E-4 — \$1
E-5 through E-6 — \$1.25
All Others — \$1.50

Children may bring their swimsuits. Registration is required and can be completed when children are dropped off.

To publish a brief in The Frontline, call 767-3440 or fax us at 767-5979. Deadline for briefs is Friday at noon.

Get promotion points on-line

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

Promotion points are now available for soldiers through Skillsoft online vendor-based e-learning courses.

"The Personnel Command Enlisted Promotions Branch has made the completion of these courses valid for promotion points," said Willard Scott, director of Federal Business Operations for Skillsoft.

Skillsoft is a company that gathers the relevant courses and makes them accessible for soldiers online. A catalogue of more than 1,500 classes is available with subjects ranging from business to interpersonal and technology skills. Active duty soldiers, as well as Reservists, Guardsmen and Department of the Army civilians will have access to these courses through their Army Knowledge Online accounts.

This is the latest step in the Army's policy of encouraging higher education among soldiers and family members, Scott said.

Promotion points will be awarded on the same scale as correspondence courses, 5 credit hours = 1 point.

Scott said, "The points will be transferred directly to Army Training Requirements and Resources System. Certificates of completion are e-mailed and the points go to ATTRS. No extra work is done on the part of the soldiers."

Army Learning Center Manager of Automation, Howard Powell, has been working for the Army more than 20 years. "Smartforce has come a long way," he said.

The American Council on Education has even approved some of the courses for college credit. The learning center will help soldiers put together a transcript if they'd like, said Powell.

All a soldier needs to do to get

started is log onto the ATRRS website and read the directions that read, "Register for Smartforce."

"They can log on from any computer, at any time they want," Powell said.

Soldiers without computers can still take Smartforce classes at the Army Learning Center, said Powell. He added, "Each brigade has a learning center. There are eight total, seven here and one at Hunter (Army Airfield)."

There are training facilitators, people who act as advisors, at every learning center to help those having difficulty and provide advice to soldiers who ask for it, Powell said. They will also aid in registration if someone is confused about the steps. Online, mentors are available for live chat, for those having trouble with the coursework.

"Students can plot their progress online with progress reports," said Powell.

Smartforce offers full service progress tracking that includes both completed and current courses.

One of the best improvements, Powell said, is that many of the courses are available on CD.

"If there are any Internet problems, the soldier can complete the courses in the field, and upload it into the network when they return," he said.

Units on a group level can also do Smartforce training. The learning center has two computer classrooms, Powell said. "It's a really good program," he added.

Scott is very glad that the Army has decided to accept online vendor-based courses for promotion points.

"If the soldier puts in the time and effort, they should get the credit," he said.

Soldiers and DA civilians interested can get more information at the Army Learning Center, or they can visit www.skillsoft.com.

Sports USA, a home away from home

Nancy Gould

DCAS

Last year Yvette Shepard became the new manager of Fort Stewart's sports bar facility — Sports USA. She earned that position because of her proven ability during her previous five years there to care for her patrons. She's made it a point to know the regulars — to learn about their interests, and to listen to their requests. She strives to offer both military and civilian patrons the kind of top-notch service that keeps them coming back.

Sports USA, nestled between DIVARTY and DISCOM, and in walking distance of the barracks, offers soldiers (the sports bar's primary patrons) an opportunity to unwind and "let their hair down" with their friends in a safe environment without ever leaving the post.

Weekly events, such as dart and pool tournaments, offer soldiers the consistency they can count on for fun. The eight large-screen projection televisions used to watch football games and wrestling matches make Sports USA the perfect location for sporting events — next to being there. Dance competitions and beach parties are two of many special events and parties offered periodically to give soldiers variety and interesting, creative outlets where they can "strut their stuff" with their peers and have fun. Six pool tables, seven video games, and 17 smaller televisions provide more alternatives at featured events.

Soldiers seem to appreciate the activities, as well as Shepard's efforts to provide a home away from home, while maintaining a high-energy sports bar environment. Regular patrons, especially the younger ones, call her "yes ma'am, and mama," nicknames that reveal their playful, but respectful attitude toward her.

"I want soldiers to have fun when they come here but I also want them to remember — I expect what their mothers expect," Shepard said, adding that like any good parent or manager, she has to get a little tough sometimes. "I'm not afraid to flex my muscles to let them know I mean business if they get out of line."

That was especially true when she began her managerial position last year. Soldiers and civilians flocked to Sports USA from Hinesville when alcohol sales ended at midnight. Weekend fights and disturbances became regular occurrences. And as a result, extra security measures — metal detector scans, drinks served in plastic containers and restricting outside areas where soldiers are allowed to congregate — were implemented and eventually paid off.

Shepard says now she handles any problems that come up and they rarely include fights.

Illicit dumping:*A problem around Fort Stewart's family housing areas***Melissa Lardinios**

DPW, Waste Management Branch

Illicit dumping has become a recurring problem in the Bryan Village Housing Area. The Bryan Village Shoppette and other areas around post are receiving large amounts of housing rubbish such as mattresses, tires, and regular municipal solid waste, etc. Open dumping is prohibited



Melissa Lardinios

Garbage piles next to the Bryan Village Shoppette because of illicit dumping.



Nancy Gould

more than 400 soldiers, including guardsmen, reservists and civilians, watched the Super Bowl at Sports USA Sunday, Jan. 29. Prizes given away at the event included a recliner, computer, office chair, two-day trip, DVD player, Tee shirts and more.

