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Vipers thrive under 2nd UA at NTC

Pfc. Ben Brody
Staff Writer

In the dead of night at Task Force Viper tactical operations center April 8, five heavily armed AH-64D Apache Longbows and a UH-60 Blackhawk suddenly came alive and took to the skies in search of their prey — opposition forces vehicles at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

As the Blackhawk circled at a midpoint between the Apaches and the TOC to relay

radio transmissions between them, the four gunships and observer Apache approached a host of targets designed to look like the lead element of an enemy counterattack force bearing down on 2nd Unit of Action. The targets consisted of tanks, armored vehicles and artillery.

"We fired five laser-guided Hellfire missiles at the targets — each helicopter moved in sequentially to take their shot," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Gary Fewins, an instructor pilot with B Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment. "You

pull the trigger and about a second later — Whoosh! The missile comes screaming out with a flash of light, then 15 to 20 seconds later it's just death and destruction on the ground. The Hellfire will destroy any vehicle known to man."

The targets at NTC are plywood, fitted with devices that generate smoke and light to simulate muzzle flashes and the heat signature an armored vehicle produces. The Apache pilots fire a laser at the target, which the \$20,000 missiles precisely follow.

"Live fire is the best part of NTC for us, and the most realistic," said B Co. pilot Capt. Joe Amman, who flew on the mission. "It's what we're paid to do — fly and shoot in the dark, and blow stuff up."

The helicopters then returned to the TOC, loaded up with 30mm cannon ammunition, and flew off in support of 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment's live fire assault on enemy positions.

"We flew in for a close combat attack

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2nd Lt. Dan Wessman

3/7 Inf. Soldiers clear a trench during Foal Eagle, a training exercise in the Republic of Korea. The Soldiers returned from the month-long exercise in April.

3/7 Inf. Soldiers conduct training in Korea

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Staff Writer

Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment returned to Fort Stewart April 5 and 7 from a month-long training exercise in the Republic of Korea known as Foal Eagle.

The companies deployed approximately 600 task force Soldiers, the majority of whom were deployed for about a month.

According to Lt. Col. David E. Funk, 3/7 Inf. commander, the focus of the deployment was on offensive operations, and included both force-on-force train-

ing using the multiple integrated laser engagement system, and live-fire training.

"Some of the highlights of Foal Eagle were platoon movement to contact lanes, entering and clearing trenches and buildings, live demolition training, combat service support live-fires and our culminating event — company live-fire breaches," he said.

This was the first time any 3/7 company had the opportunity to participate in Foal Eagle, and according to Funk, the exercise was a tremendous success.

"Foal Eagle really achieved several objectives, which extend across the spec-

trum from strategic to tactical operations," he said. "At the strategic level, the Army is reaffirming the United States commitment to our Republic of Korea allies by demonstrating its ability to deploy combat forces to the peninsula."

"At the operational level, Eighth U.S. Army and U.S. Forces Korea are validating their ability to receive U.S. augmentation forces, issue vehicles and equipment, and move those forces forward in theater," he added.

"Finally, at the tactical level, Foal Eagle provided a superb opportunity for units



Sgt. Mason T. Lowery

3/7 Inf. Soldiers leave the aircraft that brought them home from training in Korea April 7.

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Pfc. Ricardo J. Branch

Lt. Col. Todd Wood, 2/7 Inf. commander (left of display), and Lt. Col. David Funk, 3/7 Inf. commander (right of display), display 2/7's memorial design for the Raider Rally remembrance ceremonies April 15 at 2/7's headquarters.

Raiders remember Soldiers' sacrifices

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The 1st Unit of Action, along with 2nd and 3rd Battalions, 7th Infantry Regiment Soldiers honor past and present Soldiers in two dedication ceremonies and a memorial service Thursday at Fort Stewart.

The ceremonies were part of the Raider Rally Remembrance to honor Soldiers who were killed in action last year in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The first ceremony for 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment was a monument dedication to the history and Soldiers of the unit.

"The monument to the 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment is the first one of its kind on Fort Stewart," said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Fox, 2/7 Command Sergeant Major.

"It's a tribute to the Soldiers of the past, as well as the present, because they come from a highly distinguished unit with a history of unrecognized achievements," Fox explained.

"The monument is part of an undertaking by the unit to bridge a connection with the present and future Soldiers to the prestigious history of the unit," said Capt. Matt Morrison, Headquarters Company, Headquarters Command, 2/7 Inf.

intelligence officer.

"It will serve to tell future Cottonbalers that they are from a long line of outstanding Soldiers," Morrison said.

Later at "Warriors' Walk," 2/7 and 3/7 Inf. Soldiers were gathered to honor fallen Soldiers from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Soldiers were honored with words from surviving friends and comrades from their units, who placed flags upon the markers representing them.

"When these Soldiers were killed, empty spots stood in formation

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PLDC students test new skills with two-day STX



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Staff Writer

Soldiers in the primary leadership development course, class 05-04, finish their training in a culmination of all the skills acquired in a two day squad training exercise held April 12 and 13 at the ranges near the Noncommissioned Officers Academy at Fort Stewart.

"The STX is part of one of the things they (PLDC students) have to pass to graduate," said Staff Sgt. Charles Harman, 3rd platoon Gators small group instructor. "We make them go through the training to evaluate the Soldiers and show them some training on the squad and platoon level. This type of training is to assist noncommissioned officers returning to their units and serves to prepare them to be able to lead their Soldiers into battle."

In the exercise, Soldiers trained on various situations from close and far ambushes, civilians on the battlefield, reacting to chemical attacks and assisting casualties on the battlefield in preparation for things they could possibly face in combat.

"One of the biggest challenges Soldiers face coming here is themselves. Many Soldiers have never done some of the exercises here since basic training. It just takes a little bit of heart and you can get through the training you're faced with," said Staff Sgt. Rona Herd, small group instructor.

The STX is a chance for the students to perform all the skills that they were taught, according to Harman.

"The training we do here (STX) is very important because we're training future leaders and they have to set the standard for the Soldiers they will be leading," said Sgt. Joenar Abejon lightweight vehicle mechanic 416th Transportation Company.

The first day of the STX consisted of students training in the procedures of entering and exiting UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters in a potentially hazardous landing zone. Then flying to a hostile landing zone, Soldiers have to exit the Blackhawks and proceed to a designated assembly area on foot.

Upon arriving at the assembly area, Soldiers must then secure the perimeter and maintain security of the area in case of attack from enemy forces. At the end of the first day, night-fire exercises were conducted to give Soldiers night time combat training experience.

"The conditions and stress they put on you are part of a process to get you battle focused in all your training," Sgt. Christopher West, Headquarters Command Headquarters Company 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, said.

The final day of training involved another flight to a landing zone in Black Hawks.

The Soldiers marched back to the assembly area and were attacked by Soldiers pretending to be the enemy.

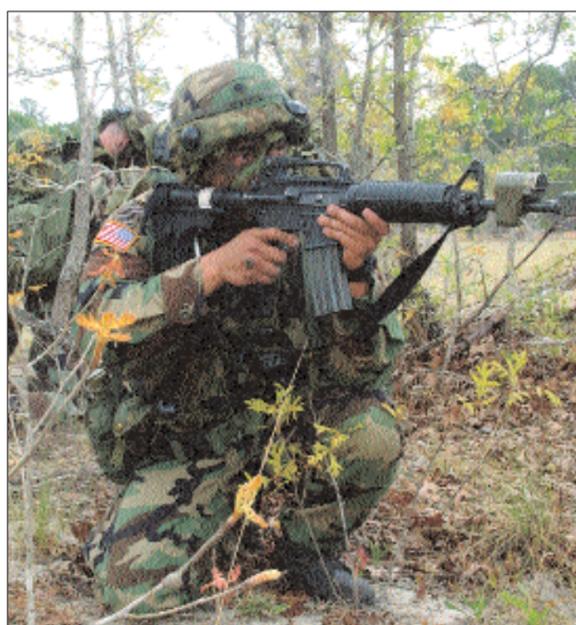
"It's really good training and can be challenging getting all the different (military occupational specialties) working together in combat situations where they normally wouldn't be," said Sgt. Rose Berry D Co., 703rd Main Support Battalion.

