

Serving the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield communities

Town hall meeting addresses post issues

Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody
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Members of the Fort Stewart community listened to announcements and asked questions of a panel of post officials and program representatives Feb. 5 at the Army Community Service building.

The discussions focused primarily on construction and renovation projects around Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

"We're looking at \$116 million earmarked for construction on Stewart," said Stewart garrison commander Col. John Kidd. "That's the most support for any post in the world coming our way. A new headquarters building is under construction and we should have a new chapel by fiscal year '05."



Dena Swartz, vice mayor of Marne Terrace, addresses the panel of post officials and program representatives about future construction and renovation projects at the Town Meeting Feb. 5.

The post is also undertaking an ambitious project to renovate the Heritage Chapel in time for Easter, as well as refurbishing the Moon Theater and building a new Soldier Service Center,

Kidd said.

"There is a congressional mandate to tear down the old wooden buildings as the new ones go up," Kidd added. "If the termites ever quit holding hands, they'll fall down anyway."

Housing availability should improve soon, according to Kidd, as the field where a new community is to be built has been cleared, and the first 30 homes should be complete in about 10 months, followed by another 30 per month until there are 600.

Newman Physical Fitness Center is also slated to get air conditioning in the locker rooms and basketball courts.

Director of Information Management Scott Blake said that Stewart is in the midst of modernizing its computer net-

work, a \$20 million project that will span a decade.

Division Chaplain (Col.) Neil Dennington said his chaplains have recently completed a course designed to help them help couples communicate more effectively and strengthen their relationships.

Col. Michael Biering of the Directorate of Public Works described this year's managed deer hunt as a resounding success, and said that the program will expand.

Executive officer of 3rd Military Police Battalion Maj. Tom Byrd praised the civilian gate guards for their hard work and dedication, and pointed out that road closures will continue periodically as needed to

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1/64 Armor destroys Tank Table 8



Spc. Robert Adams

Soldiers with 1/64 Armor discuss how their crew performed during Tank Table 8 Tuesday at Red Cloud Alpha. 1/64 Armor and 4/64 Armor are both training for their rotation at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif. in March. See the Feb. 19 issue of The Frontline for more coverage of tank table training.

Hunter leaders address issues in community

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Leaders and members of the Hunter Army Airfield community discussed quality of life issues Tuesday night during the quarterly Hunter Community Meeting.

Leaders briefed the community members on what their staff offices were doing to improve Hunter quality of life, and community members told them about problems on post.

Speeding, pest control, housing, and long wait times for healthcare were the main concerns brought up by the community members.

Lt. Col. Jeffrey J. Goble, Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander, presided over the meeting. Panel members from the commissary; post exchange; Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Staff Judge Advocate; Department of Public Service; Tuttle Health Clinic, Dental Command; Department of Public Works; Public Affairs Office; and the garrison chaplain were present.

"I take these meetings very seriously because it's one of the only opportunities to see how we're serving you," Goble told those present.

He talked about public safety on post. He said the gates are getting more secure and will continue to improve. He said

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Force Stabilization increases readiness, predictability

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — While the primary goal of stabilizing Soldiers is to increase the readiness of their units for national security requirements, that stabilization also supports Well-Being for Soldiers and their family members, according to officials.

Force Stabilization is one of the 16 focus areas Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker identified last fall that the Army will work to remain ready and relevant in the near term and the future.

"We think by stabilizing the Army, where we don't move the Army every two to three years on an individual basis, but we keep people in place, develop cohesive, stable units, where spouses can work, where kids can go to school, where people can invest in homes and develop equity, stabilizes forces," Schoomaker told members of the House Armed Services Committee, Jan. 28. "It's better for the fighting forces. It's better for the families. And, it will increase our retention."

To stabilize Soldiers and their families in the near term, the

Army plans to implement two strategies — Home-basing and Unit Focused Stability, said Col. Paul Thornton who has been working the issue for the past 17 months as a member of the Unit Manning Task Force and chief of its successor, Task Force Stabilization.

Under Home-basing, all initial entry Soldiers — enlisted and officers — initially assigned to selected installations will remain on their initial duty-assignment installation following training for six to seven years. This allows Soldiers and their families time to grow com-

munity roots and have a known family support structure in place for those families if the Soldiers deploy, Thornton said. It also allows predictability in where they will be for a longer period than the current system permits, he said.

Currently, the average assignment tour length for enlisted initial entry Soldiers is about 31 months, said Brig. Gen. Sean Byrne, director of Military Personnel Policy, G-1.

Home-basing does not apply to mid-term or career Soldiers, only initial entry Soldiers, Thornton said, but should lead to

return assignments to the Home-base for all Soldiers eventually.

Nor does the initiative stop home-based Soldiers being levied for a short-term assignments at other locations.

Soldiers need to know that there may be a chance they'll have to do other things during their initial extended tour — short tours in Korea, Bosnia, Kosovo — but with home-basing, they will return to their initial-assignment installations, Byrne said.

The six-to-seven-year career

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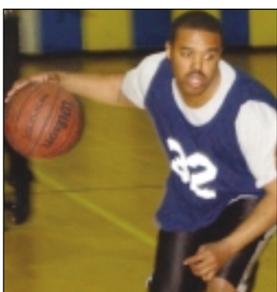
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Tankers of the 761st Medium Tank Battalion, one of the all-black units of the old military clean, weapons in the European Theater of Operations, August, 1944.

Remembering the sacrifice

Despite segregation, black Soldiers gave their lives for country

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane

Staff Writer

Since Crispus Attucks was killed during the Boston Massacre that sparked the Revolutionary War and throughout American history, African-Americans have played a large role in the shaping of our nation through the military.

At the beginning of the Revolutionary War, blacks weren't allowed to join the patriot American forces, but many joined the British Army to fight the Americans.

During the Revolutionary War, many whites did not support the patriots' cause to separate from Britain. Since it was difficult to recruit whites for the cause and more men were needed to fight against the British, toward the end of the war states began to recruit blacks to serve in their regiments.

Most of the sentiment to become independent came from Boston, and Massachusetts was one of the first states, along with Rhode Island, to have a nearly all black military company, called the Bucks of America.

During the Civil War, free black volunteers were assembled into what is probably one of the most famous companies of the time, the 54th Massachusetts, according to http://extlab1.entnem.ufl.edu/olustee/54th_MS_inf.html. Among those who joined this company were Lewis N.

Douglass and Charles Douglass, sons of the famous ex-slave and abolitionist, Frederick Douglass.

The 54th went on to prove itself very courageous under fire when it attacked Battery Wagner, S.C. The 54th suffered heavy losses during the attack, including that of its commanding officer, Col. Robert Gould Shaw, according to the Web site. Sgt. William H. Carney, C Company, risked his life in an action for which he received the Medal of Honor. His citation reads in part: "When the color sergeant was shot down, this Soldier grasped the flag, led the way to the parapet, and planted the colors thereon. When the troops fell back he brought off the flag, under a fierce fire in which he was twice severely wounded."

During the settling of the western states, the federal government needed Soldiers who could withstand harsh environments with little or no comforts, and to protect settlers from Native American raids.

After the Civil War, Congress authorized the creation of six segregated black regiments to serve in the peace-time army, under white officers, according to http://www.archives.gov/publications/the_record/march_1998/buffalo_soldiers.html. The Ninth and Tenth Cavalries and the 38th through 41st Infantries, composed of black Soldiers, were formed. The new cavalries were mainly stationed in the



Smithsonian Institution

Col. Benjamin O. Davis Jr. in the cockpit of his P-51. On January 29, 1944, Davis was sent to Italy as Commander of the 332d Fighter Group.

Southwest and the Great Plains, where it was their responsibility to build forts and maintain order in a frontier overrun by outlaws and occupied by Native Americans battling land-grabbing intruders. The black troops earned the nickname Buffalo Soldiers, as much for their ability in battle as for their dark skin, from the Cheyenne Indians.

During World War I many black troops

were eager to fight but most provided support services, according to memory.loc.gov/ammem/aaohhtml/exhibit/aopart7.html. Only a small percentage of the Soldiers were actually involved in combat. Yet the black presence in France — helping in any capacity — often elicited overwhelming gratitude from the

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Courtesy Photo

Dorie Miller poses for a photo after being awarded the Navy Cross for his heroism during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Miller was later killed in action aboard the USS Liscome Bay.

Denver Public Library

(Right) A 9th Cav. corporal poses over snow-covered grounds in 1890.



Courtesy photo

(Left) Sgt. William Carney, recipient of a Medal of Honor, propped up on a cane from the injuries to his right leg, poses for a picture holding the flag he had risked so much for that day at Fort Wagner.

Restructure effort needs more troops until 2007

Joe Burlas

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A day after Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker told Congress the Army needs almost 30,000 more Soldiers than the 482,000 currently authorized for the next few years, another senior Army leader briefed the Pentagon media pool why the temporary increase is needed.