Patrons and staff have come to appreciate the safety initiatives and enjoy the safe, relaxed environment.

On Super Bowl Sunday, more than 400 patrons, including active-duty soldiers, guardsmen, reservists and civilians watched football on the club's large screen televisions. For \$2 they ate snacks, enjoyed the camaraderie, and got a chance to win some hefty prizes, including a recliner, computer, office chair, two-day trip, DVD player, tee shirts, and more.

Shepard already knows many of the National

Guardsmen and reservists deployed here by name. She encourages those new to Fort Stewart to check out the club's next seasonal competitions — the 8 Ball Tournament Billiards to win a free trip to Las Vegas and the Valentine's Day Mega Touch Tournament to win the grand prize, a giant teddy bear. But not everyone can win. And for those who don't, Shepard promises to do her best to provide a great time and to make them feel at home.

For more information about Sports USA, call Shepard at 912-767-5604 after 1 p.m.

and is a violation of the Georgia Solid Waste Management rules Chapter 391-3-4.04. Violation of this statute can result in a monetary fine for individuals found responsible.

Illegal dumping can result in disease vector problems with vultures, crows, mosquitoes and possibly rats. Other problems associated with illicit dumping include potential contamination of wells and surface water from stormwater runoff. In addition, there are safety hazards to be considered. Children can be hurt from playing on piles of debris as well as becoming trapped in abandoned appliances.

Debra Downs, manager of the Bryan Village Shoppette, said "I have caught a few of these folks dumping and most of them say they must get rid of the rubbish to clear housing and the trash collection only comes once a week."

All household garbage must be disposed of in a refuse container, such as a dumpster, garbage can or at the landfill.

The Fort Stewart landfill is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is

no charge to Fort Stewart Family Housing occupants disposing of their household garbage.

The landfill is located off of Wilson Avenue on Kilpatrick Road, towards Gate 6. In order to get to the landfill, you have to go down Wilson Avenue as if you are going out Gate 6.

Gate 6 is closed to traffic coming on the Installation, but it has been arranged so you can access the landfill. Personal owned vehicles are permitted at the landfill to dispose of household garbage.

Upon arriving at the landfill, stop at the scale and weigh in. At that time instructions will be given as to where you may dump your garbage. After unloading your unwanted materials, proceed back to the scale house and weigh out. All scrap tires must be delivered to the Fort Stewart Recycling Center located on the corner of McFarland Avenue and Sigma Street.

Let's work together to keep Fort Stewart clean and beautiful. For more information regarding this issue, contact the Waste Management Branch at 767-2010.

Brittin and Diamond Elementary Honor Rolls

Brittin Elementary

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Rachael Dowd
Muriel Grohmann
MacCallister Hampton
Ja' Lan Herbin
Joshua Krogmann
Thomisa Lucas
Alexys Rivera
Kaitlyn Sharp
Trinity White
Jessica Wilson
A/B Honor Roll
Nick Barton
Dolton Carson
John Cassidy
Marissa Chapmann
Jasmine Crowder
Leanna David
Matthew Deegan
Keion Dodds
James Easley
Andrew Facey
Malik Grohmann
Raymond Hall
Nicholas Harrison
Tariq Hill
Antonia Jones
David Kazlowski
Zoe Locey
Alan McMahan
Chelsea Middleton
Kennedy Miles
Daniel Miller
Katelyn Millett
Kennedy Mullenix
Peter Oliver
Christopher Ripley
Areana Phelps
Antonio Royster
David Stephens
India Wiggins
Taraus Wilson
Brian Yetter
Blair Young

**2nd Grade
A Honor Roll**
Darien Anthony
Nikolaus Berry
Kirshana Calhoun
Zachary Erwin
Dan Huell
Tiana Ingram
Nicole Johnson
Jessica Schrick
Emily Staffa
Xavier Thrasher
Joi Wright
A/B Honor Roll
Leahi Akao
Tyzhanay Anderson
Royneisha Andrews
Jessica Agbay
Tiara Anderson
Jennifer Bott
Austin Brown
Chad Bradley
Sharron Carter
Joshua Covington
Kaili DeStazio
Larunda Easley
Deion Foster
Shaquana Gray
Kurtrell Jackson
Audriana Johnson
Stafan Johnson
Kevin Jones
Lawrence Kemp
Kathleen Klein

Cory Lazenby
Zuriel Locey
Danard McLemore
Perry McNeil
Adam Martinez
Cassy Pelton
Kelsie Williams
Terry Williams
Quanesha Wimes

**3rd Grade
A Honor Roll**
Emily Heath
Kala Hendrickson
Nicole Roxburgh
Natavia Townsend
Shayla Watts
Dominique Wiggins
A/B Honor Roll
Chrisitan Bradley
Myrisha Colston
Kristin Crawley
Jamie Curry
Brittney Diggs
Kristopher duncan
LaDonte' Evans
James Farley
Alexis Fisher
Aaron Gillen
Madeline Guillerault
Christen Hall
Aaron Jacobs
Bryce King
Alexis Kozlowski-Gonzalez
DiTarius Neal
Samantha Newby
Vanessa Newton
Thomas Newton
Chelsea Rivera
Jonathan Saavedra
Derrick Slaughter
Markus Smith
Elayna Strachan
Tanisha Terrell
Dakari Towns
Ma'Tina Vereen