"PLDC helps take you to the next step and the training and STX teach you how to handle yourself in situations you could come across on the battlefield," West said.

Sgt. Exel Ayala, B Co., 159th Aviation Regiment, agreed. "Coming into PLDC is a period of growth and serves as a transition point from where you move from follower to someone who trains and leads other Soldiers and is expected to set high standards and teach his Soldiers how to reach those high standards."

Photos by Pfc. Ricardo J. Branch

Sgt. Rose Berry, D Co., 703rd MSB maintains security alertness for the nuclear, biological and chemical training students are faced with in PLDC during the NCO Academy's two-day STX.



Spc. Exel Ayala, B. co., 159 Aviation at the landing zone guarding against possible attacks.



Soldiers from 3rd Squad, 3rd Platoon move out of a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter and take defensive positions in simulated hostile combat landing zones during the STX training.



(Top) Sgt. Robert Mullen, A Co., 4/64 Armor puts on a protective mask during a simulated gas attack.

(Left) Soldiers from 2nd Platoon move six miles from the landing zone toward their assembly area.

Vipers, Battle Kings "save" downed pilots

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In the dim predawn moonlight April 7, two AH-64D Apache Longbows and a UH-60 Blackhawk from 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment's combat search and rescue team flew a training mission at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

The team flew deep into the desert to rescue two injured Apache pilots who were shot down behind enemy lines.

Before the CSAR team could safely reach the pilots, however, several enemy air defense sites had to be destroyed.

Division Artillery liaison officer Sgt. 1st Class Carey Clay, who is attached to the 1/3 Avn. Vipers, makes sure the missile sites quickly become smoking craters by coordinating intelligence on enemy air defense to field artillery units in the area. The Apaches can also "paint" the target with a laser, determine its grid coordinates, and send them to artillerymen via Clay.

"The first thing we do is plot a route for the rescue aircraft, broken into separate air control areas, which are areas our troops are told not to fire at," Clay said. "Then the helicopters spin up and get ready to roll just as our artillery is pounding the missile sites. Anything that's left on the targets the Apaches will wipe out completely."

During the rescue mission, Paladin Howitzers from A Battery, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment Battle Kings rained 155mm shells on enemy positions and successfully cleared a safe path for the CSAR team to get to the pilots.

"We went out the night before, got dropped off near an old burned out Huey — simulating that our Apache was shot down," said pilot 1st Lt. Michael Milas, B Company, 1/3 Avn. "When CSAR got our call, two Apaches showed up pretty quickly to secure the site. We made radio contact with them right away so we know they're friendly, and they know we're friendly."



Photos by Pfc. Ben Brody

Happy to be back, "rescued" Apache pilots 1st Lt. Michael Milas and 1st Lt. Matt Cole walk with Task Force Viper S3 Maj. Cory Mendenhall (center) as the CSAR Blackhawk takes off behind them April 7 at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

The second pilot, A Company's 1st Lt. Matt Cole, suffered a simulated broken leg in the scenario, and was treated by medics on the Blackhawk. Before the pilots were evacuated, they were briefly interviewed by military intelligence personnel to verify their identities.

There's a classified code that we go through with the pilots to make sure they really are who they say they are," said Spc. Brad Montana, a military intelligence specialist who interviewed Cole and Milas at the crash site.

"It was a fun mission — definitely good training," Milas said upon his return to the 1/3 tactical operations center. "The CSAR team did a great job and the whole mission was really well organized."



Task Force Viper Soldiers coordinate the CSAR mission from the TOC.

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

Thanks for the newsflash

Sgt. Mason T. Lowery
Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs Office

I was driving on base one day when I saw a car with a sticker on its hood that read, "Powered by VW." The car was a VW, so I wasn't surprised that it was powered by a VW motor. What else would power it? But I was surprised that the owner needed to put a sticker on it proclaiming the obvious. I cussed him out in my head, "Thanks for the newsflash, jerk!" and went on with my life. I figured it was an isolated incident, so I never thought about it again.

Everything was fine in terms of not seeing stupid stickers like that for a few months until last week. I was driving home from work, when I noticed an oncoming car sporting the same type of sticker. This car was a BMW, and the sticker was on its upper windshield, so it was impossible to miss.

All the old, repressed annoyance from the other car came back as the BMW car neared. I thought, "Powered by BMW? Really?! Thanks for another newsflash, jerk!" I slowed down to get a good look at the driver, just to see what someone who would put something so obvious on his car looks like.

The guy looked normal. "Weird," I thought, and continued home. I started thinking about the other strange things I see on people's cars. I came up with this list of infractions and associated questions:

The aforementioned "Powered by ..." nonsense. Doesn't everyone assume a Ford is powered by a Ford and so on? What's the point? What

Commentary

are you telling us with your sticker that we don't already know from just looking at the hood?

Gigantic wings on family sedans. Why? At what speed does the wing help aerodynamics? Can a '94 Saturn even go that fast?

Extreme political or religious bumper stickers. In this age of terrorism and highway shooters, shouldn't we do all we can to not target ourselves? It's scary enough driving on American highways, why draw attention?

Those dogs with the bobbing heads on dashboards. Doesn't that take some of the cool out of your minivan? I don't drive a minivan, so maybe that's why my mother gave me one. I had to tell her, "Not in my Pinto Ma! It's too damn cool!"

Bullet hole stickers. Is it camouflage? Do offenders put these on their cars thinking gangs will pass by their cars during-drive by shootings, thinking they must have already hit that car because it obviously has bullet holes in it? Or has urban culture so infiltrated American life that it's cool to have a shot-up minivan. Maybe when you're showing your buddy your new minivan you have to prove its street credit? I have no idea.

I see so many cars like this that I toy with the idea that maybe those cars aren't weird; maybe I'm just old.



But I'm only 27, so it can't be that. I think it's because I come from the performance school of automotive thought. I think it's OK to do things to your car, if you can afford it, but you should start with performance instead of style.

For example, I would rather buy performance tires than hubcaps. Hubcaps!? I'll make that number 6.

Hubcaps that look like rims. That's posing. If you have faux hubcaps, you are a poser. Who do you think you're fooling? We can all tell. Maybe not if you're screaming by at 70 with your gigantic wing holding you down. But what if you ever stopped? How could you represent? Because you're not representing, you're perpetrating a fraud. Poser. Which brings me to number 7.

Chrome exhaust tips. They are similar to hubcaps in terms of fraud. Why try to pretend you have a performance exhaust system? It's worse to pretend to have one than to not have one.

Stickers. I don't even have a question about this one, just a statement. If you have a sticker on your car from an auto performance company, you better be able to lift your hood and show me a part from that company. Otherwise, you're suspect.

So, what I'm saying is — performance first, then style, if you must. But this isn't The Fast and the Furious III, so why not go low profile and not draw attention to yourself. And please, please don't perpetrate a fraud.

Oh yeah, unless you drive a Harley, then everything I just said is wrong and the reverse is true.

Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

What is the tackiest accessory you have ever seen on a car and why?

"The 'I love my Ranger' bumper stickers."

Master Sgt. Vegas McCain
HQ Start



"A spoiler the size of another car."

Pfc. Joseph Vales
3/7 Cav.



"Gucci interior because it is going to get dirty and is a waste of money."

Spc. Rashan Wright
703rd MSB



"Whale Tails on a Neon."

Pfc. Kyle Brown
3/7 Cav.



"The really big different colored wings that don't match the color of the car."

Spc. Robert Skinner
A Trp., 6/8 Cav.



"The side running lights."

Sergeant 1st Class Samuel Brantley
3rd MP



Letter to the commanding general

Dear Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, Jr.,

It was with great pleasure that I read of Fort Stewart's selection as a winner of the 2004 Commander in Chief's Award for Installation Excellence.

This is truly a great accomplishment given the turbulence your community and installation experienced in the last year and speaks volumes for the spirit and dedication of your Soldiers, civilians, family members and volunteers who made it happen.

