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SUN		
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Spc. Adam Nuelken

Capt. Yahya Radwan, a dentist for the 561st Medical Co., 30th Medical Bde., from Vilseck, Germany, administers a shot of Novocaine to an Iraqi patient before pulling a rotten tooth. The dentists expected to see about 35 patients Sunday, treating most of them.

TF Neighborhood a hit with local Iraqis

Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp
3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Amid the rumbling of heavy equipment and distinctive hum of power tools, civilians from the al-Noor neighborhood in northwest Baghdad gathered Sunday morning to work hand-in-hand with soldiers from 1st Battalion, 325th Infantry of the 82nd Airborne Division as well as engineers from the 130th Engineer

Brigade on a variety projects designed to help improve their neighborhood.

Task Force Neighborhood, a V Corps initiative, is designed to assess a neighborhood's needs to sustain itself in the future, bring in people and equipment or "key facilitators" to help solve problems, and execute one-day projects, which provide immediate results as well as follow-up feedback for future efforts, explained Maj. Paul

Fellinger, chief of civil military operations in the 1/325 Inf. area.

"The civilians here have been very eager to help; they actually started cleaning up the area before we arrived," said Fellinger.

By assessing each neighborhood individually, the proper equipment can be used for the jobs that need to be accomplished.

"It allows us to tailor to their needs as we move from community to community," he added.

Located under an open-aired canopy in the corner of a large lot, local citizens waited their turn for a chance to be examined by Army dentists.

"We're pulling a lot of teeth," said Spc. Sheldon Watson, a dental assistant with the 561st Medical Company (DS) from Vilseck, Germany. "We're seeing a lot of tooth decay and emergency type

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Security still most serious concern for U.S. forces in Iraq

Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Security is currently the most serious concern of U.S. forces in Iraq, and commanders are taking substantial steps to stem lawlessness, several American officials said May 15.

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, commander of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), which is responsible for maintaining the peace in and around Baghdad, said 90 percent of the problems his unit deals with stem from common criminals. The rest comes from attacks by forces loyal to deposed dictator Saddam Hussein, he said in a video teleconference from Baghdad with reporters in the Pentagon.

Also, in a Baghdad news conference May 15, Ambassador L. Paul Bremer, the career diplomat President Bush sent to act as Iraq's civil administrator, noted that shortly before the war began, Hussein released more than 100,000 prisoners in a nationwide amnesty.

"Many of these people were political prisoners, but many of them were common, violent criminals," he said. "It's time the criminals were back in jail, and that's where we'll put them." He added that U.S. forces in Iraq have arrested 300 criminals in the past two days.

Coalition forces are working hard to give

authority back to Iraqi police forces. About 7,000 Iraqi police officers have returned to work, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld noted during a Pentagon press conference May 15. "And that number should also increase in the days ahead," he said.

Regional commanders are also upping the number of American military police in Iraq. The number of MPs attached to the 3rd Infantry should double to nearly 4,000 soldiers "by the end of the month," Blount said. He mentioned that his MPs were conducting "a few" joint patrols with Baghdad police May 15.

Division troops are guarding more than 200 separate sites throughout Baghdad and are working diligently to remove weapons and ammunition from the city. Blount described the city as a "big weapons store."

To date, soldiers have removed more than 1,000 truckloads full of weapons, military equipment and ammunition, including more than 35 million rounds of ammunition. "(Baghdad) was scattered with arms and ammo in every school, every vacant lot, and hospitals and houses," he said.

Sixty to 70 truckloads full of weapons and ammunition leave Baghdad every day, and officials estimate it will take about two to three

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Jim Garamone.

Troops from the 3rd Infantry Division are working diligently to remove weapons and ammunition from the city. Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount, division commander, described the city as a "big weapons store."

Master Naturalist Program members get hands on with Stewart wildlife

Spc. Casandra Bolton
Staff Writer, 372nd MPAD



Spc. Casandra Bolton

Jerry Avalos, fisheries biologist, holds a fish that was caught during the electro-shocking process.

A group of people with the Master Naturalist Program toured here May 13.

As part of their tour they visited different sites including prescribed burning and the electro-shocking of fish. At the beginning of the day, the group received an overview of the Natural Resource Management programs sponsored here.

One of their first stops was in the back woods of Fort Stewart, where they witnessed prescribed burning. In 20 minutes time, 1,200 acres can be burned. The prescribed burning helps clear out the undergrowth so that the troops can use the woods for training pur-

poses. The prescribed burning also plays a role in safety. The advantages of the burnings are reduced fire hazard, prevention of training delays and it controls forest fires per year. The number of wildfires since Fort Stewart's aerial burn program began in 1985.

The attendees looked on as a man from the Terra Torch Unit set the woods ablaze.

During the tour, the group also witnessed the harmless electro-shocking of different species of fish in Pineview Lake here. There was also a reptile and amphibian display that the tourist could look at and touch. There on hand that answered any questions that might have arisen.

The tours help people to get a grasp on what the Army does to preserve its wildlife.

"They get to see what the Department of Defense does to help the Army preserve their fish and wildlife," said Tom Bryce. "It is a great joy to support the military while they support us."

Bryce, is one of the people who are responsible for managing the ponds and lakes at Fort Stewart. He also participates in the electro-shocking portion of the tour.

Jerry Avalos, fisheries biologist, takes the members of the Masters of around the lake to sample the fish population.

They sample the fish population to make sure that one species

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Task Force 2-69 TOC took a stand

Panther battalion comes together during RPG attack

Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp
Staff Writer Hunter Public Affairs

Author's Note: I would like to preface this by saying that this was a hard account to write. As journalists, we are taught to tell the story, not to be part of it. We report on and share what we see, we don't take part in it. Riding with 2-69 Armor (and we have been, continuously since we "crossed the berm" over a month ago) has been a non-stop roller coaster of experience. In the following account, we unintentionally got caught up in a situation and the line between reporting and participating got blurred. For those who were there with us, I hope I got it correct.

BAGHDAD, Iraq – On April 6, at approximately 4:30 p.m., or 30 minutes after occupying the Arab Petroleum Training Institute in al-Tajeyat, on the outskirts of Baghdad, members of the 3rd Infantry Division's (Mechanized) Task Force 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, from Fort Benning, Ga., were attacked by Iraqi small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire in an attempt to disrupt the refueling and rearming operations that were commencing.