Speaking on background, the official said Jan. 29 the extra troops are about building capabilities that meet ongoing deployment requirements and new manpower needs as the Army restructures into a more modular, responsive, joint, expeditionary, relevant and responsive force.

“One of the benefits of being an Army at war is that war focuses us,” the official said. “As the Army moves to rebalance and reset the force, we are provided a window of opportunity to reset to where we need and want to be.”

A major component of the restructure effort is changing the composition of the Army's 10 active-duty divisions. Instead of a division having three brigade combat teams, it will have four, the official said. Growing the fourth includes taking much of the division-level support elements — such as engineers, military intelligence, supply and maintenance units — and making them organic to the brigade structure.

The 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) moved to four brigades as the Army's modularity test bed shortly after it returned from Iraq this past year. The Army plans to stand up an additional two division brigades within a year and grow from 33 active-duty brigade combat teams to 48 by



Photo illustration by Leah Poole

2007. The plan includes for the National Guard to grow from 15 enhanced separate brigades to 22 in the same period.

The restructure effort means a need for more infantrymen than the current Army force structure allows, about 3,000 to 4,000 more per division on the active-duty side, the official said.

Some of the new infantry positions will be filled by Soldiers in units the Army plans to disband.

Hardest hit will be the Army's field artillery community, which recently lost a brigade's worth of National Guard artillerymen who are currently being trained to serve as military police officers. The Army plans to disband an additional

39 artillery battalions in the active force and the National Guard. With joint fires available from the Air Force and Navy, the Army must divest itself of much of the Cold War-era heavy fires structure, the official said.

Additionally, the Army will disband 10 air defense artillery battalions. Many of these positions will migrate down to each brigade's reconnaissance, intelligence, surveillance and target acquisition unit, the official said.

“We haven't had any Soldiers hit by enemy airpower in years that I know of,” the official said. He added that the Army's remaining air defense artillery structure will mainly focus on the cruise

missile threat.

In Army aviation, the Army plans to create four aviation brigades as part of the restructure effort. Each of those brigades will include two attack battalions with 24 Apache helicopters each, a battalion of 30 Black Hawk helicopters, an unmanned aerial vehicle section and organic maintenance company.

The official stressed the additional 30,000 Soldiers requirement is a temporary one as plans to convert about 10,000 Army positions to civilian ones and efficiencies created by restructuring within the Army and the Department of Defense will lower Army end strength over the next four to five years.

The Army is currently about 11,000 Soldiers over its congressionally-mandated end strength of 482,000 Soldiers, the official said. The Army may be over strength in times of national emergency when approved by the president. President George W. Bush has annually renewed the authority for the Army to have more troops since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The Army will grow to 510,000 over the next year or so using a mixture of Stop-Loss measures that keep selected Soldiers in the Army beyond their contract dates and a higher recruiting mission for new accessions, the official said. He said he anticipates Stop-Loss being lifted sometime in 2005.

A total of more than 100,000 Army positions will be impacted by the restructuring effort.

“This is the biggest internal restructuring we've done in 50 years, but it must be done to make us relevant and to allow us to meet the real threat to the United States,” Schoomaker told members of the House Armed Services Committee Jan. 28.

Stewart to celebrate Black History Month

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Staff Writer

Division Support Command will sponsor a Black History Month Observance at Woodruff Theater Feb. 19 to celebrate the achievements and sacrifices of African-Americans throughout history.

The theme of the program will be the “50th anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education”. The Kansas case was the one that eventually earned a place in the history books, according to the Web site article found at http://www.findarticles.com/cf_dls/g2602/0001/2602000110/p2/article.jhtml?term=.

Oliver Brown and the parents of 12 other black children filed a

lawsuit against the Topeka Board of Education protesting the city's segregation of black and white students. Brown's eight-year-old daughter Linda was required to take a 21-block bus ride to an all-black school every day when there was a white school within three blocks of the Browns' house.

The bus that Linda took arrived at her school before it opened, leaving her waiting outside for half an hour on cold winter mornings. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People argued that segregated schooling had a harmful psychological effect on black children, but the suit was dismissed on the grounds that no law had been broken, as Topeka

was legally authorized by the state of Kansas to maintain separate schools for white and black students.

On Dec. 9, 1952, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments on all five of the cases on the Brown docket but postponed its ruling and requested a rehearing, which took place the following year, according to the Web site.

In the interim, Chief Justice Fred Vinson died and the newly elected President Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed Earl Warren in his place. Even after a second hearing, the court debated the case for months as Warren negotiated for a unanimous decision which he felt was crucial to ensure southern compliance with what was sure to be an unpopular

ruling. Eventually the two dissenting justices were won over but a major compromise was required — agreement that the ruling would be implemented gradually rather than all at once, as the NAACP had requested.

Warren announced the historic ruling May 17, 1954, stressing the fact that public education was a right which must be made available to all on equal terms, according to the Web site. Warren voiced the court's opinion that separating black children from others of similar age and qualifications solely because of their race generates a feeling of inferiority as to their status in the community that may affect their hearts and minds in a way unlikely ever to be undone. “We

conclude that in the field of public education the doctrine of ‘separate but equal’ has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal,” Warren said.

African Americans jubilantly received the Brown vs. Board of Education ruling across the nation. The program at Woodruff will commemorate the decision that changed the history of our nation and set the course for the civil rights movement that would sweep our nation just a few years later.

The program will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., and will include guest speaker Command Sgt. Major Mittie A. Smith, the Hunter Army Airfield garrison command sergeant major.

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

Presidents' Day Safety Message

Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr.
3rd Inf. Div. commanding general

Presidents' Day is a time that all Americans celebrate the birthdays of Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Many 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Team members will take advantage of this long weekend to visit family and friends. The extended weekend will mean increased traffic on our nation's highways and drivers must remain focused, alert and drive defensively.

We must ensure that our Soldiers are aware of the known hazards that await them on our nation's high-

ways. Discuss with them, at a minimum, the following issues: seat belt use, drinking and driving, speed and fatigue. Soldiers must recognize that these identified risks are the prime causal factors that contribute to accidental deaths between the ages of 18 and 24, but no age group is immune. Through personal recognition and command emphasis we can mitigate the risk factors that cause privately owned vehicle accidents and injuries throughout the Marne Team's on and off-duty activities.

Our Team includes America's finest Soldiers and civilian employees. We have a responsibility to every member of this command to ensure

they are equipped with knowledge that will contribute to a fun-filled and safe extended weekend without the loss of life. Road conditions present their own hazard; check weather advisories and avoid areas where the forecast is for inclement weather. Prepare your vehicle prior to leaving and plan for potential breakdowns.

Commanders and subordinate leaders must educate every Soldier and civilian employee about the importance of safe driving behavior. Through active involvement of leadership at every level we can attain our goal: No further loss of members of the Marne Team.

Child predators: A crime time won't heal

Spc. Katherine Robinson
Editor

As most of you know, the body of 11-year-old Carlie Brucia was found Friday after a car wash surveillance video caught her abduction on tape and led to weeks of searching. Joseph P. Smith, a 37-year-old mechanic, has been charged with her murder.

In Hinesville, a Fort Stewart Soldier was arrested and charged with child molestation and enticing a child over the internet for sexual purposes, after he allegedly met a 14-year-old girl in a chat room and later lured her into the woods where the girl's father said he found the Soldier molesting her.

Another Fort Stewart Soldier, Spc. Christopher Adams, 11th Engineer Battalion, was convicted of several crimes, to include possessing, receiving and distributing child pornography.

I could go on and on about recent cases such as these, and sadly, many of the cases I've come across in my research involved Soldiers.

As the second of eight children, hearing these stories makes me physically sick and more than a little angry. In fact it makes me furious. Three of my younger sisters are between the ages of 10 and 14, the prime target age, according to Johnny Cusimano at Army

Community — Service, and all are involved in internet chat rooms.

How terrifying that grown men and women will use the internet as a place to meet and entice children for sexual purposes.

Who the hell do you people think you are? How can you do something like that to a child?

I spoke to someone once who told me that many people who view child pornography would be horrified to be living next door to a convicted child molester. Why? Because they don't consider themselves child molesters. They think they love children and would never do anything to harm one.

Do they really think the children in those sexually explicit and pornographic photos on their computers have not been harmed? Do they think those children who have been not only violated, but had photos of that violation distributed to countless perverts worldwide has not left them permanently scarred? Many of them may even grow up to inflict the same emotional and sometimes physical wounds on other children.

Those people who entice children over the internet may think they're not doing anything wrong. Usually they make friends



with the children, trade information, get to know them and move slowly to integrate themselves in the children's lives, Cusimano said.

And many of the children, specifically in the 13 to

14-year age range may agree to meet the adult, may even be willing to sexually experiment with them. These children are at an age when they are most susceptible to influence from these predators.

They are starting to rebel a little, starting to want to experiment with things their parents have told them are taboo. They're starting to grow up, or think they're grown up as outside influence from friends and television begin to sway their views.

But can anyone really fool themselves into thinking a child that age can make informed and mature decisions about sex? For crying out loud, she's FOURTEEN! FOURTEEN people!