The Association of the U.S. Army is proud of what your team has accomplished and proud to be a part of your community. On behalf of AUSA and the Coastal Empire Chapter, we look forward to helping tell the 3rd Infantry Division and Fort Stewart story as we work together supporting the Soldier.

Sincerely,
Gordon R. Sullivan
General, USA Retired

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3rd Bde. monument honors fallen Soldiers

Sgt. Kim Dooley

Special to the Frontline

As the rain and clouds cleared from the Fort Benning skies April 8, Soldiers and families of 3rd Brigade gathered on Kelley Hill to unveil a monument dedicated to the Soldiers in the brigade who fought in Operation Iraqi Freedom — those who came home and those who did not.

The monument, which reads "Sledgehammer ... Not Fancy. Just Tough" on its front, stands as a tribute to the four Soldiers the brigade lost during its first tour in Iraq.

On its side, their names are inscribed: Pvts. Kelley Prewitt and George Huxley, Staff Sgt. Terry Hemingway and 1st Sgt. Joe Garza.

During the ceremony, the fallen Soldiers' families were presented flowers and escorted to the monument one by one to bear witness as their Soldier's name was revealed.

For Jean Prewitt, Kelley's mother, it was

both a beautiful and painful experience. "I didn't think I would get through the anniversary of his death," she said. "This is so difficult." Kelley bled to death from shrapnel wounds April 6, 2003. "I remain very proud of what he did. The Army was good for him. It gave him direction," Jean told a Ledger-Enquirer reporter the day of the ceremony. "Coming back here, on a day like this, brings back painful memories. But I would never consider not coming back. I owe it to Kelley."

There is much owed to Kelley and the three others who gave their lives in the name of freedom, said Col. Steven Salazar, brigade commander.

And much is owed to their families, too, he said.

"You don't raise heroes; you raise sons and daughters. If you raise sons and daughters, they'll turn out to be heroes — even if it's only in your eyes," Salazar told these families.

"Well, it's not just in your eyes that your

sons, husbands and brothers are heroes," he said. "We offer our humble thanks to you.

"And we rededicate ourselves to their cause — the cause of peace and freedom — in hopes that their sacrifices will be justified," he said. A cause Steve Prewitt knows his son believed in. "I know Kelley knew he was over there for the right reasons," he said. "And I know he would go back. And if he were here, he would be in good company — in the company of the nearly 4,000 3rd Bde. Soldiers who stormed Iraq when the war began last year, and who are preparing to return for OIF 3 in the coming year to uphold the mission they began."

"We wanted to take this opportunity to recognize the Soldiers who fell, to thank their families for their sacrifice," said Salazar. "But also very importantly," he said,

"to remember the service of all Soldiers who fought in that great campaign." It was those Soldiers who carried on the brigade's great tradition, and "added a remarkable chapter to this unit's history," Salazar said.

In this chapter, he said, these brave Soldiers uncovered weapons caches in schools and mosques, covert enemy training camps and propaganda — including a 'horrific' mural of planes flying into the World Trade Center and Saddam Hussein laughing, smoking a cigar.

"With skill, determination and courage, they defeated and toppled Saddam's evil regime," he said.

"The global war on terror did not begin on 9-11," Salazar said. "But its end began on that day ... We will serve to see the end to this generation's threat to peace."

Courtesy Photo

Maria Garza, widow of 1st Sgt. Joe Garza, who was killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom, touches her husband's name on 3rd Bde.'s OIF monument. The monument was unveiled April 8.



Pfc. Ricardo J. Branch

A Troop, 6/8 Cav. 1st Sgt. Keith Hudson passes the 8th Cav. colors to outgoing commander Capt. James Lee Jr. as incoming commander Capt. Chris Smith and Col. William Grimsley, 1st Unit of Action commander, look on. C Troop, 1st Cav. retired their colors when they were redesignated as A Troop, 6th Squadron, 8th Cav. Wednesday at troop headquarters.

Jordan Gym reopens after renovation

Pfc. Ricardo J. Branch

Staff Writer

After a long renovation process, Jordan Physical Fitness Center reopened its doors to the general public Tuesday at Fort Stewart.

Jordan was closed since May 2002 to modernize the outdated gym and bring in new equipment for the Soldiers.

"The new additions to Jordan Physical Fitness Center is such a tremendous boost for morale because the other gym (Newman Physical Fitness Center) was overflowed with people," said Danny Foster, facility manager.

"Some of the additions for Jordan are a new weight room with new free weights, new cardio vascular equipment, a sauna and a whirlpool," said Sgt. Zachary Yost, C Co., 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment.

Zachary added, "The new equipment will help out our troops, enabling them to do extra training not done in PT."

"The things I saw today are a 100 percent improvement and will be great for the Soldiers to work out on all new modern equipment," said Richard Bell, retired facility manager of Jordan.

"This has been such a tremendous change for Jordan. All we had at the start in '79 was just the walls with free weights," Bell said.

He added, "This effort took a lot of work and manpower, but seeing the outcome, I know it was worth it."

Jordan was built in 1979, and has never been renovated to such an extent. The gym is open seven days a week with a staff of 10 to help anyone needing assistance.



Pfc. Ricardo J. Branch

(left to right) Col. John Kidd, Fort Stewart garrison commander, Col. Joseph Disalvo, 2nd Unit of Action commander, Maj. Ronald Shun, 24th CSG S-3, Linda Heifferon, director MWR, and Danny Foster, Jordan facility manager cut the ribbon Tuesday at the gym's reopening after extensive renovations.

Victim of computer swindle gets happy ending

Pfc. Emily J. Danial

Staff Writer

Recently, a 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment Soldier purchased merchandise from PC Connections computer company, and as a result of the salesman's tactics, found himself in financially over his head.

Capt. Steve Vann, 2/7 Inf. battalion signal officer, took the Soldier's dilemma into his own hands, and after several days of back and forth communications with the company, he was able to find a solution.

"We were able to work with PC Connections and arrange for the Soldier to return the computer and get his money back," Vann said. "(The company) said they didn't know about the need for a solicitation permit, and apolo-

gized for the misunderstanding."

Larry Cooper, owner of PC Connections, confirmed Vann's report.

"I was unaware that our salesmen needed a permit to distribute flyers around post," Cooper said. "We've done that at many military installations, and we've never been told that there was a problem with it before ... if Fort Stewart wants us to get a permit, we will."

Despite Cooper's claim that the company has needed no solicitation permit on other military installations, Army Regulation 210-7 does clearly state the need for one.

The possibility that other companies may be uninformed as to the necessity for a permit to solicit sales on post leads to the further need for Soldiers to become aware of such dealings, and exercise caution when pur-

chasing merchandise from a door-to-door salesperson.

Jeannie Relaford, a financial consultant with Army Community Service, offered some tips for Soldiers to manage their purchases responsibly.

"For any purchase made at your residence, including barracks, you have the right to cancel within three days," she said. "The salesperson must tell you about your right to cancel the sale and provided two dated copies of a cancellation form showing the sales person's name and address and explaining your right to cancel. If the business is open on weekends, Saturday and Sunday do count in the three days."

For more information about financial responsibility, Soldiers can contact the ACS Financial Readiness program at 767-5058/5059.

The National Safety Council says,
"Use your head..."

wear a helmet!"

When choosing a helmet be sure that it has:

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- A lightweight, comfortable fit

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5. Don't leave fire unattended by an adult, even for a minute.
6. Consider alternatives to burning: composting, recycling, or hauling to a landfill.

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VIPERS

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with the tanks and artillery, firing down the range with our cannons blazing," Fewins said. "It was awesome to see the line of tanks below us, huge dust trails behind them. NTC has the best target array I've seen."

The missions are the kind of perfect successes that the aviators have worked for the whole month at NTC, and are a testament to the effectiveness of the UA concept, according to TF Viper and 1/3 Avn. executive officer Maj. David Rude.

"Under the new 2nd UA structure, we've been working directly for (2nd UA commander) Col. (Joseph) DiSalvo, and it's narrowed our response time considerably," Rude said. "There are less channels we need to communicate through, and it's streamlined everything from mission planning and execution to just talking with ground forces. We didn't have a single case of air to ground fratricide this rotation."