Incoming red tracer and RPG fire immediately targeted the lead cargo Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck full of High Explosive Anti-Tank and SABOT rounds for Hard Rock Company, as well as the two fuel HEMTT's and Assassin

Company's rearmament



HEMTT. As the rounds impacted, the lead vehicle burst into flames. Fire began to consume the tank and Bradley ammunition and explosives stored on the vehicle. When the rounds got hot enough, they would inevitably "cook off" and explode. Such a horrific explosion would

surely impact the fuel and ammunition HEMTT's parked behind, thus destroying the Task Force's ammunition and fuel supply in one fell swoop.

During the heavy incoming fire, Pvt. 2 Kelley Prewitt, 2/69 Armor, was hit in the leg as he moved from around the HEMTT fueler. Prewitt, from Birmingham, Ala., was a newly assigned tank crewman who was filling a spot as a refueler until a tank slot opened up for him.



A scout humvee was destroyed after being hit by a rocket-propelled grenade. All three scouts got out in time, but the driver suffered injuries.

The HEMMET ammo carrier for A Company, Task Force 2-69 Armor, is painted "04-06-03 FOR PREWITT" in memory of a fallen comrade.



Photos by Spc. Adam Nuelken

The HEMMET ammo carrier for C Company, 1-15 Infantry with Task Force 2-69 Armor, burns after taking fire outside the Arab Petroleum Training Institute on the outskirts of Baghdad. Eventually cook-off rounds struck the fueler behind it and caused it to ignite.

Knocked down by the round and in obvious pain, Prewitt managed to sit up and gain situational awareness. Seeing the burning ammunition vehicle and volume of small arms fire all around him, he began pulling himself backwards toward the high grass and in the direction of his fellow soldiers returning fire.

Across the compound to the east, Sgt. Mark Wood, Spc. Nick Warren and Pfc. Jarod Krieger, members of the 2/69 Scout Platoon, were pulling security in their Humvee when they too came under fire from the Iraqi attack. Pulling their vehicle around, they were hit by a rocket-propelled grenade that skipped off the ground and exploded under the vehicle and under Krieger's driver-side seat.

"Our radio exploded, the (drivers) seat was on fire and he (Krieger) was thrown out of the vehicle," said Wood.

Adding to the confusion, a smoke grenade went off inside the vehicle and mixed with the smoke from the rapidly burning interior. As the

volume of small arms fire increased, Krieger was further injured when he was hit in the leg by shrapnel or enemy fire. Seeing his driver down and his vehicle destroyed, Wood rushed to Krieger and helped him through the gate and into the building where the 2/69 medics were setting up a triage. Warren began laying down suppressing fire to cover their retreat and moved into position to provide much needed fire support where events were still unfolding near Prewitt and the burning ammunition vehicle.

From the second story of the Petroleum Institute, Staff Sgt. Jimmy Harrison, a medic with the 2/69 Medical Platoon, saw the events unfolding on the road out front. Seeing Prewitt dragging himself through heavy fire, he ran down the stairs and out into the firefight. Outside, he met up with Spc. Wesley Edmonds, C Co., 203rd Forward Support Battalion medic, and 1st Lt. Keith Eppers, 2/69 Assistant S-1, who was carrying a stretcher. They would be joined by 1st Lt. Derrick Pray, Battalion Chemical Officer, who, after bringing a dazed soldier in from the line of fire, went back out to lend assistance at Prewitt's side. With rounds slicing through the air all around them, they stabilized Prewitt as best they could and loaded him aboard a stretcher. Lifting in tandem, they were able to remove him from the area and get him back to the building.

As the ammunition HEMTT began to "cook off", a call of "who knows how to drive a HEMTT?" was heard to our rear. Presumably, the idea was for any available HEMTT drivers to sprint through the gunfire, get in the cabs of the remaining vehicles, and move them away from the lead ammunition vehicle which was rapidly being consumed by fire.

Being a former petroleum supply specialist, I was licensed on the M978 HEMTT; but more importantly, I was in position and knew how to drive one. I quickly dropped my mask (I figured it would get hung up on the fence) and proceeded to climb over the fence leading into the field of fire. I kind of figured it would be just myself running out there and that I might have to make two trips because there were two vehicles that needed to be moved. I cleared the fence and began an all out dash to the rear ammunition HEMTT, praying that if I got hit, it would be a graze, which wouldn't stop me, or that the plates in my vest would stop any round. I could hear rounds whistling by and could see tracers as I neared the HEMTT. What I didn't

see, however, was an ornamental white chain that separated the road from the grass field. Approximately ten feet from my destination, I hit that chain in full stride. I would later learn that many of the soldiers providing cover fire believed that I'd been hit at that point.

What I saw, when I picked myself up off the ground to enter the cab of the HEMTT, is something I will carry with me forever. I was never alone out there.

I may have hopped the wall first and believed it was only me, but every member of our "group" had followed me over that wall and into the same danger.

Spc. Eliodoro Molina, a broadcast journalist and one of my two soldiers attached to 2/69, was only two steps behind me the entire way. Molina had never been inside of a HEMTT, but he had "my back." Spc. Adam Nuelken, a print journalist and my other soldier, was laying down cover fire for the both of us. Sergeant 1st Class Efrain Collazo, a tanker with 2-69 who was pulling duty as a security element for the Air Force ground controller, was right behind Nuelken adding suppressing fire of his own. Everyone had jumped that same wall and everyone had chosen to define that moment rather than letting the moment define them.

Molina, keeping his feet better than me, managed to get into the cab a step ahead of me. With the vehicle already running, he quickly figured out the parking brake and threw it into reverse. I pointed down the road and told him to "not stop for anything." When I turned around to get in the HEMTT fueler in front, I saw who I believe to be Capt. Morgan Southern, 3rd Brigade S-3, in the cab and preparing to move. I stayed there until the HEMTT's had left and then recall feeling very vulnerable at that point. Rounds were still cutting through the air and the lead ammunition truck's cargo was starting to cook off only 30 feet ahead of me. I looked back and could hear soldiers yelling for me to "get out of there." Get out of there is just what I did. Remembering exactly where that chain was this time, I ran back through the field toward 1st Lt. Jeffrey Cline, 2-69 Liaison Officer, who was also helping direct fire. It was there when the ammunition vehicle's large tank rounds began to explode with an earth shattering force. It was quickly decided that we should climb back over the fence and take cover as far away as possible from them. Collazo, Cline, Nuelken and myself hopped the fence like it was an Olympic sport and took cover closer to the building.