When I was 14 I was certainly not mature enough to make that decision. I'm not sure I'm mature enough now.

And most of these girls think they're talking to 17 and 18-year-olds when they first start these online relationships. If you ask me (and most of their parents) 17 or 18 is still too

old.

But when the girl meets the mystery admirer, and he turns out to be 29, how does she react? She may be complimented. Wow, a grown-up is attracted to me. Doubtless he'll tell her she's beautiful and mature for her age. How could this not enchant a 14-year-old girl? But what if she doesn't react that way? What if a red flag goes up and she thinks, "This is weird. This guy is way too old for me." What's his plan for that? Abduct her? Rape her? Then what? Kill her to cover up the crime?

And then there's the fact that Soldiers commit these crimes. Soldiers! Representatives of the United States Army, the world's premier fighting force. The military is viewed by many civilians as being a stronghold of honor and integrity, two values the Army does try actively to instill in its personnel. But someone always slips through the cracks. Some sick person with his own agenda.

If there's one point I want to make here it's to urge parents to be extra careful about the things their children do, especially on the internet. You could save his or her life.

And as far as the predators ... well, I don't think castration is too severe a punishment for these crimes. I'll continue to watch the news and inwardly cheer every time one of you is caught.

Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

What are you doing for Valentine's Day?



"I'll be on a plane going to Iraq."

Sgt. William K. Terry
711th Signal Bn., NG



"Working at the flower shop."

Christina Farrell
Dependant



"Taking a trip to Charleston, S.C."

Cpt. Jay Ranagaram
10th Eng. Bn.



"Nothing except work."

James Strickland
Dependant



"The Nail Shop is offering a His and Her pedicure for \$40."

Lisa L. Powell
Owner of the Nail Shop in the PX



"Working and then going home and spend it with my boyfriend."

Elisa Hobbs
Salesperson at Urban Wear in the PX

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Foreign delegates scout Hunter

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Foreign delegates began arriving at Hunter Army Airfield Feb. 4 to scout the location and plan for the G-8 Summit, which will take place on Sea Island from June 8 through 10.

Thousands of representatives from Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States will attend the summit.

Members of the media, security personnel, and protesters will also converge on the Low Country during the event.

At Hunter, the first representatives were briefed by Henry M. Reed II, Operations Group and Savannah Office director, Sea Island Summit 2004, on Hunter's capabilities as the arrival and departure point for the summit.

The French were first to arrive, to be followed by seven

other countries' delegates between now and late February.

Reed told them Hunter can handle the summit. It has an 11,375-foot runway to land any aircraft, has room to park the planes, and has had two visits from the president of the United States in as many years.

Approximately 30 airplanes will fly foreign heads of state and their staffs into Hunter. From there, they will travel in helicopters and buses to the summit on Sea Island.

"This just shows the capability of Hunter," explained Ed Foerstel, Hunter Army Airfield deputy garrison commander. "It's not every day you get the most powerful leaders in the free world passing through your post."

Russian and British delegates also arrived last week on Feb. 6 and Sunday respectively. German delegates will visit Hunter Friday, followed by Japanese delegates Tuesday and Italian delegates on Feb. 19. Canadian delegates will visit Feb. 21 to end the planning visits.



Sgt. Mason T. Lowery

French delegates visit Hunter Feb. 4 to scout the location and plan for the June G8 Summit on Sea Island.

United States to host 2004 G8 Summit on Sea Island in June

Special to The Frontline

President George W. Bush will host the 30th G8 Summit on Sea Island June 8 through 10. The United States assumed the Presidency of the G8 from France at the beginning of the year.

The G8 Summit brings together the leaders of the world's major industrial democracies: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

The European Union also attends the G8 Summit, represented by the President of the European Commission and the leader of the country holding the presidency of the European Council. At previous G8 Summits, leaders have discussed a wide range of international economic, political, and security issues.

The principal venue of the summit will be at Sea Island. Sea Island is located on the southernmost portion of the Georgia coastline, 80 miles from Savannah. Savannah will also host some members of country delegations, as well as the entire domestic and international press corps.

Previously, the United States hosted G8 Summits in Dorado Beach, Puerto Rico (1976); Williamsburg, Va., (1983); Houston (1990); and Denver (1997).

The Summit began in 1975 when French President Giscard d'Estaing invited the leaders of Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States and Italy to an informal gathering at the chateau of Rambouillet, near Paris. The idea was for the six to discuss current world issues (dominated at the time by the

oil crisis) in a frank and informal manner. There was to be no army of advisers, just the leaders in a relaxed and private setting.

Following the success of the Rambouillet summit, these meetings became an annual event, with the inclusion of Canada as the 7th member of the group at the 1976 summit in Puerto Rico.

The work of the group has evolved over the years in reaction to changing needs and political context. What started as a forum focusing on essentially fine tuning of short term economic policies among participant countries has now turned to a more structural and global perspective and has added a wide range of political and social issues to its workload, especially in the area of sustainable development and global health. The group's informal nature has allowed it to evolve while remaining effective and relevant.

Each summit was unique and took the G7 one step further in its evolution. The 1995 summit in Halifax, Canada, led to significant changes in the way in which the World Bank, the IMF and other international organizations operated.

The 1996 summit in Lyons, France launched the first Highly Indebted Poor Countries initiative.

The 1997 summit in Denver saw the clearest ever indication that the Cold War had ended with the historic invitation for Russia to join the group.

The 1998 summit in Birmingham saw the first G8 summit and the adoption of the "heads only" policy that separated the summit of the Heads of State and

Government from that of their Foreign and Finance ministers.

The Cologne, France Summit in 1999 saw the Enhanced HIPC Initiative that agreed over \$37 billion of debt relief to some of the world's most needy countries.

In 2000 at the Okinawa, Japan summit, heads agreed to provide further funding to fight infectious disease and adopted a charter on new information and communications technology and the digital divide.

The 2001 summit at Geneva saw the creation of a global fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Leaders were also joined at the summit by heads of state of some of the most important African nations to launch the New Africa Initiative, now called NEPAD (New Partnership for Africa's Development). To demonstrate their support for this important document, the leaders each appointed a personal representative for Africa.

These representatives worked with the African leaders and produced a G8 Action Plan at the Kananaskis Summit in 2002 that provided a solid commitment from each member of the G8 to Africa and agreed priority areas for development assistance. At Kananaskis, leaders also announced important work on the fight against terrorism, (and notably the creation of the Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction and the adoption of transport security measures), sustainable development and education for all. Leaders also examined a number of regional issues (the situation in the

Middle East, Afghanistan, and India/Pakistan relations).

The group remained at seven until Russia, who had attended the meetings as an observer throughout the 1990s, was invited to formalize this relationship in 1997. The first G8 summit subsequently took place in 1998. At Kananaskis, heads of state and government made an historic decision and invited Russia to assume the G8 presidency and host the summit for the first time in 2006, reflecting the remarkable economic and democratic change that had occurred over the previous years. The European Union also has an observer status at G8 meetings and is represented by the President of the Commission as well as the Leader of the country that holds the presidency of the European Union.

Despite an increasing workload, the G8 has managed to retain its informal character and remain largely free of bureaucracy. It has no secretariat and no formal rules of procedure. The member of the group whose turn it is to act as chair sets the agenda and decides the most appropriate method to treat each subject. The chair hosts and organizes the summit, acts as the spokesman for the group during the year, coordinates the work of the G8 working groups and is responsible for engaging non governmental organizations, international financial institutions and other sectors of civil society in the group's work.

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Rape crisis center provides help for women

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

One out of every six women has been a victim of rape at some point in her life, according to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network's Web site, www.rainn.org. When women in the Chatham, Liberty, Bryan, Effingham and Tatnall Counties are victimized by this crime, they can turn to Savannah's Rape Crisis Center for help.

The Rape Crisis Center has served the Savannah area for more than 23 years, said Lisa Fritz, a victim advocate with the organization. The center was opened when a group of local women saw a need for resources for women who were victims of rape in the area. Its first service was a 24-hour crisis line for women who had been victimized.

"It started with half a dozen women manning a hotline," she said.

The Rape Crisis Center provides an important service for women at Fort Stewart and in

Liberty County, Fritz said. In 2003, its staff served 198 victims in the county.

Over the years, more services have been added to the RCC's mission, the biggest being hospital response teams, Fritz said. If a woman reports a rape and is taken to the hospital within 72 hours, physical evidence can be collected for use in a criminal trial against the assailant. The hospital response teams consist of a sexual assault nurse examiner, who uses a rape kit to collect the evidence, and an advo-

cate from the center. The center trains the SANEs to fulfill their duties. There are two SANEs at Winn Army Community Hospital.

"If a victim reports the crime quickly, there's still a good chance that evidence could be collected from her," she said. "And it's important for victims to have immediate support. It is beneficial to the healing process later."

The center sent out 19 response teams to both Winn and Liberty Regional Medical

Center in 2003, Fritz said.