The reorganization of brigades into modular units of action is Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker's plan to make the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), and ultimately the Army as a whole, more versatile and effective in future operations.

The 2nd UA, formerly 3rd Inf. Div.'s 2nd Brigade, is the first unit of action to train in a month-long NTC rotation. During the rotation, UA units performed every task they normally would in combat, while strapping multiple integrated laser engagement system gear to every



TF Viper S3 Maj. Cory Mendenhall looks over a map of the target area from a Blackhawk during the assault mission. The Blackhawk circled at a midpoint between the forward Apaches and the tactical operations center to provide a radio link between the two.

Soldier, vehicle and weapon to record "kills" during force-on-force fighting.

The reorganization of 3rd Inf. Div.'s aviation assets will result in two Apache battalions, up from one, with more helicopters and resources, according to Rude. Also, 2nd UA will now have its own dedicated helicopter medical evacuation team, which was formerly a division asset. Rude says this will tighten response times for MEDEVAC in combat.

When the Viper TOC came under fire from enemy armored reconnaissance



Photos by Pfc. Ben Brody

A TF Viper AH-64 Apache waits for action at the TOC.

vehicles, the aviators called the UA headquarters for reinforcements. Help soon arrived in the form of M1A1 Abrams tanks from 1/64 Armor. The Vipers and Rogue tankers set up a secure perimeter around the TOC, and defeated the vehicles.

Soldiers with TF Viper also performed detailed aircraft maintenance during the rotation, including major inspections on two Apaches that involved dismantling the rotor heads. The crews wrapped the helicopters' rotor blades with special

tape to prevent the coarse desert sands from eroding the blades.

"You've got to be aggressive with repair in the field," Rude said. "The desert environment is tough on the aircraft and the rolling stock."

"This training really improved our awareness in an environment laden with terrorists, improvised explosive devices and civilians on the battlefield," Rude said. "We've learned a lot that we can take with us to Iraq."

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to conduct (mission-essential task list) — related training in an environment unlike anywhere else in the world," Funk said.

The environment he mentioned was much different from that of other training missions, according to 3/7 Soldiers.

"The terrain was by far more challenging than anywhere we've gone before," said Pfc. Joshua Jones, C Co. machine-gunner.

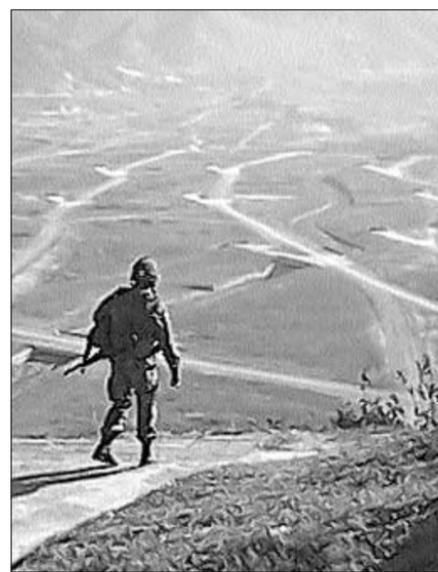
"By the time you got to the top of the hills, you were smoked and didn't feel like doing anything," he said.

Jones said the mountain training gave him a better understanding of what Korean War veterans went through.

"I think a lot of the guys realized how tough it was to fight in that terrain," said Sgt. Brian Spero, C Co. team leader. "They gained a greater appreciation for what those Soldiers did."

"This was probably some of the best training in my military career," said Spc. Matthew Moyer, an M240B medium machine-gunner. "We had training on all elements of the battlefield on very different terrain ... I had a blast."

"Our soldiers loved the training," Funk said. "They had a unique opportunity to hone their METL-related battle tasks and drills under both device and



2nd Lt. Steve Weber

A Cottonbaler overlooks the Korea Training Center's Multi-Purpose Range Complex, site of company/team live-fire breaches.

live-fire conditions, all in very challenging terrain that is vastly different from that of Fort Stewart."

"They also recognized the signifi-

cance of this deployment, in that the Cottonbalers were the first battalion to conduct a large-scale operational deployment outside the continental U.S. since the division returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom," he continued. "In every phase of this operation, our Soldiers represented our regiment and the Marne Division with pride and professionalism."

"This was a good way for Soldiers to test their abilities, and the terrain really tested them," said Sgt. Dan Forsythe, another C Co. team leader. "No one's used to climbing 1,000-foot mountains."

"The training was challenging, realistic and fun," Funk said. "But perhaps more important than any of that, our Soldiers were superb. It is noteworthy that with all the moving parts involved in a deployment of this nature, our Soldiers never lost accountability of any equipment, had no serious accidents and never forgot who they are and what they represent."

"As with any major deployment, there was a myriad of challenges, but our commanders and staff worked through every issue with professionalism, and our Soldiers executed brilliantly. I couldn't be prouder of the teamwork they displayed."

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impossible to fill again with the men being honored here today," said Command Sgt. Major Louis Torres, command sergeant major, 3/7 Inf.

"These men were heroes with little recognition or fan fare, and it's to pay our respects to all the Soldiers lost in OIF last year and mark the one year anniversary that this ceremony is taking place," Torres said.

The final ceremony for the day at the front of the 1st UA's Headquarters building involved Lisa Devane, the sister of Sgt. 1st Class Paul Smith and Col. William Grimsley, 1st UA's commander unveiled a monument in remembrance for the 19 fallen Soldiers of 1st UA killed in OIF.

"Today is a remembrance for the 19 Soldiers lost in OIF and serves as a dedication to honor these individuals who paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom of our country and Iraq," said Capt. Patricia Keel, 1st Unit of Action's assistant S-2.

Keel added, "It is not just a remembrance of the Soldiers lost in 1st Brigade (1st UA) because in our hearts we remember and honor all U.S. forces and foreign countries who served and lost someone."

These men gave their lives, and it's up to us remaining here today to live up to the legacy these Soldiers left behind, Grimsley said.

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Actionable Intelligence relies on every Soldier

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Actionable Intelligence means providing commanders and Soldiers a high level of situational understanding, delivered with speed, accuracy and timeliness, in order to conduct successful operations, according to the charter of the focus area task force on the subject.

Actionable Intelligence is not perfect intelligence — commanders need to be trained on what intelligence can be reasonably delivered and what cannot, said the Army's top military intelligence planner and policy maker.

Lt. Gen. Keith Alexander, Army G2 (Intelligence), gave members of the Pentagon press corps a snapshot April 8 of what Task Force Actionable Intelligence has found since it was created last fall and how its initiatives will transform the way military intelligence will operate in the future.

One of the ways the task force hopes to change in the Army is making every Soldier a sensor that quickly reports the Soldier's slice of the battlefield into a digital network.

Combat Soldiers are trained to report what they believe to be critical information up the chain of command. However, that report takes time as it makes it through the chain, and the information that is reported is often filtered. By the time it makes it to where it might be acted on, it is often too late or incomplete, Alexander said.

A shared network, with each Soldier having a means of digitally inputting and sending what he sees, is where the Army is heading, Alexander said. Progress in the area is being made. His action officers are in close coordination with their counterparts in G6 (Signal) to develop and implement the infrastructure, equipment, procedures and tools needed for that network.

Looking at lessons learned from Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom from the start of major hostili-

ties through recent observations of current threats, the task force identified 127 issues that needed to be fixed as soon as possible. Interim and permanent solutions for the majority of those issues have already been implemented, Alexander said. Some of those fixes have been changes to procedures, software updates and rapid fielding of new equipment.

One of the biggest intelligence shortcomings of both operations was the lack of human intelligence assets at the battalion and brigade level — something that is being addressed as returning forces reset into modular forces, Alexander said. Warfighting forces currently in the Central Command area of operations have been beefed up with a number of ad hoc tactical human intelligence collection teams as well.