The direct combat may have been over at that point, but the night was far from over. Everyone who was involved has their own story to tell, this is just one of them. From the tire-some and often thankless job of perimeter guard duty; to the soldiers (few of them actual ammunition specialists) who hopped onto the ammunition HEMTT that Molina saved and began to upload Assassin Company's tanks with ammunition in order to get them back into the fight; to the medics, whose professionalism and coolness under fire have given me an undying respect for their abilities; to Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Dale, 2-69 Fire Support noncommissioned officer, who spent over an hour searching the darkened halls of the building for something as mundane as a mop and bucket to clean up the blood from the floor of the hallways, showing respect for the wounded and because it was the "right thing to do." Task Force 2-69's soldiers and leaders truly came together that night under the most trying of circumstances and showed why they train as hard as they do and why they cannot be defeated when they are fighting for one another.

Author's Note: Pvt. 2 Kelley Prewitt died of his wounds approximately 30 minutes after he was evacuated, despite the valiant and heroic efforts of the Panther medics. They treated, and saved, many patients that day, and their professionalism and expertise is second to none in this writer's opinion.

Reading, writing, artillery

Engineers repair damaged Baghdad school

Spc. Mason T. Lowery

50th PAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Soldiers with the 439th Engineer Battalion from Bismarck, N.C., have been making repairs to the war-torn Al Mustafa Girls School in West Baghdad for the past week.

While the soldiers' intentions are pure — they just want to rebuild the school, anti-American graffiti litters the walls in and outside the school, indications of the threat that still exists for American soldiers in Iraq.

"We do anything to make the school a better place for the students," said Capt. Aaron McPherson with the 439th, from Tavares, Fla. "The first thing we do is paint over propoganda ... anything the former regime said about how bad we are."

While the Engineers determine the work that needs to be done on the

school, soldiers with the 82nd Airborne Division and the 75th Exploitation Task Force are guarding the school against looters and rapists, according to Pfc. Isaac Neibert, an 82nd soldier from Fort Bragg, N.C.

"I'm going to do all I can to make sure that (rape and looting) doesn't happen again. It feels good knowing we can help," he said.

Al Mustafa Head Mistress Jameela Abdul Ameer complained about the looting, complained about how long it is taking to get power turned back on, and said she appreciates soldiers' help. In the next breath she said she wishes soldiers could provide the help outside the school walls so the girls aren't seen near them, which could ruin their reputations and chances for marriage.

The girls, like all children in

Baghdad, are fascinated with the soldiers, yet less bold. While most children in the streets will walk up to a soldier and ask his name, these girls just stare, whisper to each other and scatter when a soldier approaches their area as part of his duty.

Meanwhile, the engineers do their work. They assess what the school needs, and Iraqi contractors do the work. They're about 50 percent finished replacing windows, painting walls and getting electricity and water turned back on.

Haney Paul, the Iraqi contractor in charge of the repairs, appreciates the Army's help. "They came here and they told me what needed to be fixed. They were so nice and cooperated well. Thank you for saving the Iraqi people. Thank you for all this work on the school. When Saddam was here, everything was for him."



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Sgt. Matthew Kilner, a 75th Exploitation Task Force soldier, walks through a gate defaced with anti-American graffiti to the school he is guarding May 19 in West Baghdad.

Ex-Marine drummer now Hunter's 1st female Fire Chief

Pfc. Emily Danial

Staff writer, Hunter Public Affairs Office

She started out as a musician — a percussionist, specifically — in the Marine Corps, right after high school. Then she decided she wanted to do something different ...

The career she found was firefighting, and after 14 years of that, Hayes became the first female on post to hold the "Deputy Fire Chief" title.

Hayes started out as a city firefighter in 1989 in Albany, Ga., where she worked for five and a half years. While in Albany she also worked at the federal level, continually training as she advanced.

"I wanted something challenging," said Hunter Army Airfield's Deputy Fire Chief D. Lea Hayes. "Something that would make a rewarding career."

As an ex-Marine, one would think there wouldn't be too many more challenging careers for her to pursue, but before too long, she said, she found her niche.

"The training is essential to competently carry out the work we have to do," said Hayes. "As technology develops, we have to stay up-to-date on any and all changes that can affect us."

One example she gave of this was the new Hybrid car from Honda.

"Now," she said, "if we have to evacuate a victim from a car that's caught fire, we have to take into account electrical circuits, whereas before we were mainly concerned with fires caused by gasoline fumes and leaks."

One of Hayes' reasons for wanting to move up in her job,

she said, was that she wanted the opportunity to travel — and travel she did.

Leaving Albany in 1996 as a certified firefighter, Hayes transferred to Greece, where she was promoted to lead firefighter.

"It was a great experience," she said. "I worked with local nationals and learned Greek."

She said it was also good to be able to work with an integrated crew of Greeks and Americans.

Hayes was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief May 4, and she is now in charge of two crews of 18 people each, with her duties including managing payroll and other administrative tasks.

"They worked excellently together," said Hayes.

After five years in Greece, she said, she came to Hunter to work as the Assistant Fire Chief.

"They were very supportive," Hayes said, "even if I had a silly idea. They would make their own suggestions, and then carry through on those suggestions ... we needed a new kitchen in the station, and they took the responsibility of going and getting all the materials we needed and installing it all on their own."

She was very appreciative of her crew, she said.

"They're great about keeping up to speed on training ... the most challenging thing for me has been keeping up with new education, because you've got to stay ahead," she said. "The crew will bring things up now and then, things that I might not have known about, and that helps a lot."

"(Working at Hunter) is my most rewarding experience," she said.



Pfc. Emily Danial

Deputy Fire Chief D. Lea Hayes shows where water can be pumped through the first fire engine Hunter Army Airfield owned.

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

CG: Resolve of Marne soldiers strong

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III

3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) commanding general

Establishing a safe and secure environment is our number-one concern and top priority in Baghdad today. While we have liberated the country, many Iraqis have misused their freedom. We're helping to get the Baghdad police department started and are steadily increasing the number of joint patrols with them.