In addition to maintaining a 24-hour hotline and sending response teams to local hospitals, the center provides counseling and legal advocacy for women who have been victimized, she said.

Women in Liberty County do not have to go to Savannah to make use of the Rape Crisis Center's services, Fritz said. Both Army Community Service and the Frasier Center in Hinesville can handle local cases, and both have "good relations"

with the center, she said.

"These services are free," she added. "Our counselors can come out here, or a woman can go to the Frasier Center if she needs counseling. All of our counselors, including those on the crisis line, are trained for immediate counseling."

The center also works to limit sex crimes through multiple prevention programs, Fritz said.

It offers free self-defense classes and presents educational programs for local schools and workplaces dealing with issues from sexual harassment to rape.

"There's no fail-safe way to protect yourself from rape," she said. "But in our self-defense classes, we teach women to avoid high-risk situations. Unfortunately, you're never 100 percent safe anywhere, doing anything."

Training will be held for volunteers who want to help the Rape Crisis Center Feb. 28. For more information, contact ACS at The Rape Crisis Hotline can be reached at 1(888) 241-7273.

Rape facts

- 1 in 6 women is raped in lifetime

- In 2002, 7 out of 8 rape victims were female

- 44 percent of victims are under 18

- In 2001 39 percent of victims reported the crime to law enforcement

- 66 percent of victims know the assailant

- 40 percent of rapes occur at the victim's home

- 20 percent occur at the home of friend, relative or neighbor

Victims served by the Rape Crisis Center in 2003

- 124 women age 18 or older

- 39 children under the age of 18

- 35 family members

- 7 hospital responses at Winn

- 12 at Liberty Regional Medical Center

Updating your SGLI could be the most important thing you ever do

Capt. Stephen Thrasher

COIB, Office of the Inspector General

Most Soldiers are familiar with the Serviceman's Group Life Insurance, but for those of you who aren't, here's a quick synopsis. The SGLI provides life insurance for Soldiers with a Group Life Insurance policy that provides a maximum coverage of \$250,000 to a Soldier's Beneficiary in the event of the Soldier's death. That's a lot of money, but many times we have seen that Soldiers don't update their SGLI forms when a situation in their life changes.

The Inspections Branch of the Inspector General's Office recently conducted a survey of over 100 Soldiers in the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) and found out several interesting items.

•10 percent of Soldiers had incorrect beneficiaries. When you list a beneficiary or multiple beneficiaries, they are the people that will receive your SGLI benefits in the event of your death. If, for instance, you divorced your Spouse and did not update your SGLI and you die,

guess who's going to get the money? During our survey, the very first person that we queried did not have the SGLI updated and had recently been divorced. While divorce is the most common reason for a change, other life changes such as a beneficiary dying or the Soldier simply no longer wanting the designated beneficiary to receive the money make it necessary to change the Beneficiary on the SGLI. Also remember that if no beneficiary is selected, then the money will go to the Soldier's spouse, children, parents, executor of estate, or other next of kin in that order.

•7 percent of Soldiers had less than the maximum coverage of \$250,000. This is the Soldier's election and there is no requirement to have the maximum coverage. However, since this insurance costs only \$16.25 for the maximum coverage, it just doesn't make sense to not have the maximum coverage. While \$250,000 may seem like a lot of money, it

can quickly be used when you consider all the expenses your family may have to make on your behalf or other expenses such as children's college educations (which may be years down the road) or other expenses. If you do a quick check on any online insurance quote, for the same coverage for a 20 year old Soldier who doesn't smoke, has no health problems, and is in a dangerous

occupation, the quotes for Term Life Insurance range anywhere from \$21 to \$50 a month. Obviously, SGLI is a bargain.

•23 percent of Soldiers did not have valid SGLI packets. When we say "valid" we mean packets that were appropriately signed by the Soldier, properly filled out, and properly witnessed. This could present a significant problem for the Soldier's next of kin should the Soldier die.

•There is a perception among Soldiers that they can't update their SGLI paperwork until they go to the Soldier

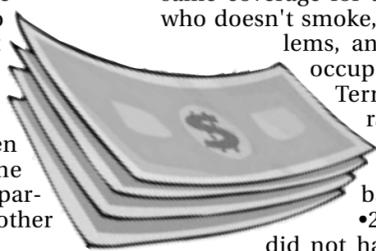
Readiness Center at their annual appointment. This is NOT true. Anytime a Soldier requires a change to his SGLI, he can go to Bravo Company, 3d Soldier Support Battalion, Building 9126. No appointment is necessary. Call 767-6221 if you have any questions

•2 percent of the Soldiers did not have SGLI paperwork at all in their SRC packets. That may be a low statistic, but it's extremely bad news if you are the Spouse of the Soldier who did not have SGLI and should have had it.

Be sure to check out our "Checklist for Divorced or Marrying Soldiers" which provides more information on things that Soldiers should do and it can be found at the IG Resource Library at https://intranet1.stewart.army.mil/ig/Web1/Resources/inspector_general_resources.htm.

You can also find out more information from the VA Benefits SGLI Handbook at <http://www.insurance.va.gov/sgliSite/handbook/handbook.htm>.

SGLI is important. Make sure YOURS is updated!



Stewart effectively manages forest resources

Thomas Hilliard

DPW, Forestry Branch

The Directorate of Public Works, Environmental & Natural Resources Division, works diligently to support the Fort Stewart power projection platform mission, in addition to managing and protecting the land's natural resources. The ENRD maintains an outstanding environmental stewardship program through its four branches: Environmental, Fish and Wildlife, Forestry, and Recycling. Compliance, restoration, pollution prevention, and conservation are the four pillars upon which the ENRD rests and which it incorporates into its programs. The ENRD is responsible for numerous and diverse environmental programs that encompass all of our natural resources (both organic and non-organic).

Since 1941 when the forestlands were initially acquired, Stewart has based its forest management program on selective harvesting of inferior trees, prescribed burning, and natural regeneration of pine trees. In fiscal year 1999, Stewart sold \$6.1 million of forest products, which was the highest in the Department of Defense. For the past three years, the Installation

has produced well over \$2 million annually in forest product revenue, mainly from pine pulpwood and sawtimber. The combined harvest for the past two years exceeded 136,000 cords.

Stewart's timber proceeds fall under the State's Entitlement Program, which entitles the State of Georgia and counties comprising Federal installations to receive 40 percent of the net profits from the timber revenue. Due to poor timber markets and bad weather, the forestry program has not produced a profit the past two years.

Prescribed Burning
The Forestry Branch maintains a proactive prescribed burning program and according to the U.S. Forest Service is thought to be the world's second largest. Typically, Stewart annually burns over 100,000-acres for hazard reduction, military training, longleaf pine regeneration, endangered species habitat improvement, brownspot needle blight control, and suppression of undesirable hardwood. The latest scientific and cost-effective technology is employed in prescribed burning. State-of-the art fire-release from helicopters, Terra-Torches, and automatic weather stations are all used to effectively ensure that the land is managed

compatibly to meet the goals of the military and the natural resource management team.

Periodic, controlled fire must be applied to the land to retain the native biota and to preserve endangered species' habitat. In fact, in agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Department of Army has a management plan that requires a three-year prescribed burn cycle of the entire installation's forest lands. The Forestry Branch uses the most current scientific techniques to determine where to burn dependent upon a variety of climatic, soil moisture, and fuel load conditions. As weather patterns can be unpredictable, the Forestry Branch continues to evolve its predictive capabilities to enhance the effectiveness of the burns and coordinates its activities daily with the Georgia Forestry Commission. The program's success is significant as over a third of all Georgia's plant species exist at Stewart. Additionally, the number of nesting endangered red-cockaded woodpecker pairs has increased from 100 in Fiscal Year 1994 to almost 200 now.

Reforestation

Modern intensive forest management requires significant ini-



Courtesy photo

A healthy longleaf pine-wiregrass community is achieved through periodic controlled burns.

tial investment, eliminates natural groundcover, and creates thick forest stands that impede military maneuver. For those reasons, Stewart depends mainly upon natural forest regeneration. Nature provides the proper species and tree spacing when storms, insects, and timber harvesting or fire damage create openings in the forest canopy. The result is an all-age forest stand that is rich in species and age diversity, at a relatively small cost.

However, artificial regeneration does play a small part in Stewart's forest management. Many existing old fields, which had no natural seed sources, were planted with

slash pines in the 1970s and 1980s. Additionally, in the past ten years, more than 300,000 longleaf pine seedlings have been planted on old parade fields or abandoned openings to speed up the regeneration process.

The effectiveness of Stewart's forest management philosophy that emphasizes natural forest regeneration is demonstrated by an estimated \$5 billion timber resource; this resource is achieved and maintained with less than 1 percent of the annual budget allocated to reforestation. Under successful Army management over the last 50 years, Stewart's timber resource has increased 500 times from its original value.

Clearer skies ahead for post construction projects

DPW, Environmental & Natural Resources Division

Growing pains — you have seen evidence of it all around.