The greater need for tactical HUMINT is because the threat has changed in our lifetimes, from facing a Cold War adversary armed with lots of tanks and artillery to an asymmetrical enemy, Alexander explained. The intelligence community is no longer just looking for a bunch of equipment to identify where the enemy is and determine what his intentions might be; it is also looking for individual people, Alexander said.

The G2 said he is looking to industry and academia to help better organize and visually present information from multiple intelligence databases. The current system is much like an Internet search using a standard search tool that gives you thousands of hits. Refining your query until you get what you are looking for is time-consuming, Alexander continued.

There has to be a better way of getting the data you need than using a hierarchical Industrial Age process when we are living in the Information Age, Alexander said.

Situational awareness also means sharing information seamlessly across all levels — from national intelligence assets down to the Soldier on the battlefield. That will require a cultural change and a lot of training, Alexander said.

Initiatives seek to transform Army intelligence capabilities

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — While more than 100 fixes are already in place to boost Army intelligence capabilities in operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, more initiatives are on the way.

The priority of effort on the initiatives will go to those units that have returned from deployments and are resetting into modular units of action, according to Army officials.

"Transformation is a journey along a continual path of change," said Lt. Col. Steve Iwicki, Task Force Actionable Intelligence deputy director. "You can always do better — find a way (to improve things) through initiative and sheer determination. It's about ramping up capabilities."

The critical Actionable Intelligence initiatives are centered on four overarching concepts: changing the intelligence culture and mindset of all Soldiers; improving battlespace intelligence capabilities; providing tactical overwatch capabilities; and creating a network centric environment.

Culture/Mindset

No matter how well Army intelligence transforms, commanders will rarely be given perfect intelligence, Iwicki said. Changing the Army culture and mindset, in regards to intelligence, means training commanders to fight for knowledge by exploiting windows of opportunity, despite the lack of perfect intelligence. "With today's asymmetric

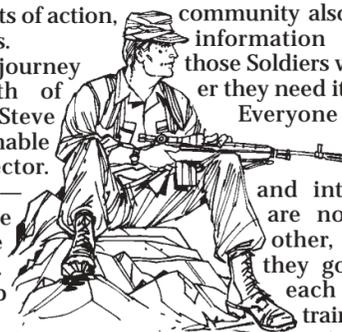
threat, you often have to move quickly or lose that window of opportunity," Iwicki said.

Soldiers and commanders must also understand that every Soldier is a sensor on the battlefield. Soldiers are our smartest collectors, but they are only effective if they report their observations of their piece of battlespace in a timely manner, Iwicki said. The other half of the "Every Soldier is a Sensor" initiative is to ensure the intelligence community also provides the correct information and intelligence to those Soldiers whenever and wherever they need it.

Everyone in the Army must understand that combat operations and intelligence operations are not exclusive of each other, Iwicki said. Rather, they go hand-in-hand with each other. This requires training leaders to underwrite calculated risk-taking in an ambiguous environment as part of the fight for knowledge.

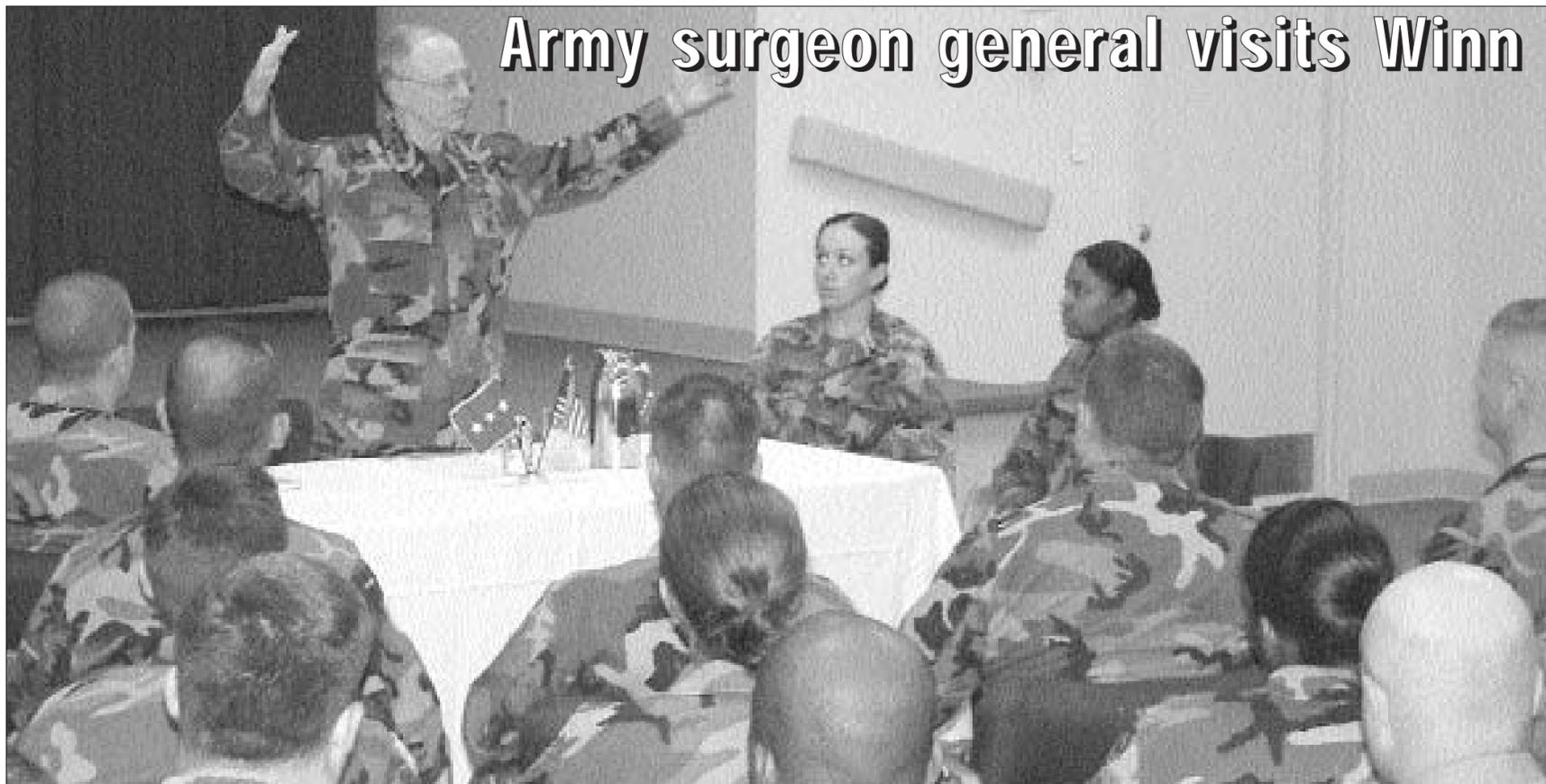
Red Teaming, viewing ourselves through the enemy's eyes, is another key initiative. The concept was recently tested in Iraq as the Army and Central Command began planning the recent rotation of forces in and out of theater.

"What we found was the planners did a great job of building an efficient plan to move those forces quickly," Iwicki said. "However, the plan was predictable in some cases — same flight times from the same location; same convoy routes. When this was pointed



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Army surgeon general visits Winn



Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, U.S. Army surgeon general, speaks to Winn Army Hospital Soldiers about issues and concerns they had.

Laurie Kemp

Medical Records Storage

In accordance with Army Regulation 40-66, medical records are the property of the United States Government and will be stored at the treatment facility that is routinely used by Soldiers and their dependants. This is important for both record accountability and in the event that emergency care is required. Soldiers and family members may temporarily sign out their medical records if they have confirmed appointments at another facility. If the appointment is on Fort Stewart, the clinic that sees the patient will ensure the medical record is returned to their respective clinic. If the appointment is off Stewart, the patient is responsible for returning the records to their clinic within 48 hours of completing the appointment. Generally, all Tricare/Champus beneficiaries are entitled to one copy of any or all of their medical record. Requests for copies need to be made at the Patient Administration Office (PAD) at Winn Army Community Hospital.