The division is guarding more than 200 separate sites throughout the city, as well as conducting nearly 500 patrols of our infantry, armor and military police daily. Additionally, the military police forces will nearly double to 4,000 by the end of the month.

I know that there have been rumors that our return to Georgia has been delayed because of the security problems in Baghdad. We've never had redeployment orders, so nothing was really stopped. We know we're going to go home sometime, so we have been prudently planning for an orderly movement out of Iraq and eventually home. We are sending some equipment back such as our tank launched bridge system that we don't need in the city, and our multiple launch rocket artillery systems.

We are retrograding these units back to Kuwait to get those systems back in the prepositioned stocks. But we have not received any orders authorizing us to redeploy our units. It will depend on the security situation here and when other forces arrive. When our higher headquarters make the assessment that the time's right to send the 3rd Infantry Division home, we'll start our redeployment. Hopefully, that will be in the near future.

We are a police force now. We are combating a general criminal element, many of whom were pardoned by Saddam Hussein before the war when he opened his prisons. There is also a more organized element of left-over members of the former regime trying to undermine

the work of the coalition forces. One thing that we've done is to increase the penalty for looting.

Initially, we were holding looters, depending on the individual, his age, and what he was looting, for a couple of hours to a couple of days. Now we are holding looters for 21 days which, we believe, will discourage a lot of the looters.

There is also a perception among the people that order is lacking due, in part, to the power outage. The lights have not been on at night and the stoplights have not worked at the intersections.

We are working hard to get the power back on and are about 60 to 70 percent there now. This will get the streetlights and traffic signals working so that they'll have a sense of security, and a sense of order in the city again.

We believe that within a week there will be consistent power generated that we can predict periods of power throughout the city. Predictability will help businesses and people get on with their daily lives.

Ensuring a safe and secure environment also means eliminating the stockpiled ammunition in the communities. We have removed more than 1,000 truckloads of cached ammo

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and equipment from Baghdad. It amounts to nearly more than 40 million rounds of various ammo, weapons and equipment. The city was one big weapons store when we arrived. Arms and ammo were scattered in every school, every vacant lot, and hospitals and houses, and just about anywhere you went there was an ammo cache.

There is still large quantities of cached ammo to be removed, taking out approximately 60 to 70 truckloads a day out of the city. We estimate it will take another two to three weeks to complete removal of all the weapons and ammo from Baghdad.

Last week, we started a program we are calling Task Force Neighborhood. Nearly every day a neighborhood section will get a full-court press of support that will include garbage pickup, medical assistance, ammunition cleanup, and anything else we can do in a day to help the neighborhood. We will also hire for the day 20-30 men that want to work and assist us in picking up the trash and doing

repairs. This will infuse some money into the neighborhood while trying to instill a sense of pride and responsibility in the neighborhood. To date we have cleaned up three two-block neighborhoods. We have high expectations for its success, and in helping the good will between the Iraqi people and the American soldiers.

Last week I predicted even better things to come for Brig. Gen. Lloyd Austin and his wife Charlene when I congratulated him for his selection to receive his second star. I was right.

The Army announced just a couple days later that Brig. Gen. Austin was selected to command the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum. And again, I look for great things to come from Brig. Gen. Austin and Charlene who will be a great command team.

The resolve of all Marne soldiers is strong. As the weather gets warmer their temperament remains cool. They remain highly disciplined in the face of very trying circumstances. They are disciplined

"Rock of the Marne"



Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE

Readers respond to the question:

Why is it so important to wear a seatbelt?

"Because it saves lives."

Sgt. Thomasine Jackson
3220th GSU



"I don't know, I never wear mine ... it would keep you from getting thrown out of the vehicle."

Sgt. Pete Bridges
1137th MP Co.



"As a medic, it makes less work for me if people wear them ... plus, it's the law."

Staff Sgt. Donald Homes
D Co., 3rd FSB



"You should ask that person over there, because she just got a ticket this morning for not wearing one.."

Spc. Meredith Jerome Harris, Jr.
24th CSG



"So you don't fly out the window."

Spc. Phillina Thlang
3rd SSB



"So you don't die."

Sgt. John DeMarco
1st Bde



Spc. Adam Nuelken

Sgt. Bill Manikowski, combat engineer for B Company, 142 Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Heavy) from Wahpton, North Dakota, helps local Iraqi's fill in a hole and grate the ground.

E-mail Spam: Out of the can, into your computer

Pfc. Richard Nantz

Special to the Frontline

Spam – those pesky little unwanted e-mail. They come from a variety of places serving advertisers and hackers. Advertisers get us by huge e-mail lists and mass mailing software, where as hackers could be a little more direct as well as using a mass mailing list. There are ways of protecting our inboxes though.

In order to fight spam, you have to know how it gets to your account. When you buy something online, fill out an application, join a web site free or not, or any thing else where you give out your e-mail address, you get put on list. These lists are then used for advertising new products to you, they also can be sold to other companies which will then send you unsolicited e-mail as well as selling your address, so on and so forth. Hackers can also get a hold of these lists and attach their own tools to the mail they send you. In the end you get an inbox full of e-mail you

don't want, and have to sift through to get to important messages.

Prevention is the best key so keep your personal e-mail address personal. If you shop on line or join news groups have a secondary e-mail address for that mail to go to. Online e-mail systems, such as Yahoo, are perfect for this. You can use the spam guard to filter out the senders you don't want to look at and delete those with one click of the empty button on the bulk mail folder, which leaves only the companies you want to see. Remember not to open mail you don't know the origins of, because they can easily contain spy software or viruses.

There is no way to stop all spam but you can reduce its volume and annoyance. You will need to look into your e-mail program's filtering system. From there, messages from certain senders can be automatically deleted from different folders depending on how you want to set it up. In Microsoft Outlook Express, with the message highlighted you would

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go to *tool*, then *message rules* and select *mail* to set up the filters. In online e-mail programs such as Yahoo, you would put check marks on the spam messages and use the drop down box next to delete to mark it as spam so



that other messages for that address will be put in to the bulk mail folder. Other e-mail programs may have a slightly different process or names, but the idea is the same.

So don't open messages from unknown sources, do not reply to spam because it just confirms your e-mail address and it will be sold to some one else.

Have a secondary e-mail address when companies and the Internet require one. Save your personal address for friends and family.