**4th Grade
A Honor Roll**
Quierra Jones
Kyle Weaver
A/B Honor Roll
Kirstie Agbay
Ashley Alexander
Roysean Andrews
Taylor Barton
Kadeshia Brown
Andre Connor
Nichelle Frasier
Thomas Freeman
Amber Grant
Brittney Guilfo
Jamal Harrison
Giancarlo Hernandez
Leon Howell
Jay Ingram
Ciana Lacuesta
Andrea Lowe
Kristie-Lynn McGathy
Darian McNeill
Jason Martin
Indigo Pullen
Anetone Sailiata
Elizabeth Styles
Christina Tuia
Garret Vallade
Shelby Walker
Kathleen Whitefield
Margarit Whitfield
Daniel Wiltahire
Dante Wright

**5th Grade
A/B Honor Roll**
Ashley Ballew
Nicholas Battyani

Eleena Bucko
Alex Carpenter
Danielle Jacobs
Danielle Jones
Brittney Kempson
Alexandra Kimball
Xanadue Locey
Zachary Loper
Kim McCaskill
Carnell Matthews
Kaila Moses
Alicia Perez
Santana Postell
Alexis Pritchard
Crystal Pryear
Patrice Puranda
Andrienne Raso
Lara Riviere
Katie Robinson
Keycha Rutherford
Byron Weaver

**6th Grade
A Honor Roll**
Laura Eschenbach
Joyce Meadows-Marquez
Sherna Tolbert
A/B Honor Roll
Keith Agbay
Tim Ashmen
Jerry Bidal
Nicole Boone
Latisha Colston
Jeremy Crawley
Robin Diggs
Dwayne Foster
Emily Franklin
Sonia Gonzalez
Emily Hardy
Joseph Inniss
Lamar McLendon
Phillip Palomo
Ariel Pince
Joshua Rodgers
Robert Rodriquez
Demedtius Stinson

Diamond Elementary

**1st Grade
A Honor Roll**
Amberlee Allmond
Jacob Amos
Michaela Backes
Jeanette Brendler
Samantha Campbell
Jade Chambers
Malik Deberry
Joey Hanson
Alexys Hawkins
Benjamin Hernandez
Alec Kern
Rachel Landis
Kaitlyn McGinnis
Saphire Moore
Haley Moyer
Mireya Ortiz
Monica Quintiliani
Lauren Reynnells
Alexandra Reynolds
Crystal Smith
Sydney Smith
Joshua Therault
Jasmine Tubbs
Channah Valkos
Vanda Vereen
Alexandra Wade
A/B Honor Roll
Cortlyn Belvin
Darius Brown
Nathaniel Cochran
Martin Crawford
Lindsey Clare deCamp
Mary Dukes

Robert Gallimore
Taylor Hallums
Christianna Hefner
Shay Hobbs
Khalig Hughes
Xaiver Jackson
Seantel Janes
Kaylyn Johnson
Jessica Kohler
Robin Lum
Aaliyah Lynch
Kierra McKnight
Amanda McSherley
Kaitlyn Miller
Javier Mojica
Denny Montanez
Winston Morris
Kezandra Munoz
Brianna Phillips
Carrie Ramage
Jamal Robin
Christopher Short
Kyle Swart
Taylor Williams

**2nd Grade
A Honor Roll**
Jullian Battley
Tyler Blackwell
Arianna Brown
Dominique Calhoun
Daniel Cintron
Allyson Clayton
David Devoe
Brandon Elmer
Brigit Frails
Garcia Brandon
Darrian Graves
Ada Hornback
Kyle Jackman
Kianna Kimbrough
Corryna Lindahl
Dylan McSherley
Quirina Munoz
Terrance Neal
Kristen O'Sullivan
Amanda Reeves
Dustin Russell
Shakirah Singleton
Roxie Sterm
Caleb Wheller
Maggie Wilson
A/B Honor Roll
Joseph Ard
Kinyanna Bussie
Amy Camacho
Andrew Campbell
Kayla Cantrell
Jasmine Chambers
Jarrid Dalton
Christopher Davey
Tyler Devoe
Cameron Enders
Damien Fernandez
Tatiana Gomez
Trevor Goody
Dakota Hamilton
Zackry Hansen
Bobbie Hoskins
Meranda Linville
Krystal Maglothin
Tyler Marccone
Ashley Mason
Ashlea McIntire
A'Shanti McKan
Alec Meilke
Linston Morris
A'mani Potter
Cory Smith
Marcus Smith
Melissa Smith
Victoria Strauss
Shiann Washington
Brittany Weaver
Nicole White
Shariff Williams

CeMone Wimberly
Nicholas Wohlmaker
**3rd Grade
A Honor Roll**
Evan Crowther
Victoria Flanagan
Zachary Foster
Grant Hibner
Nicholas Lancaster
William Legate
Robin Lopez
Symone May
Janae' Perry
Haasahn Peyton
Tyler Phillips
Chelsea Rector
Alyssandra Ruiz
Aubre' Shannon
Cody Smith
Dakota Strelliner
Ashleigh Thompson
Tommy Thompson
Nathan Towery
Shanquez Tucker
Andrew Walker
Alexis Washington
Justin Weare
Mark Zellar
A/B Honor Roll
Jay Jay Allmond
Jordan Arcual
Melva Asher
Shannon Baptista
Shanice Belle
Christopher Belvin
Audrey Bird
Raul Delgado
Kevin Eaves
Harriet Edusah
Lindsey Franklin
Xavier Harris
Zoey Hombeck
Jasmine Howell
Lekesha Jelks
Niko Justice
Sam Landis
Justina Lopez
Jeanetta McGlaughin
Nathan McMaster
Emanuel Mella
Jasua Oglesby
Megan Pagan
Jasmine Pate
Brandon Pietra
Jamie Robin
Monequah Salter
Charles Sanders
Alexandria Seales
Kadicia Simmons
Casey Smith
Cody Smith
Andrea South
Derrick Williamson