At Fort Stewart there is the new Education Center, Welcome Center, Consolidated Maintenance Facilities, and gate entrances just to name a few.

At Hunter Army Airfield, well, you simply cannot look anywhere and not see new, under construction, recently upgraded, or that will be in the very near future.

It is a great time, with even better times to come — particularly for our military families.

The Residential Communities Initiative is in full swing with new housing development areas underway at both Stewart and Hunter. Timber has been harvested and clearing operations have commenced.

Unlike other construction projects throughout Fort Stewart, "Open Burning" has been performed on-site.

This arrangement was agreed upon at the request of our RCI Development Partner, GMAC Military Housing, who promises that money saved during construction will result in more houses and amenities for the government.

Unfortunately, these activities, com-

pounded with extremely variable winds, resulted in heavy smoke making its way through Stewart's housing communities. Consequently, the Directorate of Public Works and its Environmental and Natural Resources Division teamed with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to ensure these burns are conducted in a manner that are consistent with Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control, which are protective of human health and the environment.

The RCI developer has agreed to use a more efficient burning technique that uses a piece of equipment called an air curtain destructor, virtually eliminating

any smoke from leaving their site when run properly.

The system may only be run between 10 a.m. and dusk, thereby reducing the potential for late evening smog when lower temperatures, cloud cover, and pressures can cause smoke to hover over the ground such as has occurred over the past few weeks at Stewart.

The DPW and our RCI Development Partner, apologize for any discomfort and inconvenience that our residents and workforce have experienced while construction activities progress.

Remember there are brighter skies ahead!

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speeding is a problem, specifically drivers speeding past Soldiers during physical training hours. He cited the small size and large population of Hunter as a major contributor to the problem, and the fact that a lot of people are driving to work at the same time Soldiers are conducting PT. "There's nothing we can do about it other than personal responsibility," he said, and urged drivers to obey the 10 mile-per-hour law when passing any Soldier or formation. He also said Soldiers should only do PT during designated hours.

He mentioned pests on post, specifically unregistered cats, and urged residents to keep them under control.

Goble talked about the civilianization of the Hunter Police Force. "We're going to have badge-carrying, gun-toting civilian police on post."

He said the residential communities initiative is going well. The 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) has a \$130 million budget for fiscal year 2004, and a lot of it will go to Hunter for barracks, gymnasium and new sports complex construction.

Goble mentioned Reserve Soldier mobilization, and said Hunter's airport will be just as busy this year as last year.

He brought up the June G8 Summit, which will take place on Sea Island, but will use Hunter as its major arrival/departure point. "If you all remember what we went through when President Bush came through ... multiply that times nine."

Goble said reorganization is affecting the entire division. "We want to keep you informed on what's going on."

He then turned the meeting over to the panel members. Hunter Public Affairs Officer Dina McKain began by encouraging Soldiers and their families to support community events supported by division Soldiers.

Deputy Provost Marshall Maj. Louis J. Poore spoke next. He talked about the hiring of 70 civilian police officers in the near future to replace Military Police Officers on Post.

He then explained a new program called Marne Escort. Starting Friday night, MPs will be present in the Savannah Historic District from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. to escort drunk and disorderly Soldiers back to post.

The program has three goals, he said. The first is to improve quality of life for residents of Savannah's historic district. Second, Soldiers won't be charged with civilian crimes — they will be turned over to their first sergeants, who may impose the Uniform Code of Military Justice, depending on the offense. And third, Savannah police and jails won't be clogged with Soldiers.

An issue Soldiers need to take note of is the open container law in Savannah. It applies to plastic cups, but not glass bottles. The policy downtown is zero tolerance, Poore said.

Millard Jones, MWR director, talked about a childcare registration problem brought up at the December meeting. He said a full staff has been hired, including a new outreach director, and the problem has been rectified.

He also mentioned the grand opening of the Hunter Club. It will open March 4, following a \$4 million renovation. "If you haven't been over to the new club, I think you'll be impressed," he said.

He ended by announcing the Annual Community Appreciation Day. It will take place April 3 in the ACS parking lot.

Capt. Jennifer N. Blount, Staff Judge Advocate legal assistance attorney, talked about the Hunter Tax Center and urged Soldiers and their families to use it. "I know a lot of people are going off post to do their taxes. Our turnaround is 10 days to get your refund. A lot of [off post] places can get you money in two days,

but what they're doing is charging you interest on your money."

Chaplain (Maj.) John M. Foxworth, installation chaplain, talked about the programs Hunter offers Soldiers and families, including couples and budget counseling.

Lt. Col. Timothy Becker, Dental Clinic officer in charge, said Hunter's clinics are getting back to normal, and announced that there will be activities for children next month in honor of Children's National Dental Health Month.

Jeff Owes, post exchange manager, talked about Valentines Day, Easter, and a major appliance sale. He awarded door prizes to people seated in rows three, five and seven.

Mike Pulley, commissary officer, posted holiday hours, after which Goble turned the meeting over to the audience.

The first question was, can Georgia Military Housing assist in rule enforcement in on-post housing issues such as garbage, messy property, parking and abandoned vehicles while Soldiers are at work or deployed?

Goble answered that the new GMH Resident's Guidebook is almost exactly like the old rules. He said the chain of command is responsible for rule enforcement. Senior occupants are "The only hammer we have for enforcement. GMH is not in the chain of command," and added that GMH can refer problems to the chain.

Ron Hansen, GMH acting director and vice president of operations, answered that they have talked to their contractors about rocks from lawn mowers. On a different note, he said they have started towing abandoned cars at Fort Stewart and will do it at Hunter too. "I'm prior Army, so I know you've got to tow some (abandoned cars) out, and throw some people out to bring attention to the problem."

The second issue was stray animals.

Poore instructed residents to call the Provost Marshall's office, adding they have humane cages to house the animals. Audience members said registering their animals was a complicated process. Goble said the veterinarian clinic is on his list of issues to iron out.

The next issue was speeding school buses on post. Goble said three tickets have been issued and a driver has been fired.

An enormous issue for residents is the long wait time to receive medical care. They said they spend as much as an hour on hold just to make an appointment. Maj. John Green III, Tuttle Health Clinic acting deputy director, said, "We're aware of the problem. At this moment, a resolution is not available, but we're working on it."

They also said they've gone to the emergency room, waited for hours, and been turned away. Green said to never leave an Army clinic or hospital unsatisfied — talk to a patient representative and ask for help.

Residents asked about air filters for their air conditioners. Hansen said each household is authorized one filter a month. They are available at Building 935, next to the Shopette. He said he would authorize more than one filter a month if special circumstances exist for the family.

A few families talked about excessive speeding and the lack of tickets to offenders in their neighborhood. They said they had called the MPs on multiple occasions, but the speeders still sped. Goble said a patrol car would be posted permanently in their neighborhood until every speeder has a ticket.

As 9 p.m. rolled around, Goble concluded the meeting by thanking all those in attendance, guaranteeing all concerns will be addressed. The next community meeting is tentatively scheduled for May.

STEWART

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accommodate training exercises.

Beverly Childs of Morale, Welfare and Recreation reminded the audience that Club Stewart offers an express lunch, and described the program as a success.

Col. Joe Bartell of Winn Army Medical Center

announced that Winn received an award from the Department of Defense for its outstanding record of customer satisfactio.

Bartell said that the hospital is gearing up for an "Operation Iraqi Freedom baby boom" this summer.

Among the audience's concerns were adequate resources for behavioral-needs children and controlled burns near residential areas.

Bartell said that he is trying to recruit child psychiatrists to Hinesville, but described the process as difficult, given the

moderate pay and the high standards he demands of applicants.

There is currently a moratorium on controlled burns near housing areas, after unpredicted weather conditions created thick smoke that blanketed a Stewart neighborhood this winter.

Privately Owned Vehicle Risk Management Toolbox

As part of the CG's intent to make sure leaders at all levels do the most they can do to keep Soldiers from getting DUIs, we at the IG Shop want to make sure you know about the "Privately Owned Vehicle Risk Management Toolbox for Commanders, Leaders, NCOs, and Individuals" produced by the US Army Safety Center.

In this document, you'll find a wide variety of tools and programs that you can adapt to your particular needs to help with this all important subject.

To get to the POV Toolbox, go to the IG Resources Library at

https://intranet1.stewart.army.mil/ig/Web1/Resources/inspector_general_resources.htm

and then click on "For Commanders and Supervisors."

When you get to that page, it's toward the bottom.

While you're there, be sure to check out the other products that may be of use to you as a Leader. We're constantly seeking content to put on the website, so if you have any good training classes, OPD/NCOPD, or SOPs that you think others in the Division will benefit from, we'd sure appreciate a copy.



Army striving to combat identity theft

Andrea Takash

Special to The Frontline

WASHINGTON — The Army is working to ensure that thieves can't steal the personal information of Soldiers, their families and Army civilians.

Over the past five years, 27 million American adults have been victims of identity theft, according to the Federal Trade Commission's 2003 Identity Theft Survey Report.