WELL WOMAN EXAM

All active duty female personnel assigned to Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield deploying to OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 3 need to make an appointment with their respective Soldier Family Health Clinics between June and August for their annual Well Woman exam (including Pap Smear). It is important to have this performed prior to September in order to have adequate time for follow up studies in case an abnormality is detected. Annual breast exams and pap smears have been proven to increase the chances of detecting breast and cervical cancers early.

School Health Screenings

School Health Screenings will be available by appointment 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 15

at Winn Army Community Hospital.

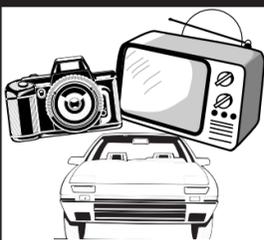
To schedule an appointment, call 370-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Make sure to bring your child's shot records.

The screenings will include eye, ear, dental and immunization checks.

* Children entering the Georgia school system for the first time must complete a School Health Screening.

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New construction at Gate 3

Provost Marshal Office

Special to The Frontline

A new phase of construction is beginning at Gate 3, on Harmon Ave. This gate is also known as the Hospital Gate or National Guard Area Gate.

This phase of construction makes it necessary to close Gate 3 at its cur-

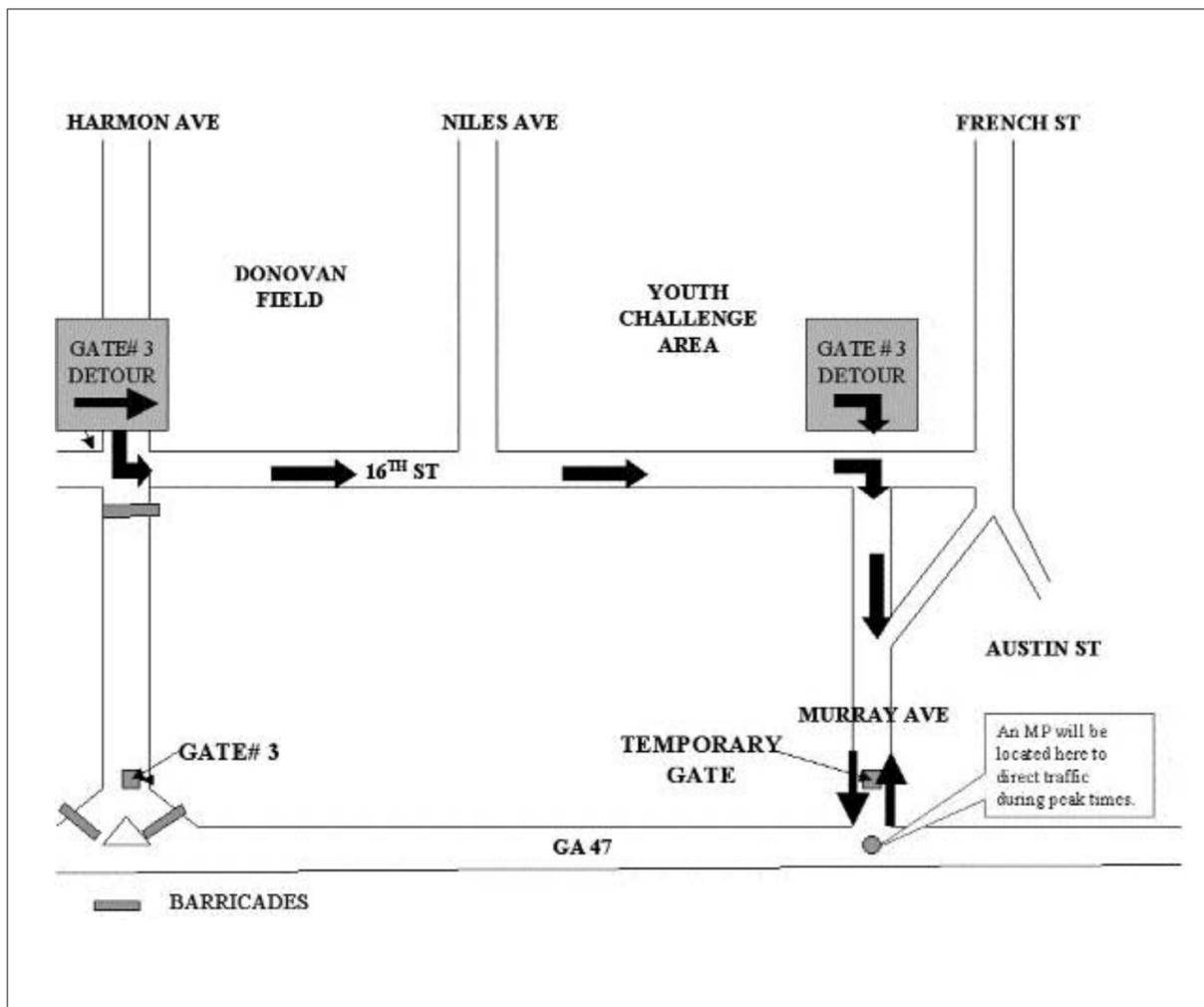
rent location beginning Monday. In order to accommodate personnel who use this gate, the access control point will be moving to Murray Ave. Gate hours and procedures will remain the same. Gate 3 will be located on Murray Ave beginning at 5 a.m. Monday, and will remain there until construction is complete.

A map is provided to depict the

detour. Please use caution when traveling on Ga. Highway 47, as this will create a significant change in the traffic flow.

Military Police will be on site to direct traffic during peak times. Please pass this information on to your Soldiers.

If you have any questions please contact PMO at 767-1721.



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.

— ASK THE JUDGE —

Tax Implications of Selling Your Home

Part 2 of 2

Q: I lived in a home as my principal residence for the first two of the last five years. For the last three years, the home was a rental property before selling it. Can I still avoid the capital gains tax and, if so, how should I deal with the depreciation I took while it was rented out?

A: If, during the five-year period ending on the date of sale, you owned the home for at least two years and lived in it as your main home for at least two years, you can exclude up to \$250,000 of the gain (\$500,000 on a joint return in most cases). However, you cannot exclude the portion of the gain equal to depreciation allowed or allowable for periods after May 6, 1997. This gain is reported on Form 4797. If you can show by adequate records or other evidence that the depreciation allowed was less than the amount allowable, the amount you cannot exclude is the amount allowed. Refer to Publication 523, Selling Your Main Home and Form 4797 Sale of Business Property for specifics on calculating and reporting the amount of the eligible exclusion.

Q: Is the loss on the sale of your home deductible?

A: The loss on the sale of a personal residence is a nondeductible personal loss.

Q: As a result of a bankruptcy, the bank foreclosed on my house. Can you tell me where and how to report this loss on my taxes?

A: The foreclosure or repossession is treated as a sale or exchange from which you, the borrower, may realize gain or loss. However, if you realize a loss on personal use property, such as your residence, the loss is not deductible. Refer to Publication 544, Sales and Other Dispositions of Assets, and Publication 908 Bankruptcy Tax Guide, for more information.

Q: Can we move into our rental property, live there as our main home for two years, and sell it without having to pay capital gains tax?

A: You may be able to exclude your gain from the sale of your main home that you have also used for business or to produce rental income if you meet the ownership and use tests, detailed in Publication 523, Sale of Your Home.

However, if you were entitled to take depreciation deductions because you used your home for business purposes or as rental property, you cannot exclude the part of your gain equal to any depreciation allowed or allowable as a deduction for periods after May 6, 1997. (Note: If you can show by adequate records or other evidence that the depreciation deduction allowed (did deduct) was less than the amount allowable (could have deducted), the amount you cannot exclude is the smaller of those two figures.)

The gain, exclusion, and depreciation recapture should be reported on Form 1040, Schedule D, Capital Gains and Losses, as described in Publication 523, Selling Your Home.

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Stewart

Gate delays
The post Boundary Gates will be operating on a 24-hour basis. During peak times, you can expect to see some temporary delays as you approach these gates. Please use caution and follow the posted speed limits. The speed limit before and after all gates is 15 mph. For your safety and the safety of the Soldiers at the gates, remember to slow down.