**4th Grade
A Honor Roll**
Alexandria Blunt
Joey Brendler
Antoinette Hawkins
Montrel Hollis
Reginald Howard
DeAndre Johnson
Miguel Lugo
Joshua Orton
Karly Pierce
T. J. Sauter
Renata Shirlee
Terrel Tillman
Kerystyn Williams
A/B Honor Roll
Janae' Barton
Roykeisha Burnett
Desmond Clark
Stephanie Corlew
Jonathan Crews
Noemi Forbes

Ramona Hadqiger
Zachery Hawk
Amanda Hoskins
Donte Hughes
Jasmine Jordan
Brian Lopez
Casey Moore
Tre'von Savannah
Taylor Schumann
William Legate
James Scott
Nicholas Soto
Matthew Tudela
Ben White
Jehan Willis

**5th Grade
A Honor Roll**
Victoria deCamp
Laqwana Dockery
Ryan Flanagan
Montage Hollis
Kara Lyons
Jake Moak
Enrique Munoz
Xaiver Pagan
Rahne Reed
A/B Honor Roll
Racquel Acevedo
Kristina Bengston
Jonathan Benson
Brandon Cook
Tamera Crawford
Krizia Delgado
Jeanette Engel
Katrice Fed
Rico Forney
Samantha Gonzales
Aria Graves
Cameron Harless
Asleigh Heacock
Sakeshia Howell
Adam Huey
Kaie Jefferson
Megan Linville
Brittany Mauntler
Scott Milne
David Ortiz
Melissa Ortiz
James Parker
Chanel Patrick
Victoria Santiago
Dominic Santos
Nichole Stever
David Trowbridge
LaCheyonna Washington
Keisha Williams
Tyler Williams

**6th Grade
A Honor Roll**
Ben Bowes
Amy Ferguson
LaTrice Gardner
Remington Mollet
Ciara Powell
Tony Presnell
Amber Salazar
Alicia Stites
A/B Honor Roll
Justin Battley
Samantha Boyd
Samantha Chase
David Clark
Emilee Clouse
Michaela Daniels
Ashley Hagarman
Remika Howard
Jonathan Ivers
Tiffani Jerido
Nina Krinke
Tony Michel
Beatrice Pollard
A'Isha Shanes
Whitley Strickland
Patrick Towery
Jaylese Vega

February Lunch Menus

Elementary School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				Feb. 7 Hamburger on a bun, lettuce & tomato, french fries, peas & carrots and peanut butter cookie
Feb. 10 Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, green beans, roll and ice cream	Feb. 11 Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, garden peas, roll and jello	Feb. 12 Vegetable beef soup, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, orange smiles and oatmeal cookie	Feb. 13 Roast pork, rice with gravy, tossed salad, roll, carrots and chocolate cake	Feb. 14 No School
Feb. 17 No School	Feb. 18 Shepherd's pie, fruit cup, peas & carrots, roll and sugar cookie	Feb. 19 Cheeseburger, chips, peanut butter confection, juice and carrot sticks	Feb. 20 Fried chicken, seasoned rice, steamed cabbage, cornbread and chilled apricots	Feb. 21 Corn dog, french fries, chilled pears and cinnamon roll
Feb. 24 Chili, grilled cheese sandwich, corn and frozen fruit bar	Feb. 25 Lasagna, tossed salad, peaches, roll and ice cream sandwich	Feb. 26 Fish sandwich, potato wedges, garden peas and chocolate chip cookie	Feb. 27 Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, roll and sugar cookie	Feb. 28 Hot dog, coleslaw, baked beans, fruit juice and chips

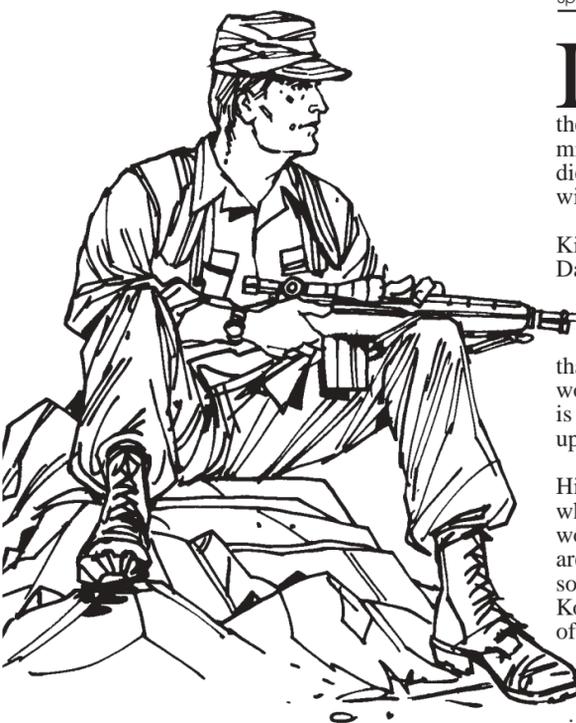
Middle and High School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				Feb. 7 Fish nuggets, french fries hush puppies, cole slaw and peanut butter confection
Feb. 10 Orange glazed ham, macaroni & cheese, steamed cabbage, cornbread, ice cream sandwich and chilled pears	Feb. 11 Stir fried rice, egg roll, frozen juice bar and garden salad	Feb. 12 Spaghetti, garlic bread, corn, chilled peaches and vanilla ice cream	Feb. 13 Chicken strips, tater tots, green beans, roll and jello	Feb. 14 No School
Feb. 17 No School	Feb. 18 Popcorn fish, french fries, garden peas, cornbread and chilled peaches	Feb. 19 Cheeseburger, french fries, lettuce/tomato, mexican corn, frosted spice cake and ice cream	Feb. 20 Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, california blend, roll and vanilla pudding	Feb. 21 Stir fried rice, egg roll, oriental vegetables and frozen juice bar
Feb. 24 Spaghetti, garlic bread, garden salad, mixed fruit and frosted yellow cake	Feb. 25 Cream chicken with noodles, peas and carrots, tossed salad, yeast roll and glazed donut	Feb. 26 Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, roll, broccoli & cheese and frosted chocolate cake	Feb. 27 Baked chicken, seasoned rice, roll, buttered carrots and peach cobbler	Feb. 28 Chili cheese baked potato, garden salad, fresh orange and ice cream sandwich