"Identity theft was the number two most reported crime to the federal government in 2003, and it is on the rise," said Peter D. Anzulewicz, information assurance analyst, Army Web Risk Assessment Cell.

The Army Web Risk Assessment Cell in the Information Assurance Directorate released a distance learning training course on Feb. 1 that contains a section on DoD and Army Web site policy and an interactive Web site. The interactive Web site tests Web administrators' knowledge of the policies.

"The distance learning training course will teach Web administrators what is and is not permitted on publicly accessible Army Web sites," Anzulewicz said.

"We have been working with other Department of Defense agencies to min-

imize the risk of identity theft through the removal of inappropriate personal information from Army publicly accessible Web sites during the AWRAC review of Web content," Anzulewicz said.

For example, commanders' biographies on the Web no longer list the names of family members. The publicly accessible Web sites should only list office names and phone numbers. The only names on the Web sites should be Army spokespeople, Anzulewicz said.

Anzulewicz explained that it is imperative for securing personal information that Web administrators, Web masters and commanders understand the DoD and Army's Web policies. "Criminals don't have to be clever to steal identities; they are just a keyboard away," he said.

In 2003 alone, consumers reported losses totaling more than \$400 million from fraud, according to Consumer Sentinel, the complaint database maintained by the FTC.

Under the Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act, it is a feder-

al crime when someone transfers or uses a means of identification of another person with the intent to commit any unlawful activity that constitutes a violation of Federal law.

Identity theft takes only minutes for thieves to accomplish while recovering from identity theft takes months to years for the victims of this serious crime, Anzulewicz said.

He said it is more dangerous when Soldiers become victims of identity theft.

"If a Soldier in Baghdad has his credit card stolen, the criminal will max it out without his knowledge.

Then, his wife back in the states can't buy food for the kids. The Soldier is thinking of his family starving back in the states. Identity theft makes Soldiers ineffective and puts them in harms way," Anzulewicz said.

Three common ways of stealing identities exist. "Most identity thieves take personal information out of mailboxes or trash cans," Anzulewicz said. However, the Internet is a growing outlet for criminals, he said "People give their personal information away everyday on the Internet,"

Anzulewicz said.

He said Soldiers and their families can protect themselves from identity theft by being cautious of giving out their personal information.

"Also, make sure you check your credit card bills for abnormal charges.

Invest in a shredder and shred all of your personal information before throwing it away," he said.

If your credit card is missing or stolen, Anzulewicz said immediately call the credit card company. "Ask that a 'fraud alert' be placed in your file," he said.

Furthermore, he advises people to order an annual copy of their credit report from the three credit reporting agencies — Equifax, Trans Union and Experian. Check for accuracy on the reports and make sure the activities listed were authorized.

Identity theft victims should call the Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Hotline at 1-877-ID-THEFT, Anzulewicz said. When people call the hotline, trained personnel guide them through the steps needed to resolve their issues resulting from identity theft.

For more information on identity theft, go to the Federal Trade Commission's Web site at http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/link:http://www4.army.mil/ocpa/read.php?story_id_key=5625.



Interactive Counseling Center eases students' transitions

Pfc. Benjamin Brody

Staff Writer

Children of military personnel often transfer between schools several times before graduating high school, and agencies are working to make the transitions less difficult for them.

The Interactive Counseling Center is an online program that allows school counselors to communicate with each other via Internet teleconferencing and is being promoted locally by post school liaison officer David Smith.

"The ICC helps counselors interpret the student's

"The ICC helps counselors interpret the student's transcript from another school system."

David Smith

Fort Stewart school liaison officer

transcript from another school system," Smith said. "The counselors can view transcripts immediately and determine where the student needs to start in the new school academically."

About 150 Department of Defense schools around the world participate in the program, including schools in Liberty, Chatham and Bryan counties, according to Smith.

"The program helps level the playing field with stable students," Smith said. "Parents need to advocate its use, since the student's old school may not take the initiative."

Student athletes or participants in any extracurricular activity can also use the program to communicate with instructors or coaches at their new school, Smith added.

The Web site can be found at <http://www.interactive-counselingcenter.org/>.

Units to be recognized for DUI-free streak

Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody
Staff Writer

All 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) and tenant military units at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield are eligible to participate in the DUI-Free Awards, a program set up to recognize units who have been without alcohol-related incidents for at least a year. The program is coordinated through the Army Substance Abuse Program.

"The top DUI-free units receive a streamer for their guidon and a plaque, but the main draw is bragging rights," said Barry Graham, the DUI-free program coordinator at ASAP. "The program has significantly decreased DUIs since its implementation. In the past, commanders used to give four-day weekends for a certain amount of time without DUIs, but institutionalizing the program has proven more effective."

Each quarter, units nominate themselves for the award, and Graham begins the process of verifying the date of the last alcohol-related offense of any type by a Soldier assigned or attached to the unit.

Currently leading the pack is Hunter's 202nd Quartermaster Detachment, a unit of the 559th Quartermaster Battalion, with 3,913 DUI-free days as of March 19, the date this quarter's scores will be tallied.

"It takes a lot of discipline, but it's something we've passed down the line and we're proud of the record," said Staff Sgt. Howard McMorris, a water treatment specialist with the 202nd. "We know the repercussions of a DUI."

For a unit's first award, they receive a blue streamer embroidered "No DUIs" and a 3rd Inf. Div. Certificate of Achievement. The second award is a Certificate of Achievement from the XVIII Airborne Corps, and the third award is a Forces Command Certificate of Achievement in Safety.

A fourth award from the Department of the Army has been proposed. The awards are presented on stage during April's Alcohol Awareness Month, during July's Marne Week celebration, during October's Red Ribbon Week and during December's Drunk and Drugged Driving Month.

"Soldiers like getting up on stage, in front of the general, and being praised for their accomplishments," Graham said. "It fosters a lot of pride in the unit."

AAFES HOLIDAY SCHEDULE for PRESIDENT'S DAY

Fort Stewart

Branches	Hours
Main Store	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Furniture Store	CLOSED
Hospital PX	CLOSED
National Guard PX	CLOSED
Main Shoppette/Class Six	9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Bryan Village Shoppette	9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Brigade Troop Store	9 p.m.
	Close Feb. 15
	Re-open Feb. 16
Victory Shoppette	11 a.m.
Food Court, Bldg. 419	24 hours
Blimpie	CLOSED
Burger King	12 p.m.-6 p.m.
Anthony's Pizza	10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Popeye's	12 p.m.-9 p.m.
Mall Food Court	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Mall Anthony's	10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Robin Hood	10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Cinnabon/SBC	10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Charley's Steakery	10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Taco John's	10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Car Care Center	CLOSED
Military Clothing Store	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Woodruff Theater	7 p.m. Showing

Concessions

Kiosks	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Barber Shop	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Beauty Shop	CLOSED
Simply Perfect Nail Salon	CLOSED
Gift's Galore	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Petals & Bloom	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Stripes, The Alteration Place	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
The Cleaners, Bldg. 71	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Optical Center	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
General Nutrition Center	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
My Force Apparel	10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Urban Wear	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
John's Specialty Shop	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Shoe Shine	CLOSED
MCC Phone Center	CLOSED
Alltel Wireless	CLOSED
Brigade Barber Shop	CLOSED
Laundry/Dry Cleaners, Bldg. 706-A	CLOSED
Alterations	CLOSED
Sprint Barracks Phone	CLOSED
Economic Car Rental	CLOSED
E & L Car Wash/Detail	CLOSED
MCC	10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sprint Barracks Phone Center	CLOSED
Barber Shop, Bldg. 706	CLOSED
Cutrina's Creative Crafts, Bldg. 419	CLOSED
New To You	CLOSED
Show/Boot Shine, Bldg. 419	CLOSED
Barber Shop, Bldg. 419	CLOSED

Hunter Army Airfield

Main Store	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Hunter Corner Express	9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Military Clothing Sales	10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Burger King	CLOSED

Concessions

Flower Shop	CLOSED
Short Term Concessions	11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Laundry/Dry Cleaners	11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Alterations Shop	CLOSED
Beauty Shop	CLOSED
Barber Shop	11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Optical Shop	CLOSED
C's Boot Shine	CLOSED
Economic Car Rental	CLOSED
Sprint Barracks Phone	CLOSED

If you accidentally discover an archaeological site on Fort Stewart:

1. Cease what you are doing immediately.
2. Notify Range Control at 767-8777.
3. Do not attempt to unearth the object or remove it.

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Stewart

Valentine golf scramble

This event will be held at Taylor Creek today at noon. This will be Shotgun style.

Paperback kits

Fort Stewart Library provides paperback kits for units, through the unit chaplains, for recreational reading during deployments, exercises and for unit day room collections. Call 767-0805 to pick up your kit.

Marne Tax Center

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

Jan.