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Iraqi people finally receive taste of freedom

Spc. Chad D. Wilkerson

372nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Sadaam's regime is toppled. The remaining Baath party government officials are on the run from coalition forces, and soldiers and tanks are posted all across Baghdad to keep the peace.

The Iraqi people are finally getting a taste of the freedom that Americans have known for many years.

As the Iraqi people begin to feel safer in their homes and more confident of Sadaam's demise, many who have lived through the oppression of the former regime are stepping forward to tell their story.

The Al Shikaki family's frequent and unpleasant run-ins with the Iraqi government have been ongoing for just more than 19 years. Salah Al Shikaki, an Iraqi, was working in Kuwait in the early '80s at a fish export company.

Salah does not know much of anything about politics, nor does he claim to have any affiliation with any political party, but that did not keep him out of entanglements with Sadaam's Baath party enforcers on several occasions.

While vacationing in Turkey with his family in 1984, during the Iran-Iraq War, Salah met and befriended an Iranian family. A journalist, who happened to be on the beach that day, approached the families and asked if he could take a picture of the two families, whose countries were at war.

Salah Al Shikaki could not possibly have known the consequences of such an insignificant action as allowing his picture to be taken, but the Al Shikaki family's lives would never be the same.

The very next day, that photo was on the front page of a Turkish newspaper, with a caption that said, "Iraqi and Iranian families care nothing for the war that is going on," and, "they hate war," and, "they are brothers with peoples of every country."

Someone from the Iraqi embassy in Turkey saw the photo and story on the front page of the newspaper and initiated an Iraqi government investigation the Al Shikaki family.

"We returned to Kuwait, and they tracked us," said Salah. "They asked everyone, 'Who is the man in this picture?'"

One and a half years later, two Iraqi governmental intelligence officers showed up at Salah's workplace and, and at the threat of having his business destroyed by a tank, forced him to accompany them to the embassy.

"Why do you hate Sadaam Hussein?" they asked him. "Why do you hang posters and pass out pamphlets against his regime?"

The counsel refused to accept Salah's claims of innocence, even though there was no evidence of any crime against him. The only thing Salah was guilty of was allowing his picture to be taken with an Iranian family.

"The Iraqi ambassador in Kuwait at that time spoke with me, and said, 'you can speak against God, but you cannot speak against Sadaam Hussein,'" said Salah. The ambassador's threats hung heavy on Salah, as he thought not only of his own well being, but his family's as well.

The investigation against Salah dragged on for 15 days, during which the family regularly checked their car for bombs, and slept every night in a different house. Finally, Salah, knowing that his family could not live under the kind of fear that the embassy was able to create,

resolved to sell all that he owned and seek refuge with his brother in America.

The Al Shikakis sold their house and their car in one day "like a garage sale" said Salah, and the whole family packed up and flew to America.

Having not taken enough money with him to get started in America, the Al Shikakis were again forced to move, this time to Italy to stay with Salah's brother.

After living three years in Italy, Salah, on a phone call with his parents, found out that the embassy staff had rotated, and all new embassy staff was now there. Salah, desiring the best for his children and feeling a renewed sense of security, returned home to Kuwait where his mother and father lived.

For three years the Al Shikakis lived in Kuwait, until tensions flared once again in the Middle East. In 1990, the Iraqi army entered Kuwait, leading to the Gulf War.

The Al Shikakis were forced to move, yet again, to flee from the war that ensued soon after. They traveled North to Baghdad, Iraq's largest city and center of commerce, assuming that it would be the best place to find work.

As the Iraqi officials in Baghdad kept track of all the families coming into the city, they discovered Salah's history with the Iraqi government. When they found out Salah's background, he was forced to go to the police station every Sunday to sign a roster to prove that he was still in Baghdad.

After living in Baghdad for one year, there was a decree proclaimed by Sadaam Hussein that every Iraqi who was living in Kuwait, especially those who are not a part of the Baath party, must not live in Baghdad.

No one with a birth certificate that said "born

in Kuwait" was able to work in Baghdad, but Salah, as well as others, was able to get by with a fake birth certificate and other forged documents.

"They didn't care about our schools, our house; they just wanted us to leave, said Salah. "It was not a government under Sadaam, it was a gang, like the Mafia, a terrorist gang."

Policemen came every day to Salah's house just to remind him about the ongoing investigation and ask countless questions about the Al Shikakis' lives in Kuwait. Salah was even arrested and thrown into jail twice, each time for a couple of days until Zaid and the family were able to bribe the police to let him go free.

Finances became difficult for the family because Salah, not being a member of the Baath party, was not allowed to work, and his developing medical problems further complicated his job marketability.

So Salah and his family were yet again forced to flee the Iraqi government, and this time, he sought outside help.

Salah traveled to Jordan to the United Nations location there and told him his whole story; how he was falsely accused of manufacturing anti-government propaganda, the threats, how he and his family have moved repeatedly, and how he now cannot work. Salah's stay there lasted seven months, but Jordan refused to accept he and his family as refugees. So having no other option, he returned to Baghdad.

The desperation of the Al Shikaki family had no end in sight, until March of 2003, when coalition forces liberated Baghdad.

Zaid, Salah's son, who was born in Kuwait, was forced to join the Iraqi army just days

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'User friendly:' Assistant Chief of Chaplains visits Stewart during tour of the Southeast

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

"That guy's a trip!"
"Man, I thought he was serious for a minute!"
"He must be the coolest general in the Army!"

Anybody who was on the escort team of Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) David Zalis, assistant chief of chaplains for mobilization and deployment, would have heard these things being said in the wake of his visit May 13.

Zalis was on a tour of Army posts around the Southeast. At Fort Stewart, he spoke with UMTs, and went to the soldier readiness checks site, Mobilization Operations Center and railhead, to observe mobilization and deployment procedures, as well as congratulate soldiers and Department of the Army civilians who made the deployments successful.

Zalis continued his tour by visiting Fort Benning, Ga., after leaving Fort Stewart.

After thorough introductions with Fort Stewart's chaplains and chaplain's assistants, Zalis called up a soldier who had just returned from Iraq in what sounded more like Mel Brooks' "2,000-Year-Old Man"

routine than a media brief.