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Absence from our soldier

Special to The Frontline



It is said that absence makes the heart grow stronger. With so many of our soldiers already deployed and others in the process of leaving, any of us remaining might wonder if this absence from our soldiers will indeed make us stronger. It can with God's help.

Before David became King of Israel, King Saul pursued him. At that time, David believed that he was being driven out of his country and away from God. While in the land of the Philistines David found that God is not limited to one area of the world. David came to recognize that God is everywhere and a real strength to draw upon in times of trouble.

God is still our strength when we ask Him to be with our loved ones, no matter where we might physically be in the world. When we have God in our lives we are no more than a prayer away from our soldiers whether they are in Kuwait, Korea, or in one of the many training areas of Ft. Stewart.

God will help each of us grow stronger during this time of absence from our soldier if we will ask Him to give us His strength and we trust Him to do so.

Pet of the Week

Chloe is a 3-month-old, female, collie mix. She gets along well with other animals and likes everyone she meets. Very playful and full of energy.

Chloe needs a home with lots of love and attention.

If interested in adopting Houdini or any other cat or dog, call 767-4194 or stop by the clinic located at 461 W. Bultman Ave., Building 1180, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314.



GOT PET?

Check out the Fort Stewart Vet Clinic. All stray pets found on post are taken to the facility. For more information, call 767-4194.

Find your loved one.



Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

<u>Catholic</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sunday Mass	Victory	9 a.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	7 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday "Protestant Worship"	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.

American Samoan

Sunday Worship	Victory	1 p.m.
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Muslim

Friday Jum'ah	Bldg. 9182	1:15 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Bldg. 9182	5:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist

Saturday Sabbath School	Vale	9:15 a.m.
Saturday Divine Worship	Vale	11 a.m.

Lutheran

Sunday Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
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Contemporary Service

Sunday Worship	Marne	6 p.m.
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Hunter Army Airfield

Protestant

Sunday Service	Post Chapel	11 a.m.
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SPORTS & FITNESS

On Post

Basketball courts closed
The Hunter gym's basketball courts will close Monday for renovations.

Youth B-ball/cheerleading
Register your child for the Fall Fort Stewart Child and Youth Services basketball and cheerleading "step" team from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, Building 443, located on the corner of Gulick Ave. and Lindquist Rd., behind Corkan Pool.

Basketball age divisions will be 6 to 7 boys and girls, 8 to 10 boys, 8 to 10 girls, 11 to 12 boys, 11 to 14 girls, 13 to 14 and 15 to 18 boys. Cheerleading will be two divisions, ages 6 to 9 and 10 to 14. Uniforms provided by Youth Services. For more information, contact CYS at 767-2312.

Tae Kwon Do lessons

Tae Kwon Do is available for children and adults.

Classes are held 5 to 6 p.m. for children and 6 to 7 p.m. for teens and adults, Tuesday and Thursday at Fort Stewart Youth Services Center, Building 7338, Austin Rd. in Bryan Village next to the shoppette.

The cost is \$30 per month. For more information, call Child and Youth Services at 767-2312.

Marne tournaments

A 9-pin, no-tap tournament will be held the first Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes.

Sign up starts at 6:30 p.m. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person.

A scotch doubles tournament is held the third Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per couple. For more information, call 767-4866.

Newman offers training

The Newman Physical Fitness Center now offers personal-training consultations. Consultations consist of health screenings (body fat assessments), exercise prescription and nutritional counseling. Consultations are on appointment basis only.

Persons desiring this service may contact the Newman Physical Fitness Center at 767-3031.

Golf Course

Taylor's Creek Golf Course offers Senior Blitz on Thursdays with a 9 a.m. tee off. They also offer a Dogfight Tournament at 7:30 a.m. and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Saturdays and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

Off Post

Military night at the YMCA
The 1st and 3rd Friday of each month are Military night at the YMCA. Show your Military ID and enjoy the Y free of charge from 4 to 10 p.m.

Baseball players wanted

If you are interested in playing baseball for a semi-pro baseball team, contact Art Lewis at 352-6749 or 767-6572, or James Simmons at 767-3031 or 369-3974.