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

Feb. and March

Monday through Friday
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday (ending March 13)
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

April

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

The center is located in Bldg. 9611 in the National Guard Training Area. Currently, there is little or no wait to receive services. With free electronic filing, customers will receive their refund in less than seven days.

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

Annual Technology Show

The annual Georgia Information Technology Show will be held at Club Stewart Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This event is free to all personnel. Extensive catering will be provided. For more information call 1 (888) 282-2262, or e-mail: info@atc-expo.com or visit www.atc-expo.com/shows.

Celebrate Black History Month

The Hunter garrison command sergeant major will be the guest speaker at the Fort Stewart Black History Month Celebration 1 p.m., Feb. 19 at Woodruff Theater. The commanding general is inviting the entire community to attend this free event. The 2004 theme is "Brown vs. Board of Education — 50th Anniversary." In addition to the Woodruff Theater celebration, the Division Support Command dining facility will serve a lunchtime soul food menu starting at 11:30 a.m., Feb. 19. This is also open to the public at a small charge.

National Prayer Breakfast

This breakfast is scheduled for March 4, 7 a.m. at Club Stewart. There is no charge and tickets will be issued to unit sergeants major.

Empowerment Seminar

Professionals from various organizations will gather at Club Stewart Wednesday, 9 a.m. until noon, for a meeting with parents and caregivers regarding special needs children. The seminar is free and open to the community. For more information call 767-3032.

Hunter

Sweetheart Tournament

The Fifth Annual Sweetheart Tournament is being held at Hunter Lanes Sunday at 1 p.m. This event is open to everyone. No league averages required. Scotch Doubles, 9-pin, no Tap Alibi.

Entry fee is \$25. Sign up start at noon and ends at 12:45 p.m.

Black History Month Lunch

The Hunter Club will host a luncheon celebrating Black History Month, Feb. 20, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$6.50.

Youth babysitting classes

There will be a babysitting class for ages 13 and up Feb. 21, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The cost for this class is \$10 and all attendees must have a CYS membership.

For more information call 352-5708/6075.

Active parenting

Army Community Service is conducting each Wednesday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., until Feb. 18, a session for parents of children ages 5 to 12. In these sessions parents learn styles of parenting, winning cooperation, responsibility and effective discipline techniques, communication skills and building courage, character and self-esteem in their children.

Child care may be provided but participants must sign-up in advance. For more information

call Regina Mims at 352-6816.

Pay day golf scramble

A pay day golf scramble is being held Feb. 27 at noon at the Hunter Golf Club. All members of Hunter and Stewart communities are eligible to compete. For more information call 352-5622.

3ID Purple Heart recipients

The Richmond Hill Chapter of the American Legion have \$5,000 yet to be claimed in their purple heart fund for Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) wounded in combat.

For more information contact John Ellis at 695-0735.

Hunter Tax Center

The Tax Center, located in Building 1279 on Neal Blvd. (behind the Ranger PT field), is open and currently there is little or no wait to receive services. With free electronic filing, customers will receive their refund in less than seven days..

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For more information, call 352-5278.

Winn Army Community Hospital

Flu Shots

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

New OB-GYN Walk-in Hours

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

Pharmacy Change

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

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

Satellite Pharmacy is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. New prescriptions can be dropped off and picked up the next day. Refill prescriptions can be ordered by calling 370-6575 or 1 (800) 652-9221 or online at

www.winn.amedd.army.mil

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

Tobacco Cessation Classes

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

To register for Tuttle's class, call 1-800-652-9221.

Tuttle Information Desk

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

Additional Parking

An additional parking lot on Harmon Ave., adjacent to Winn and next to the sports complex, is open for patient parking.

"Take Care of Yourself"

The next "Take Care of Yourself" class at Winn will be held 2 to 3 p.m., Wednesday. 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.

Marne TV

January
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Schedule

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

5 a.m. Army Newswatch
5:30 a.m. **MARNE REPORT**
 6 a.m. Navy News
 7:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
8 a.m. **MARNE REPORT**
 8:30 a.m. Navy News
 9 a.m. Air Force News
 11:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
Noon **MARNE REPORT**
 12:30 p.m. Navy News
1:30 p.m. **State of the Garrison**

4:30 p.m. Army Newswatch
5 p.m. **MARNE REPORT**
 5:30 p.m. Navy News
6 p.m. **MARNE REPORT**
 6:30 p.m. Army Newswatch
7 p.m. **MARNE REPORT**
7:30 p.m. **State of the Garrison**
10 p.m. **MARNE REPORT**
 10:30 p.m. Navy News
 11 p.m. Army Newswatch

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Shoplifting...**Is it worth the risk?****Provost Marshal Office**

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What is shoplifting? The Georgia Criminal Law manual defines it as: A person commits the offense of theft by shoplifting when he alone or in concert with another person, with the intent of appropriating merchandise to his own use without paying for the same or to deprive the owner of possession thereof or of the value thereof, in whole or in part, does any of the following:

- Conceals or takes possession of the goods or merchandise of any store or retail establishment;
- Alters the price tag or other price marking on goods or merchandise of any store or retail establishment;
- Transfers the goods or merchandise of any store or retail establishment from one container to another;
- Interchanges the label or price tag from one item of merchandise with a label or price tag for another item of merchandise;
- Wrongfully causes the amount paid to be less than the merchant's stated price for the merchandise.

The Uniform Code of Military Justice defines shoplifting as a "Larceny." Both the Georgia Criminal laws and the UCMJ hold penalties for shoplifting. Georgia Law states that the arrestee will be placed in a county jail and be subjected to post bond, which is \$930. Then there are court costs

and the end result is a criminal record. A fourth shoplifting offense is a felony and can result in 1 to 10 years in a state prison.

The UCMJ penalties include, but are not limited to, a bad conduct discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, loss of rank and confinement for 6 months. The subjects are also required to pay a restitution fee to the Army Air Force Exchange Service of \$200, no matter what the cost of the item. The end result for military members and family members is that a shoplifting offense will stay in your criminal records for 35 years.

The statistics for shoplifting for 2003 were alarming. There were 81 shoplifting cases on Fort Stewart in 2003; 65 percent lower enlisted Soldiers, 20 percent family members, and 15 percent noncommissioned officers and officers. This year so far, there have been 16 shoplifting cases. The offense locations vary, but the main areas seem to be the Main Post Exchange, Victory Shoppette, and the Brigade Shoppette.

The bottom line is that shoplifting is a senseless crime. The benefits you have to look forward to are; fines, loss of rank, loss of money, post bar, loss of quarters, ban on all shopping privileges, bad conduct discharge, and a nice 35-year criminal history record. Please take all of this into consideration next time the urge comes to you.

Further questions can be directed to the Stewart Military Police Station at 767-4895.

ASK THE JUDGE**Extramarital Sex Prior to Divorce**

Q. My wife and I have just signed a separation agreement and we will be divorced in about 3 months. Does this mean I can start dating again?

A. The answer to your explicit question is yes you can date, but if what you are really asking is, "Can I have sexual relations with the new light of my life?" the answer is no. Because the marriage is not yet terminated, sexual relations with anyone other than a spouse constitutes adultery. This is true whether or not a separation agreement has been executed and regardless of any language it may include about how each party is entitled to live free of interference from the other.

While some states have decriminalized adultery, the state of Georgia does not. But more importantly for military members, adultery is also a crime under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The potential for non-judicial punishment or criminal prosecution is real for servicemembers who have sexual relations outside the marriage before divorce.

Q: Are there other consequences I may face if I have sexual relations with someone other than my spouse.

A: Yes. Proof of adultery may affect ongoing divorce proceedings. For example, judges are free to exercise

discretion in awarding custody of minor children and parental visitation rights. Even with an agreement in hand, the court will make its decision based on the best interest of the child, and some judges will not place a young child into an adulterer's household.

Similarly, jury trials are allowed in divorce cases in Georgia, and the jury has discretion in awarding child support and alimony. One who has extramarital sexual relations before divorce runs the risk of offending the jury which can lead to adjustments in agreed-upon support levels or other adverse rulings. In Georgia, a party will not be entitled to alimony if it can be established that the separation between the parties was caused by that party's adultery. Finally, one way for the offended spouse to achieve revenge is to seek adjustment of the division of property based on an allegation that money spent directly or indirectly on the new lover constitutes a wasting of marital assets.

If you have a legal problem your first stop should be the Fort Stewart Legal Assistance Office, Building 37, telephone, 767-8809/8819 or the Hunter Army Airfield legal office, Building 1154, telephone 352-5115/5116.