But, it wasn't all fun and games as Zalis spoke on very serious matters. He praised the Chaplains Corps for its role in the triumph of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"We the chaplains are the heroes of the war!" he said, citing that the Army has a one in 187.5 soldier ratio of religious support, very good, when compared with Roman Catholic theologian Rev. Anthony R. Kosnik's study that found one priest for every 1,572 parishioners.

Zalis also complimented Reserve component chaplains. Many garrisons fought hard to keep Reserve chaplains from going to forward zones because of the great job they were doing, he said.

He also made mention of the Global War on Terror and referenced the president's policy on preemptive military strikes.

"When you're dealing with asymmetrical warfare, you have to stop them ... before the terrorism is acted out."

After the meeting, Zalis had lunch with members of Fort Stewart's Jewish community, where they discussed some of the adversity that Jewish soldiers face when trying to obtain special food and prayer materials.

"There has always been a problem with distribution," he said.

That shouldn't keep soldiers and leaders from trying as hard as possible to get what they need for services or holidays; complaining to congressmen and the pentagon is not the answer, he said.

Jewish soldiers must also learn to improvise, somewhat, especially in the field.

"So I have a box of matzah (bread made without yeast or other raising agent eaten at Passover) and a bottle of grape juice — dayeinu (Hebrew for 'it would have been enough' and also the name of a Passover song)," said Zalis.

"It's very exciting to have him come a take the time to talk to us ... he's very humble, eloquent, animated and caring," said Capt. Yosefi Seltzer, legal assistance attorney, who went through a lot of trouble to hunt down kosher food for the general's lunch.

On the way to pay a courtesy visit to Col. Gerald Poltorak, installation commander, Zalis leaped on the security fence outside garrison headquarters, momentarily fooling his driver Staff Sgt. Edwin Paraison and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Alvin Miller, deputy installation chaplain, into thinking he had decided to

bypass security procedures.

"I really thought he was going to hop over that fence and send a fire-team out here to shoot us," Miller said.

The first mobilization and deployment staging area Zalis went to was the Rail Marshaling Area, where vehicles and equipment can be shipped anywhere in the country, including the port of Savannah and the National Training Center at Fort

Irwin, Calif. He presented the management with a painting from Jerusalem.

"I want you to know that you're doing a wonderful job here," Zalis told the office.

The RMA is staffed largely with the help of soldiers from the 3220th Garrison Support Unit, an Army Reserve unit from West Palm

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Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) David Zalis, assistant chief of chaplains for mobilization and deployment, tells Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Alvin Miller, deputy installation chaplain, what an impressive job is being done at the Mobilization Operations Center, during his briefing from Lt. Col. Odell Lewis Jr., MOC officer in charge.



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U.S., Iraqis team up

V Corps MPs help restore law and order

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18th MP Brigade Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The first efforts to restore law and order to post-regime Iraq began May 9 when Iraqi police and U.S. military police soldiers under the command

of V Corps' 18th Military Police Brigade conducted joint patrols in the war-torn streets here.

The 549th MP Company, part of the 3rd MP Battalion, is currently attached to the Mannheim, Germany-based 18th for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Fresh from a

deployment rotation in Bosnia, the 549th came to Southwest Asia as the J.P. Holland winner for Best MP Company in the Army and was given the honor of being the first U.S. MP unit on the road here with Iraqi police

"This is a wonderful experience," said Sgt. Taurus Hunter, team leader in the first platoon of the 549th. "It's always an honor to work with people from other countries."

According to Staff Sgt. Jonathan McDavid, the platoon's first squad leader, the joint patrols will put the Iraqi police completely in charge.

He said the MPs are "hands off," but are there to offer training advice and give assistance if the Iraqi officers need extra help.

"We are here to lend credibility to their police force," Mc David said. "It's their laws and their country. We are going to back them up."

The patrols began with the Iraqi police leading the way. After circling their patrol sector the Iraqis stopped at one of their abandoned police stations. Inside, the officers familiarized the American MPs with their operations.

In the course of the briefing, the Iraqi policemen took the Americans on a room-by-room tour of the station, noting that some rooms were used by Saddam Hussein's much-feared secret police. The Iraqi officers even turned over documents to the MPs that revealed information used by the secret police to root out and quell those who opposed Saddam's rule.

As the group prepared to leave the station, the 549th received a radio message reporting that a witness claimed to have seen a man attempting to rape a young girl. The joint police team returned to the MP Joint Operation Center to get the full picture. When they arrived, the witness told them that the man in question was armed but wounded in the leg. The girl was safely in the custody of the witness at the JOC. After some coordination, the MPs and Iraqi

police went to the home of the accused man.

Stopping a block shy of the man's house, the joint team had a huddle to work out their arrest procedures. The Iraqi police took the lead and entered the home while the American MPs secured the area's perimeter.

Moments later, the Iraqis emerged from the home with the accused man and his accomplices in custody. The police found an AK-47 assault rifle and a cache of ammunition in the house. Across the street, police also uncovered a crate of grenades.

"The Iraqi police handled the situation very professionally," said McDavid. "Hopefully, today is an indicator of how it's going to be in the future."

Despite the first-day success of the joint patrol, Hunter warned, "The war is still on for the police."

He said, the collapse of the regime has weakened Iraq's infrastructure leaving it vulnerable to organized crime. With little money and scarce food and resources, the police will have their hands full with citizens trying to take advantage of the current economic conditions.

But McDavid was positive. "The word is going to spread" that Iraqi police are back on the street and mean business, he said. He called getting the Iraqi officers re-mobilized is a big first step in handing the people back their society.

There are still many issues to iron out, however. In his briefing to the Pentagon press corps last week, V Corps Commander Lt. Gen. William S. Wallace said thousands of Iraqi police — more than half of the entire force — have responded to the corps' call to return to duty. But there are big challenges ahead, the general added: a lack of mobility; shortages of equipment; ensuring Iraqi police are paid a reasonable wage, and re-establishing Iraqi officers' authority here. Until these issues and more are settled and the U.S. military feels the Iraqi police are fully capable to operate on their own, the joint patrols are scheduled to continue.



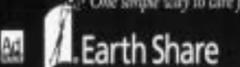
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Spc. Micaele Williams of the first platoon of Fort Stewart, Ga.'s 549th Military Police Company exchanges pleasantries with an Iraqi policeman as the U.S. MPs and Iraqi police prepare for the first joint patrol in Baghdad May 9.