ACES
Army Continuing Education System will be holding its 27th Combined Commencement Exercise in honor of the candidates for graduation, May 20, at 7 p.m. in the Club Stewart ballroom. The guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr., 3rd Inf. Div. commander. If you are a 2003 or 2004 college graduate, please call the Education Center at 767-8331 to participate.

Baby Clothes
Spencers Infant and Children's Clothing Company, Inc., continues to offer complete infant layette sets to babies born to Soldiers deployed overseas in support of operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Submit applications to the Fort Stewart Station of the American Red Cross Office in Bldg. 623. Please call 767-2197.

ACAP Job Fair
The Army Career and Alumni Program will host a Job Fair Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Club Stewart. The Fair is designed to assist transitioning Soldiers, Department of Defense civilians and their family members who are leaving federal service with finding their new employers. Attendees will receive a Job Seeker's Guide that will provide them with a list of companies as well as a mini-resume form for those who do not have a formal resume to give to potential employers. We ask that supervisors inform their transitioning Soldiers or any interested individuals and allow them ample time to attend. For additional information, please contact

ACAP at 767-8677/2234/2381 or 352-5854.

Special Forces
1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta is the U.S. Army's special operations unit organized for the conduct of missions requiring a rapid response with surgical application of a wide variety of unique special operations skills. 1st SFOD-D has numerous positions available for various Military Occupational Specialty's and is currently recruiting and accepting applications for operational, direct support, and Support positions. All Soldiers in the rank of specialist through master sergeant, and captain through major may apply. For more information please contact the Special Missions Recruiting Team at sof6.recruiting@us.army.mil.

Town Hall Meeting
The meeting will be held May 6, at 6:30 p.m. at Club Stewart.

Central Energy plant
The Central Energy Plant will be down for maintenance from midnight, Friday, until 4 p.m., Sunday. No heating, cooling or domestic hot water will be available in the barracks, dining facilities, or administration facilities.

Parent Academy
Due to insufficient registration, the Parent Academy, scheduled for Saturday at Diamond Elementary School, has been postponed for a date to be announced later.

Block Party
ACS is hosting a community block party Saturday at Building 470, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Come out and enjoy the fun. For more information call 767-5058.

Flea Market/Garage Sale
This post wide flea market/garage sale is being held May 1 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. The cost to set up a table in Walker Field is \$5 and no special permit is required. To register or for more information call Randy at 767-3000.

Hunter

Boat safety checks
The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Savannah Flotilla, is performing free checks of your boat's equipment to be sure it complies with federal, state and local safety requirements. The safety checks will be held at the following boat launch ramps from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sunday
Turner Creek Ramp
For more information, call Dick Luettich at 598-9375.

Relationship enhancement
The chaplain's office is sponsoring free couple's communication and relationship enhancement classes at Hunter Club. For a list of the classes and more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Timothy Sowers at 572-8605.

Town Hall Meeting
The meeting will be held May 4, 7 p.m. at the Army Community Service building. All members of the Hunter Community are encouraged to attend. Anyone with issues or concerns will have the opportunity to directly address the installation commander and other key personnel from Hunter.

Red Cross Cafe
May 13, come and enjoy coffee and danish at 8 a.m. Spouses get together for updates and conversation.

Softball
Softball program begins May 3. Companies interested should fax a memo to 352-5742 or call 352-6749.

Spouse Golf Clinic
A free one-hour golf clinic for military and civilian spouses will be held at the Hunter Golf Course Wednesday at 10 a.m. For more information call 352-5622.

Family Barbeque
Child Development Center is having a family outing April 30. There will be fun for all with rides, games and more until 2 p.m.

Sand Gnats
The Savannah Sand Gnats will be holding a USO and All

Military Night May 7, 7 p.m., at Grayson Stadium on Victory Drive in Savannah. Anyone presenting a valid military ID will receive a free hot dog, bag of chips and soda.

Fishing Seminar
There will be a Salt Water Fishing Seminar May 1, 8 a.m. until noon in Building 8454. For more information or to sign up for class call 352-5722.

Golf Tournament
The Savannah Women's Golf Association Tournament is being held at the Hunter Golf Course, May 6 at 9 a.m.

Soccer
The deadline for Company level 6-man soccer is Monday. The program begins May 10. Companies interested should fax a memo to 352-5742 or contact the Sports Office, Bldg. 925, at 352-6749.

Armed Forces Appreciation
May 10 is Armed Forces Appreciation Week. Help build the Wall of Appreciation 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bring a picture and show you care. For more information call 352-6115.

Mother's Day Brunch
Enjoy Mother's Day at Hunter Club for brunch. Serving times are 10:30 a.m., noon and 1:30 p.m. Adult price is \$11.95, children ages 9 to 12 eat for half price, age 8 and under eat free. For more information and reservations call 303-3679.

Golf America
There will be free golf lesson May 8 at Hunter Golf Course from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. For more information or to register for lessons call 352-5622.

2004 Miller Lite Concert
Buy your tickets in advance for the 2004 Miller Lite Concert featuring "Train" at Hunter Lanes. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 after May 8 and \$20 on the day of the concert, June 17.

Spouses
There will be a free golf clinic at Hunter Golf Club May 18. Civilians are also welcome. Call 352-5622 for information.

Winn Army Community Hospital

School Health Screenings
School Health Screenings will be available by appointment 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 15 at Winn Army Community Hospital. Children entering the Georgia school system for the first time must have a School Health Screening. To schedule an appointment, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

CHCS II Training
Effective Tuesday, routine appointments, such as physicals, will be limited through July for staff Composite Health Care System II training. CHCS II is a medical information system that will generate and maintain a computer-based, life-long comprehensive medical record (electronic medical record) for every military beneficiary.

Baby Basic Training
Baby Basic Training offers fathers-to-be the chance to ask questions and practice taking care of their child through hands-on training. The class is facilitated by a man is for men only. Topics will include how to change diapers, bathe and hold an infant to what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery. The class will be held 1 to 4:30 p.m. May 5 in the Social Work Services building. For more information, call 370-6779.

Tobacco Cessation Classes
Tobacco Cessation classes at Winn will be held 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Thursday from May 13 to June 3 or 6 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday from May 11 to June 1. Tuttle's class will be held 1 to 3 p.m. every Wednesday from May 5 to May 26. The class will help you kick the habit, whether smoking, chewing or dipping. To register at Winn, call 370-5071. To register at Tuttle, call 1-800-652-9221.

Patient Parking
Dedicated patient parking is available 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Beneficiaries are encouraged to park in this dedicated area.

Book appointments online
Schedule Wellness appointments online at www.winn.amedd.army.mil. Wellness appointments are routine visits to clinics such as family practice and pediatrics. First-

time users must complete the online registration prior to scheduling an appointment.

Intervention Services
Military families with children up to 3 years old who may be at risk for developmental delays can call Educational and Developmental Intervention Services for a free screening. Services include home visits, occupational therapy, special instruction, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, vision and hearing screenings, family training, developmental screenings and assessments. For more information, call 370-6349.

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

Pharmacy Options
Prescriptions may be filled in several ways.

New Prescription Drop-off Box: New prescription order forms for handwritten or electronic prescriptions can be picked-up and dropped-off in the drop box at the Main Pharmacy desk. The prescription will be ready for pick-up at the refill pharmacy in three hours or at the PX pharmacy the next working day.

Satellite PX Pharmacy: Located in the Fort Stewart PX, this refill pharmacy is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Refills can be ordered online at www.winn.amedd.army.mil or by calling 370-6576.

Refill Pharmacy: Located in the hospital, this refill pharmacy is open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Refills can be ordered online at www.winn.amedd.army.mil or by calling 370-6576.