There will be a sign up meeting 3 p.m., Feb. 9 at Bo'Maz Bluedevils Baseball Club, 4850 W. Oglethorpe Hwy 84, Walthourville.

For more information, email simmonsh@yahoo.com

Half marathon

Registration has begun for the Hilton Head Island Half Marathon.

The half marathon will be held 8 a.m., Feb. 15. The fee is \$30 if registered before Saturday. After Saturday, the fee is \$40. No race-day registrations will be permitted.

Participants can register at www.bearfootsports.com.

If you're interested in having your sports articles, commentaries or briefs posted in The Frontline, call 767-3440, or fax at 767-5979. Deadline is noon on Fridays.

Going for #1

Engineers take post championship, 53-51

Sgt. Sam Hoffman
Staff Writer

The 92nd Engineer Battalion edged out the 3rd Soldier Support Battalion, 53-51, at Newman Physical Fitness Center Jan. 30 to take the post basketball championship.

The Engineers fought off a second half comeback to hold on to a 53-51 victory.

"We lost the last two [championship] games, said Engineer starting point-guard, Fabien Tubby. "This year we're going to make a difference!"

Before the game, Engineer Coach, Alicia Chin spoke confidently about her team. "Both of these teams are really good," she said "but ... we won the first match."

The game started off in favor of the 92nd. It was all offense in the first half, led by Tubby, the Engineers' team leader with nine assists.

The score was 23-13 at the half, but a monstrous slam-dunk by SSB center, Randy Johnson, with seconds left, inspired SSB and rallied the bench.

Led by the powerful center, SSB was able to come within two points with 10:44 left on the clock. When the 92nd accidentally had six men

on the court, SSB sent team member, Reggie Cullers to the free-throw line. He sank both shots and from there fellow team member Terrence Simmons took control of the game.

Simmons dropped a three-pointer at 10:05 to take the lead. He led his team with 27 points, which helped put SSB up by as many as seven points in the second half.

That was until a barrage of three pointers by the Engineers finally kept SSB down.

Tubby started the rally at 6:31, when he nailed a three-pointer to cut SSB's lead down to one point. The next three-pointer came from team captain, Richard Stewart, who put one in from the corner with 5:15 left in the game.

Engineer shooting guard, Ricky Nails, tied the game at 46 points, by nailing a three-pointer of his own, with less than three minutes left on the clock.

After that, Barion Freeman, rallied his team, hitting threes from all over the court. He finished the game, leading his team with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

When the game was finished, the Engineers celebrated before an awards ceremony.

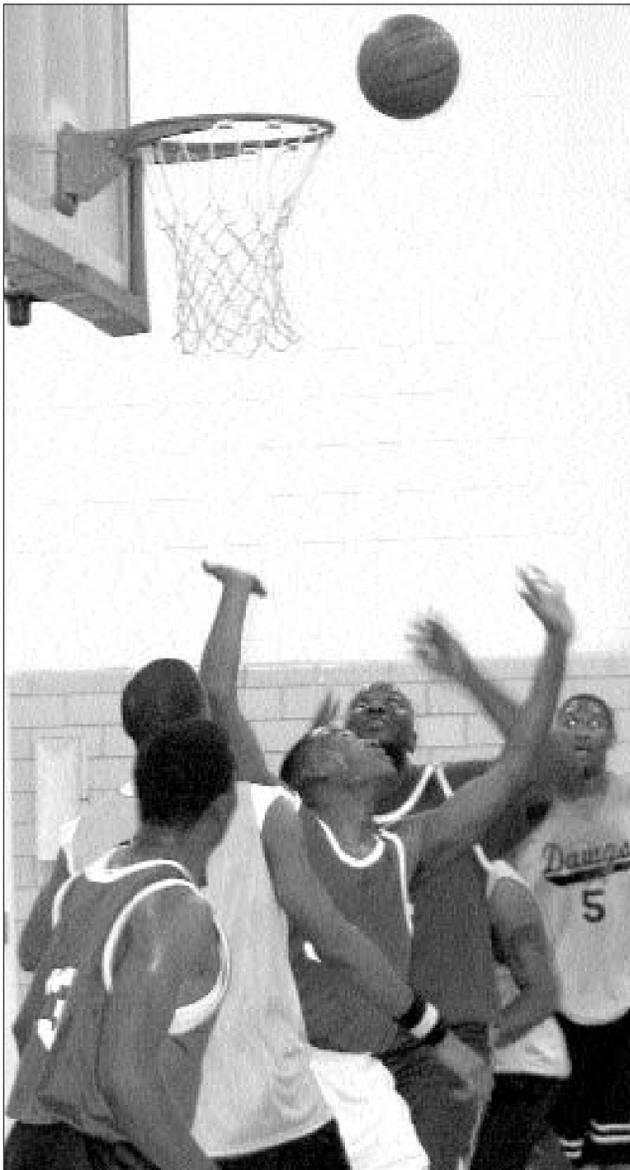
"So many people contributed," stated Freeman. "That's teamwork, and that's how we play!"



Sgt. Sam Hoffman

A member of the 92nd Engineers drives to the hoop during the second half of the team's 53-51 win Jan. 30.

Marines overpower 512th Quartermaster Co



Pvt. 2 Emily Danial

The U.S. Marine Corps' team battles Hunter's 512th Quartermaster Company players for a rebound.

Pvt. 2 Emily Danial

Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs

"I think we'll blow 'em out."