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Conservation relax water restrictions

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During the last four years, much of Georgia has suffered through drought conditions. As a result, the Coastal Empire has been under strict water usage restrictions for the past year. However, due to long overdue rainfall and people adhering to water use restrictions, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division has been able to revise the water restriction for most of the State of Georgia that were mandated and originally put into effect in June 2000. Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield water use restrictions are still in force, but they have been slightly modified.

In March 2003, the Board of Georgia Department of Natural Resources approved alternate day outdoor watering restrictions.

Currently, homes and businesses with odd-numbered addresses may water on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Likewise, homes and businesses with even-numbered or unnumbered addresses may water on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. All outdoor watering will be prohibited on Fridays.

Although the water usage restriction situation for our area has changed from an "even-odd" schedule, the need to manage and maintain our limited water supplies has not. State and local governments in Georgia have been preparing for decades to help meet water supply needs during drought situations and since Georgia's last major drought during 1986-1988, progress has been made by developing drought contingency and emergency plans, as well as adopting local ordinances to impose water restrictions.

"It is important for all of us to recognize the environmental and economic benefits that derive from wise and conservative use of our shared waters," said Harold Reheis, director of EPD. "The drought of the past five years has painfully demonstrated how vulnerable many areas of our state are to limitations on water supply in the face of increasing demands on those supplies. These waters must be better managed and more conservatively used during both drought and normal times."

Jackie DuBose of the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Branch said that, "It is a tribute to these efforts that despite the worst drought in Georgia's history, and the tremendous population growth over the last two decades, most Georgia communities have not yet experienced true suffering in terms of water supply shortages. In fact, most communities had only restricted the hours of out-

door water usage — an inconvenience to homeowners and some businesses, but hardly a major inconvenience considering alternative scenarios."

Throughout the state, Georgia faces many challenges in its quest for a sustainable water supply, such as population growth, low stream flow rates, saltwater intrusion, and depletion of groundwater sources. Water conservation must become an integral component of effective water resource management for sustainable economic development.

As fresh water sources in several regions of the state may be approaching their sustainable limits, DuBose emphasized that water usage must be prioritized and water conservation must become the norm rather than a last resort during times of crisis.

Initiatives to manage water resources effectively can only be achieved through cooperation and collaboration among Georgia's eight million citizens. Individuals must conserve water at home and at work throughout the year. Businesses and industries across the state must find more efficient ways to use water and eliminate waste.

Farmers must help find solutions that reduce their irrigation needs while protecting their crops. Additionally, local governments must drought-proof themselves before the next drought by increasing their water storage capacity, implementing aggressive conservation programs, and investigating alternative water sources.

Fort Stewart and Hunter's source is groundwater and withdrawals are limited by the state. Consequently, in addition to the merits of environmental stewardship, it is in our best interest to ensure our resources are wisely used to enable Fort Stewart and Hunter to meet our mission.

Everyone at Fort Stewart and Hunter must continue to do their part by conserving water.

Changing our water use habits in ways that will help the resource sustain itself is important not only for ourselves and for the animals and plants upon which we depend for food, but also for future generations. Compared to a year ago, the outlook is brighter for our water supply but we need to continue conserving to help eliminate drought conditions for the state and to help us all in the future.

Remember — Fort Stewart and Hunter's water use restriction are still in force, but modified as follows: homes and businesses with odd-numbered addresses may water on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, and homes and businesses with even-numbered or unnumbered addresses may water on Mondays, Wednesday, and Saturdays. All outdoor watering is prohibited on Fridays.

For more information about water restrictions in your area, contact your water utility service or your local cooperative extension service. For updates on drought conditions and tips on how to conserve water, log onto one of the following web

sites:

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www.gah2o.org<<http://www.gah2o.org>>

www.watersmart.net<<http://www.watersmart.net>>

Water Conservation Tips

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

Kitchen & Laundry

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

- Don't rinse dirty dishes before loading into dishwasher; scrape clean and let the machine do the rest.
- Don't use a garbage disposal.
- Use the "water-saver" setting or make sure your machine is set for the most efficient use.
- Only wash full loads of dishes or clothes.

Bathroom

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

filled plastic jug in your toilet tank to reduce the water used per flush, without disturbing the flushing mechanism.

- Don't use your toilet as a trash can (not only does it use excess water, it requires additional energy to separate from the waste stream and can potentially clog pipes).
- Take fewer and shorter showers and consider taking a Navy-style shower: 1) wet down, 2) turn water off, 3) lather, 4) rinse.
- Don't leave the water running while rinsing, shaving, or brushing teeth.
- Reuse bath water or excess water as you await water temperatures to adjust for other uses such as watering plants in or near the house, to soak clothes, etc.

Lawn & Garden

- Hold your garden hose close to the roots of plants so that there's little waste and evaporative loss. (soaker hoses are even more efficient).
- Water slowly so that the soil soaks up all the water you use. To avoid the possibility of disease (due to promotion of fungi growth), and minimize evaporation, the best time to water is very early morning hours (dawn to approximately 9 a.m.). Avoid watering on windy days (which increases evaporation).
- Position sprinklers so that they do not water the pavement. Do not over water allowing water to run down the street. Note-turf grasses survive on as little as a half inch of water per week.
- Never let water run unnecessarily. Installing a spray handle helps. Allow your grass to grow to approximately 3 inches before cutting.
- Don't let children play with the hose or sprinkler (take advantage of the many local swimming pools).
- Limit car washing. Use a bucket and a hose with spray attachment for rinsing and, if possible, reuse water captured from inside the home from other uses (as noted under Bathroom).
- Don't use the hose to clean driveways and sidewalks.. Use a broom. You get an added benefit: exercise!
- Mulch plants to reduce evaporation and to help to retain moisture.

Tips on how to conserve water

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1/64 Armor work to prevent looting

Cpl. Todd Pruden

372nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Keeping the streets of Baghdad free of crime and safe for the residents of the city is a task that has fallen into the laps of coalition forces after the fall of the last regime.

Members of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Gd., have been tasked to instill law and order since the end of the war. They patrol the streets of Baghdad. According to 1st Lt. Jason Redmon, a platoon leader for A Company, 4th Battalion, 64th Armor, 3rd Inf. Div.(Mech.) the buildings that are priority for these soldiers to guard are schools, banks, mosques and government facilities.