Winn and Tuttle Seek Volunteers
Winn and Tuttle are seeking volunteers to help in general administrative and clinical areas. Volunteers are always welcome and needed. The next Red Cross volunteer orientation will be held 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. May 6. For more information, call 370-6903 or send an email to Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil

Marne TV

**April 2004
Schedule**

Marne TV can be found on Comcast Cable Channel 16 every weekday. 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
6:30 a.m. Air Force News
7 a.m. Navy News
7:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
8 a.m. MARNE REPORT
9 a.m. Air Force News
9:30 a.m. Navy News
11:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
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1 p.m. Air Force News
4:30 p.m. Navy News
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POLICE REPORTS

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 19-year-old male, Division Artillery
 • **Charge:** Simple battery
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charge:** Rape
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 30-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Simple battery, interruption of 911 call
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 22-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Distribution of cocaine, possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Civilian, 57-year-old male
 • **Charge:** Theft of government property
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old female, Division Support Command
 • **Charge:** Following too closely
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 2nd Unit of Action
 • **Charges:** Assault consummated with a battery, simple assault
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 35-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charge:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old female, 24th Corps Support Group
 • **Charge:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 22-year-

old male, Division Support Command
 • **Charge:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, 1st Unit of Action
 • **Charge:** Wrongful use of cocaine
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 24-year-old male, 1st Unit of Action
 • **Charge:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 26-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Computer fraud, child pornography
 • **Location:** Dade City, Fla.

• **Subject:** Civilian, 19-year-old male
 • **Charge:** Armed robbery
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Corporal, 23-year-old female, Engineer Brigade
 • **Charge:** Wrongful use of cocaine
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Staff Sergeant,

36-year-old male, Division Artillery
 • **Charge:** Disorderly conduct
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Following too closely, no insurance
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charge:** Larceny of AAFES property
 • **Location:** Hunter

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, 1st Unit of Action

• **Charge:** Wrongful disposition of government property, theft of government property
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 19-year-old male, Division Artillery
 • **Charge:** Larceny of AAFES property
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 28-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charge:** Failure to obey a general order

• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Assault with intent to murder, aggravated assault, communicating a threat, wrongful possession of marijuana, discharge a firearm, carrying a concealed weapon, drunk in public
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old male, Division Artillery
 • **Charge:** Failure to yield after stopping at stop sign
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant 1st Class, 35-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 • **Charges:** Failure to obey lawful order or regulation, cruelty and maltreatment, adultery
 • **Location:** Hunter

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, 1st Unit of Action
 • **Charges:** Wrongful use of metham-

phetamines, wrongful use of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 27-year-old male, 2nd Unit of Action
 • **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of marijuana
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Larceny of private funds, larceny of private property, forgery
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 22-year-old male, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Wreckless driving (66/40), prohibition against use of flashing or revolving red lights by private persons
 • **Location:** Hunter

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old female, separate battalion
 • **Charge:** Driving under the influence
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, 1st Unit of Action
 • **Charge:** Altered ID card
 • **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 36-year-old male, Division Support Command
 • **Charge:** Simple assault consummated with a battery
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
 • **Charge:** Driving while license suspended
 • **Location:** Richmond Hill

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 25-year-old male, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Speeding 77/20, drunken driving, expired tags, eluding a military police officer
 • **Location:** Richmond Hill

• **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to stop at stop sign
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

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out, the plan changed.”

Battlespace Capabilities

Situational Awareness on the complex battlefield of the 21st Century demands greater access to information with increased fidelity at every level, starting with the Soldier. Battlespace capabilities represent what is in the hands of our Soldiers or organic to their unit.

As the Army moves to modular units of action, the units that reset are being manned with a larger organic contingent of intelligence specialists — including human intelligence assets and unmanned aerial vehicles, capabilities normally found in the current force at division or higher level.

Tactical Overwatch

Tactical Overwatch is creating standing, fixed analytical intelligence capabilities that provide dedicated intelligence support and overwatch to committed maneuver units.

Traditionally, theater intelligence assets support the corps and division commanders' intelligence priorities, which often outweigh satisfying maneuver brigade requirements, Iwicki said.

The tactical overwatch cell would be connected via a shared intelligence network that can pull information from multiple sources and provide succinct answers (vice megabytes of information) directly to supported units when time is of the essence.

Project Foundry will station selected tactical intelligence Soldiers with the Army Intelligence and Security Command and national intelligence organizations, to provide a foundation of regional and subject-matter expertise developed through daily training in a live mission environment.

The Army intelligence community is expanding the Information Dominance Center to operate as a test bed for emerging advanced technologies and best business practices. These new capabilities will then be fielded across the Army.

Today, any new technology that has intelligence applications must be promptly incorporated into the intelligence system. To that end, the Pantheon Project is reaching out to academia and industry to assist in solving information management challenges, Iwicki said.

Network Centric Environment

The intelligence enterprise is intended to provide information transparency made possible by a common network which integrates people with shared databases, advanced analytical tools, knowledge centers, and sensors/collectors that are accessible by all.

An assured network centric environment is the key enabler and the glue that binds all these concepts.

An optimal network centric environment will mean Soldiers thinking faster, making decisions faster and generating combat power faster than any adversary, Iwicki said.

“It's about being situational aware through shared and timely information,” Iwicki said.

The Network Centric Environment begins by digitally connecting the Soldier to the Battle Command system.

We must provide Soldiers the capability to receive common situational awareness of their operating environment and enable them to easily and digitally report the valuable information they collect. That means getting digital systems to the point of origin of information — into Soldiers' hands.

It also means creating a robust and seamless network from the Soldier to national level intelligence agencies.

With that network, the distance between operators in Iraq with analysts in the United States is not a factor in sharing information quickly.

“There is a lot of information out there and no single person knows it all,” Iwicki said. “We have to work as a team to get more complete answers to what we want to know and get in the hands of the Soldiers who need it.”

CENTCOM News

Combined forces command Afghanistan Press 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.

Last Thursday, the Herat Provincial Reconstruction Team conducted first aid classes for the Girl Scouts at the Mehry Girl's School.

Also on Thursday, a large weapons cache was found buried between a local school and district government building northwest of Ghazni. It contained numerous #4 box mines, nearly 100 107mm rockets, a 122mm rocket, assorted mortar and RPG rounds, several type 69 Chinese bounding fragmentation mines, nearly 30 PPMISR antitank mines, multiple RTD-5 grenades, and over 500 miscellaneous fuses, which were destroyed by the Explosive Ordnance Detonation team. Also in the vicinity of Qalat, nearly 100 cases of mixed RPG and mortar rounds were found by US forces while on patrol.

This past Friday, weapons caches were also found near Qalat and Ghazni.

On Saturday, representatives from the Herat PRT distributed humanitarian aid to the local children. The Gardez PRT attended the opening ceremony of the Sahak School.

Yesterday, representatives from the Civil Military Operations Center participated in the annual Agriculture Day festivities in Ghazni City.

Today in Jalalabad, the PRT will participate in the grand opening ceremony of a school in Merkhani District. Also in Jalalabad, the first graduating class of the Afghan National Police is scheduled to have their graduation ceremony on

Wednesday. Approximately 600 students will graduate.

The Qalat PRT grand opening was today.

Anti - Iraqi Forces fire on Marines from mosque

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq - Anti-Iraq forces took up military positions in a mosque and a nearby building in Fallujah April 18.

Anti-Iraqi forces occupying a building adjacent to a mosque attacked the crew of an M1-A1 tank. The crew returned fire with the tank's main gun, destroying the structure and killing one enemy who was armed with a rocket-propelled grenade. Multiple secondary explosions were observed.

At the same time, a nearby group of Marines came under sniper fire from the minaret of the mosque. They returned fire and no further hostile fire came from the mosque. Also in Fallujah, anti-Iraqi forces repeatedly engaged Marines with small arms fire after a short battle the Marines neutralized this threat.

Marines continued operations near the Iraqi border town of Husaybah after coming under attack by enemy forces there yesterday. Marines detained two Anti-Iraqi fighters after their vehicle attempted to run a checkpoint on a road leading out of the city. Marines in Husaybah detained up to 60 suspects.

Marines operating near Ramadi raided a suspect building. As a result the Marines recovered 40 82 mm mortars, one 100 mm round, one Russian-made sniper rifle and 500 7.62 mm rounds.

Soldiers from the 1st Brigade Combat Team, assigned to the 1st Marine Division, captured four enemy fighters from two separate locations in coordinated raids near Ramadi. They recovered three AK-47s, magazines, IED and mortar equipment.

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