As many would agree, them there are fightin' words. They were spoken with confidence by James Denison, coach of the U.S. Marine Corps 2nd Beach and Terminal Company basketball team, moments before the start of the Hunter Army Airfield championship game against the Army's 512th Quartermaster Company Wednesday in the Hunter Gymnasium.

The Army team was ready to face the Marines' challenge, even with only five players to their opponents' 12. Coach and guard Marcus Sanders said, "We like a fast-paced game."

They definitely got it.

Both teams started out strong, and it was an up and down game for the majority of the first half. The Army team kept the score close throughout the half despite the Marines' efforts to tire out the small team by employing a pressure defense and pushing the ball up the court on the offensive end. Still, with four minutes left in the half, the fatigued Army squad called a time-out for its five players to regroup and take a much-deserved rest, unable to make any substitutions.

When play resumed, the somewhat-refreshed Army team kept the Marines on their toes, but finished the 14-minute half down by two, with the Marines taking the lead 29 to 27.

The Marines started off the second half with a quick five points, but the Army came back with a three-pointer, followed by four consecutive points by forward Charles Edwards, who tied up the score at 34.

The Army pulled ahead for the first time since early in the first half with a two-point shot by Sanders. Sanders was then fouled and successfully shot two free throws, bringing the Army's lead to six points and the score to 40-34.

The Marines quickly took back the game with a fast seven points, and the Army called time-out for a breather, leav-

ing the score at 43-42.

After the time-out, the Marines pulled away with three rapid scores, stretching their lead to seven points at 49-42. Two free throws by Army point guard William Johnson narrowed the gap to five points, but Marine Sean Graham answered back with a base line jump shot.

With five minutes of play left, the Army team's fatigue was apparent. The Marines' lead had stretched to 10 points at 53-43 and less than two minutes later Johnson called a time out to strategize with his team.

However, the Army players were showing their exhaustion, and the Marines came out to a quick jump with a steal and lay in. With time expiring, the Marines slowed the ball down to focus on their shots and increased their lead to 15 points for a score of 59-44 with two minutes remaining.

The Army team continued to put up a fight after one of their teammates fouled out, leaving them with four men on the court. The teams exchanged three-pointers, but the Army's weariness was augmented by the loss of their fifth man, and the Marines claimed the victory at the buzzer with a 63-48 win.

Center Archie Shubert, Jr., was the Marines' high scorer, claiming 20 of the his team's 63 points, and Edwards led the Army team, pulling in 24 points.

"Overall our playing was good," said Sanders as his Army team relaxed after the brief awards ceremony, "but there's not much you can do with five players."

Johnson agreed with Sanders, adding, "We felt we could win, and we put up a good defense."

The Marines celebrated their triumph, receiving their championship trophies with pride. Forward Keith "Pete" Pittman said, "We're second to none. They thought we couldn't do it."

For one Marine, the win had a deeper significance.

"I think it was kind of special," said Shubert. "We beat every team that beat us in the past, and that was what we wanted to do."

Marne Scoreboard

Basketball

Congratulations 2002-2003 Fort Stewart and Hunter Intramural Basketball Tournament champions
Fort Stewart Champions: HSC 92nd Eng.
Hunter Champions: U.S. Marine Corps

Youth Services Basketball Standings

Team	8-10 Mite Boys Orange Division		Team	13-14 Junior Boys	
	W	L		W	L
Pacers	8	0	Magic	4	4
Bulls	5	3	Spurs	4	4
Suns	4	4	TWolves	4	4
Celtics	2	6			
	Orange Division		15-18 Senior/Major		
Lakers	6	2	Magic	6	0
YMCA	5	3	Bulls	4	2
			Hawks	3	4

Kings	2	6	Grizzlies	2	5
Heat	1	7	Lakers	1	5
	11-12 Midget Boys			8-10 Mite Girls	
Warriors	8	0	Sparks	6	2
Nets	7	1	Mystics	5	3
Nuggets	3	5	Liberty	5	3
Pistons	3	5	YMCA	0	8
Bucks	3	5			
YMCA	0	8		11-14 Midget Girls	
			Miracle	6	2
			Rockets	4	4
			Mercury	2	6

Volleyball

Volleyball sign-up/clinic
Team rosters must be submitted by March 10 for the upcoming volleyball season for soldiers, family members, National Guard

and Reserves to the Fort Stewart Sports Director's Office, Building 471, Sports Complex or Hunter Sports Director's office, Building 925, Duncan Road. For more information, call 352-6749 or 767-8238. There is a Volleyball Clinic scheduled for 1:30 p.m., March 19, at the Stewart Club and Hunter Sports Office.

Aerobics

Hunter Fitness Center Aerobics schedule
Mondays — 6 to 7 p.m. Cardio-Stepping
Cardio-Kicking
Buns/Thighs Weights
AB Work Stretch
Wednesdays — 6 to 7 p.m. Cardio-Stepping
Low Impact
Jump Rope
Weights
AB Work Stretch

Fridays — 6 to 7 p.m.
Fun Fridays
Party Dance
Yoga Stretches

Volunteer Spotlight



Michelle Rice

Michelle Rice, native of Manning, S.C., is a volunteer supervisor and the mayor of Wilson Acres.