FOR ALL YOUR CLASSIFIED NEEDS CALL 368-0526

POLICE REPORTS

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 22-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Following too closely, duty to report an accident, driving on post suspension, operating a vehicle without insurance
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Failure to stop at posted stop sign, expired drivers license, driving on a suspended or revoked license
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 22-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving on suspended license, no seatbelt
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Civilian, 27-year-old male

- **Charge:** Criminal trespassing
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 30-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charge:** Larceny of AAFES property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 29-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charge:** Larceny of AAFES property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 23-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 78/45, expired tags
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Private, 24-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charge:** Driving on suspended license

- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charge:** Failure to obey lawful order or regulation
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Master Sergeant, 38-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charge:** Assault consummated by a battery upon a child under 16 years
- **Location:** Savannah

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 22-year-old male, 24th Support Group
- **Charge:** Burglary, theft by deception
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charge:** Wrongful appropriation of pri-

vate motor vehicle

- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 25-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Improper parking, possession of open container while operating vehicle, driving under the influence
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Battery, kidnapping, robbery, terroristic threats, cruelty to a child
- **Location:** Ludowici

- **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old female, Division Support Command
- **Charge:** Assault consummate by battery
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

STABILIZATION

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mark for ending home-basing was established because that is the point where the Army's manning needs outside of tactical units significantly increases, Thornton said.

"It's the point where that initial entry officer has made captain, completed a company command, and the Army may need that officer as a Pentagon staff officer, an instructor at the schoolhouse, or to complete advanced civilian schooling," Thornton said. "The enlisted Soldier will have likely made sergeant by that time and is ready for assignment as a recruiter, drill sergeant or an instructor."

Leader development training, such as basic and advanced non-commissioned officer course, and the captain's career course should not be impacted by Home-basing, as Soldiers will be sent to that training on temporary duty and then return to the installation.

Home-basing is set to start at

selected Forces Command installations with divisional brigade combat teams sometime in the fourth quarter of the current fiscal year. It will eventually include most FORSCOM bases in the United States and may include some combined FORSCOM / Training and Doctrine Command posts, Byrne said. Under the second initiative, Unit Focused Stability, all members of a unit initially arrive at the same time and are stabilized in that unit for three years.

"Optimally, if you want to build unit cohesion, you keep members of a team together through training, deployment and employment," Thornton said. "This is about building more capable warfighting units that require less train-up time when alerted for deployment."

The Army understands that losses occur to any unit due to medical, administrative, hardship

or judicial issues, Thornton said, so there is a plan for an annual package of replacements who would remain with the unit through the remainder of the 36 month unit lifecycle. Individual replacements for key positions will be filled as required and requested by the unit, he said.

A key aspect to Unit Focused Stability is that the majority of these scheduled replacements joining the unit will be initial entry Soldiers.

"Let's say you need to replace a company commander due to a loss," Thornton said. "His replacement will come from within — somebody who has been with the unit at the start of the unit lifecycle, somebody like the company executive officer or one of the battalion staff officers. Then you take a senior platoon leader and back-fill the position left vacant. The initial entry replacement comes in and then fills the empty platoon

leader position. It works the same way on the enlisted side."

Recruiters have been armed with a variable enlistment incentive to encourage those entering the Army to sign on for duty with a Unit Focused Stability unit. Recruits who sign up for the bonus must serve on active duty the amount of time it takes them to complete basic and advanced individual training plus three years in the unit rather than the standard three, four or six year enlistment.

Opportunity for leader development training, such as basic and advanced noncommissioned officer course, and the captain's career course will continue under Unit Focused Stability, only the timing of attendance may be affected.

The 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate), based at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, is the first Army unit to use Unit Focused Stability when it started the

process to become the Army's third Stryker Brigade Combat Team this past summer.

Unit Focused Stability will take longer to implement across the Army than Home-basing because of operational requirements and the need for coordination with multiple Army organizations for each unit transitioning to the new manning system, Thornton said. Eventually, the Army plans to transition one brigade combat team a month, he said.

Both Force Stabilization initiatives should not impact anybody's chances for promotion, Byrne said, as promotions are based upon Army requirements, not unit requirements.

"We are increasing the readiness of the Army through stability and unit cohesion, while providing more predictability to Soldiers and their families," Byrne said. "We have always said that we enlist Soldiers and reenlist families."

CENTCOM News

Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan release

KABUL, Afghanistan — In coordination with the Islamic Transitional Government of Afghanistan, Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan continues to train the Afghan National Army, provide civil affairs support, and disrupt, deny, and destroy terrorist and anti-ITGA forces in order to establish a stable and secure Afghanistan.

On Thursday, two weapons and ammunition caches were turned in to coalition forces in Konar province. This is another demonstration of the Afghans continuing rejection of violence.

In the last two days, Coalition forces have brought by helicopter two Afghan civilians from Asadabad for treatment at coalition medical facilities in Bagram. Evacuees included a one-year-old child with severe burns and a 12-year-old boy with a head and wrist injury.

On Thursday the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team traveled to the Haji Zair village and distributed approximately 150 pairs of shoes, numerous jackets, mittens and hats to the resi-

dents.

The coalition is happy to continue to assist in the Haj and congratulates the returning Hajis. So far, five flights have returned with 1627 Hajis.

Explosive device causes Soldier death

AR RAMADI, Iraq — A Soldier attached to the 82nd Airborne Division was killed outside Mahmudiyah when an improvised explosive device detonated, Sunday afternoon.

The Soldier's name is being withheld until the next of kin are notified.

Stryker Bde. detains suspects, collects weapons

MOSUL, Iraq — Monday Soldiers from 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team) under the operational control of Task Force Olympia detained personnel suspected of anti-Coalition activities and recovered weapons and other explosives in northern Iraq Sunday.

One person suspected of anti-

Coalition activities turned himself in to 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment headquarters in Mosul.

Members of the Coalition for Iraqi Unity, a concerned group of citizens in northwestern Iraq, came to the 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment and turned in 750 rounds of 7.62 mm ammunition, 1,000 rounds of 14.5 mm ammunition, one hand grenade and one set of binoculars.

A cache of weapons, consisting of one rocket-propelled grenade, 84 shotgun shells, one bag of propellant and a 10-pound stick of propellant was brought to a forward operating back in southern Mosul.

Task Force Olympia continues to work with the citizens and leaders of Iraq to make it a safe, prosperous, and democratic nation.

UXO Explosions kills two Soldiers, injures five

MOSUL, Iraq — An explosion killed two Soldiers and injured five others Monday in the Mosul region when unexploded ordnance that was being moved to a demolition point detonated.

The ordnance, a large collection of rocket propelled grenades and mortar rounds that had been found or turned in, was being moved from a storage bunker to a demolition point. The explosion occurred at 12:45 p.m. as the UXO was being offloaded for demolition.

The explosion initially killed one Soldier, and injured six others.

Four of the injured Soldiers were evacuated by air within 12 minutes of the accident to the 67th Combat Support Hospital at Mosul Air Field. One of these Soldiers later died of his wounds. Of the other three soldiers that were air-evacuated, all three are listed in stable condition.

Two other Soldiers injured in the explosion were evacuated by ground to a Task Force Olympia forward operating base battalion aid station. These Soldiers were provided medical treatment and have been returned to duty.

The names of the Soldiers who died in this accident, and those who were injured, are being withheld pending notification of next-of-kin.

The accident is currently under investigation.

SACRIFICE

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French. More than 350,000 black Soldiers served in segregated units during World War I, mostly as support troops. Several units saw action alongside French soldiers fighting against the Germans, and 171 black Soldiers were awarded the French Legion of Honor. In response to protests of discrimination and mistreatment from the black community, several hundred black men received officers' training in Des Moines, Iowa. By October 1917, over six hundred black Soldiers were commissioned as captains and first and second lieutenants.

By World War II, African Americans were serving in much larger numbers, and in combat positions.

On Dec. 7, 1941, during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Mess Attendant Doris "Dorie" Miller came to the aid of his ship-

mates on the U.S.S. West Virginia, helping to move the injured out of harm's way, including the mortally wounded captain. Though untrained in its use, Miller also manned an anti-aircraft machine gun, downing several Japanese planes before being ordered to abandon the sinking ship. Miller's courage and devotion to duty at Pearl Harbor earned him the Navy Cross, the first ever awarded to a black sailor. This honor is even greater in light of the fact that blacks were only allowed to serve in the messman's branch of the Navy at the time. Though later killed in action in 1943, Miller's legacy of bravery in the face of great danger and discrimination lives on.

During World War II civil rights groups and black professional organizations pressed the government to provide training for black pilots on an equal basis with

whites. Their efforts were partially successful. Black fighter pilots were trained as a part of the Army Air Force, but only at a segregated base located in Tuskegee, Ala. Hundreds of airmen were trained and many saw action.

Executive Order 9981 officially Desegregated the Armed Services on July 26, 1948. President Harry S Truman issued Executive Order 9981 establishing equality of treatment and opportunity to all who served in the military, and set the wheels in motion for the civil rights movement that would change America.

"The freedoms we enjoy today are only possible because of the sacrifices of the Soldiers who have served this great nation in war at various times for over 300 years," said Retired Gen. Colin L. Powell, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and currently secretary of state. "Since 1641 there has



Department of Defense (USMC)

Members of the 3rd Marine Ammunition Company on Saipan in 1944

never been a time in this country when blacks were unwilling to serve and sacrifice for America. Before revolutionary times and through every war to the present, black men and women have willingly served and died for their country."