"I volunteer to be more involved in the events that happen on Hunter, I love 'my family' at ACS and all the great people that I have met and friends I have made," Rice said

She also wants to be more involved with the military community and show support to her husband and all the soldiers at Hunter. "Mainly to be a great Army spouse," Rice added

If you would like more information about becoming an ACS volunteer, visit ACS at Building 470 on Fort Stewart, Building 1286 on Hunter Army Airfield or for more information, call Vickie Wiginton at 767-5058.



WOODRUFF THEATER

Feb. 6-12

Admission for all shows is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.



Empire (R)

Starring: John Leguizamo, Denise Richards

Tonight at 7 p.m.

Victor, a Puerto Rican drug-dealer, works the violent streets of South Bronx. With an eye for money and a head for business, he dreams of one day achieving the wealth and success of a legitimate businessman. Run time: 100 minutes

Lord of the Rings (PG-13)

Starring: Elijah Wood, Sean Astin

Friday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The second in the Tolkien trilogy. Frodo the hobbit braves terrible dangers in an attempt to have the evil ring destroyed. Run time: 179 minutes

The Wild Thornberrys (PG)

Starring: Animated

Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

Eliza and Debbie are two sisters who don't always get along. But their relationship is put to the test when Debbie's life is in danger, and Eliza might have to give up her power to talk to animals. Run time: 86 minutes

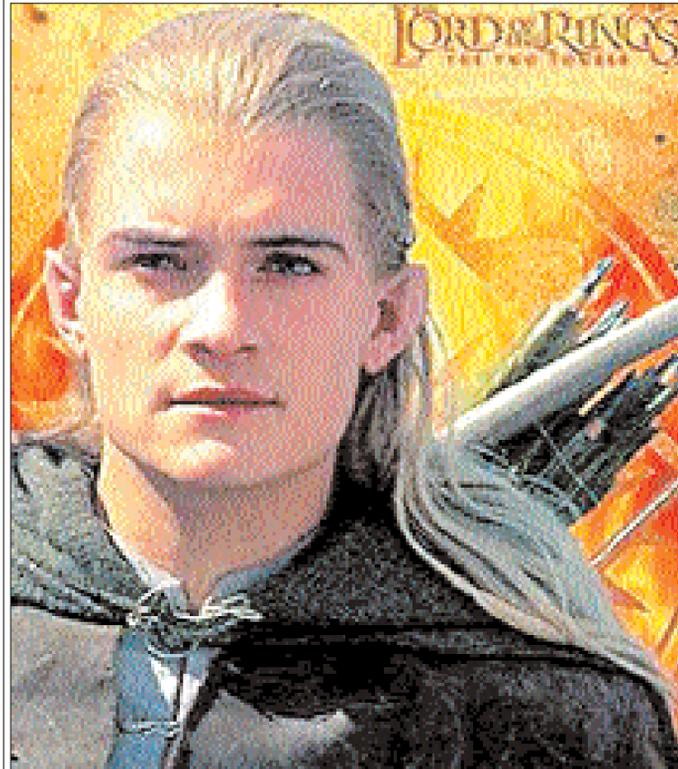
Two Weeks Notice (PG)

Starring: Sandra Bullock, Hugh Grant

Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

George doesn't make a move without Lucy, his Chief Council at Wad Corp. it's not the job that's getting to her. It's George. After five years of calling the shots, on everything from his clothes to his divorce settlements, Lucy is calling it quits. Is it ever too late to say "I love you"? Run time: 101 minutes

FREE Showing on Friday LORD OF THE RINGS: TWO TOWERS



Birth announcements

January 15

Johnathan William Krell, a boy, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. Daniel Krell and Michelle Krell.

January 19

Donavan Elijah Boddy, a boy, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Spc. Donovan Fuller Boddy and Cynthia Boddy.

Stuart Allen Money, a boy, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Spc. Roy F. Money and Holly E. Money.

Jada Denise Vega, a girl, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Pfc. Jason Vega and Spc. Corey D. Moore.

January 20

Kaylani Angel Addison, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Steven

Addison Sr., and Kay Addison.

David Felicisimo Owen, a boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Richard David Owen and Spc. Sandra Marie Owen.

Emmalyn Ann Schneider, a girl, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Aaron Schneider and Pfc. Jessica Moberly (Schneider).

Matthew Alan Coon, a boy, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. Alan Coon and Jessica Lynn Coon.

January 21

Derek Richard Faucett, a boy, 9 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. William Faucett and Crystal Faucett.

Davlon Maurice Smith Jr., a boy, 10 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Staff Sgt. Davlon

M. Smith and Sgt. Cynthia A. Smith.

Cheyenne Faith Santiago, a girl, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Joel Santiago and Ericka Santiago.

January 22

Kameron Marcus Wesley, a boy, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Lance Cpl. Kencell M. Wesley (USMC) and Katherine R. Wesley.

January 23

Derrick Jeffrey Perry Jr., a boy, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Derrick J. Perry and Anitra Steele-Perry.

Dakota Jonathan Wynia, a boy, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Pfc. Amanda Wynia.

Aileen Sophie Allen, a girl, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Chief Warrant Officer 3 Bryan E. Allen and Tanja Allen.

January 24

Amaya Soledad Rivera, a girl, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. Jose Rivera and Sgt. Christina Rivera.

Brooke Elise Arrowood, a girl, 3 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Jason K. Arrowood and Erika M. Arrowood.

Colten Dylan Haulter, a boy, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Heather Haulter (Dependant daughter)

Liana Nicole Pena, a girl, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Jose Juan Pena Jr., and Lydia Arlene Pena.