“We are in charge of securing buildings and making sure no looters take anything from these buildings,” Said Redmon.

Every day seems to be a constant battle against looters for these soldiers. Many times the soldiers catch the same culprits in the act over and over again.

“They take anything that has to do with anything of value,” said Sgt. 1st Class Rogelio Gonzalez, a platoon sergeant with A Co, 4th Battalion, 64th Armor. “Our mission is to make sure the looters don’t walk away with anything.”

According to Sgt. Dwayne Asrat, an armor crewman with A Co, 4th Battalion, 64th Armor, the looters will walk away. “They take the toilet bowls, the sink, even the wires from

the walls,” said Asrat.

But the job of containing the looting can be a dangerous one. Many suspected looters carry what can turn out to be lethal weapons.

“They mostly run around with AK-47 bayonets,” said Asrat.

With the economy in Iraq in shambles, looting is a common problem to deal with. Many of the people have not been able to return to work to earn a paycheck.

“Everybody’s poor,” said Pfc. Michael Ruzbarsky, a tank driver with A Co, 4th Battalion, 64th Armor.

That said, many people have become homeless since the end of the war. Many people are taking up residence in former Iraqi army billeting and anywhere they can occupy that is not one of the safeguarded buildings the U.S. military is trying to protect.

Out on patrol with A Co, 4th Battalion, 64th Armor, many families were seen occupying these dwellings and asking if it was all right to stay there. No one seemed to mind as long as there was no evidence of looting.

Looters caught are searched for weapons and released, unless an arrest is merited. They are told to leave the area. But all the soldiers know that the looters will return again and attempt the same deed.

Without them here, most soldiers would agree the city would be in chaos.

“I think this place would be a disaster. There are too

many people helping themselves to what is not theirs. There are still looters and others taking advantage of the less fortunate,” said Gonzalez.

“This city would be in a world of hurt,” said Spc. Jason Blersch, a tank driver with A Co, 4th Battalion, 64th Armor. All soldiers would agree that the locals appreciate their presence.

“They are glad to have us here. We make them feel safe,” said Asrat.



Photos by Cpl. Todd Pruden

(Above) Spc. Jason Blersch, a tank driver with A Co., 4th Bn., 64th Armor, stands guard in front of the Rasheed Bank in Baghdad, Iraq.

(Left) Sgt. Frankie Barrios, left, and Dwayne Asrat, right, both armor crewman with A Co., 4th Bn., 64th Armor, search suspected looters for weapons in Baghdad, Iraq.



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Helmly returns: *Top Reservist follows-up*

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

Following up with his visit March 16, Lt. Gen. James R. Helmly, chief, Army Reserve, talked with soldiers from the Reserves and National Guard at Woodruff Theatre May 15.

The discussion was divided into two groups, one for soldiers with ranks private through sergeant, the others were staff sergeants and above. There, Helmly focused mainly on points regarding mobilization, demobilization and remobilization; he also talked about the Global War on Terror and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Helmly spoke bluntly to the soldiers, telling them not to complain about lengthy mobilizations, deployments and even the possibility of a second call-up.

"Respect and maintain the integrity of the institution." He told them, "I want leaders to start leading."

The Reservists and National Guardspersons in attendance also heard Helmly warn them about "latrine rumors," who peddle rumors. Their information is almost always inaccurate and can be dangerous, he said.

"You're wondering; are we going? Are we coming? The answer is I don't know," he said to the soldiers who were wondering when they would go home, and to others who didn't know when and if they were deploying.

The military buildup leading to Operation Iraqi Freedom was a tremendous undertaking, Helmly said.

"On the first of the year, we started mobilizing like there was no tomorrow," he said.

That led to an eventual overload of the Army Reserve Mobilization capacity. This was evident by the activated Reservists staying in all kinds of billeting, hotels, motels, open bays, tents, "you name it," said Helmly.

Because of this and other reasons, the mobilization process will be changing. Activated units were given to short a notice, not allowing Reservists enough time to set their affairs in order. Helmly said he wants to see Reservists and National Guardspersons given as much as 30 days of advance notification.

Reservists also shouldn't be mobilized for more than one year out of four, he said.

Since the war on terror is constantly evolving and Reserve units make up a large portion of the Army's combat support, an Individual Augmentation program is being developed at U.S. Army Reserve Command, said Helmly.

Soldiers in the IA would be able to volunteer for tours on an individual basis. The tour would range from 30 days to possibly more than a year, supporting operations all over the world.

Currently, Reservists on active duty can volunteer for up to two years of active service. In the IA program, soldiers would have the opportunity to put in much more time, without hindering a unit's readiness, said Helmly. A problem arises for Reserve units when soldiers volunteer for active tours, dropping that unit's strength.

"We as an Army owe a fair compensation for our military," he stated.

Helmly also expressed his

gratitude to soldiers and families for the sacrifices made. He told the audience that he even enjoyed speaking with lower ranking soldiers more than senior non-commissioned officers and officers.

"The questions from soldiers are often terribly honest

questions. And I respect those," said Helmly.

Sgt. Dan Harvey, Staff Judge Advocate office, was present for Helmly's first briefing.

"He spoke plainly and told us the truth. I like that, and I hope he comes back again," he said.



Sam Hoffman

Lt. Gen. Helmly, chief, Army Reserve, talks to Army Reservists and National Guardspersons at Woodruff Theater, during his visit to Fort Stewart, May 15. He spoke about mobilization issues and attempted to shed light on soldiers' biggest concerns.



Spc. Jonahan M. Stack

Col. William Norman, incoming commander, accepts guidon from Col. Glenn Burke, outgoing commander, 4th Bde., 87th Div. (Training Support)

4/87th changes hands

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Staff Writer

4th Brigade, 87th Division (Training Support) held a change of command ceremony Sunday.

Col. Glenn L. Burke, outgoing 4/87th commander, passed the reins of command to Col. William B. Norman, incoming 4/87th commander.

"I will become the new 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) chief of staff," Burke said. "I am going to miss this great group of knowledgeable, understanding and professional leaders."

Norman was commissioned in 1980 from the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. Upon completion from the Infantry officer Basic Course, Airborne School, Infantry Mortar Officer Course and the Ranger School, he was assigned to Garlstadt, Germany where he served with the 2nd Battalion, 50th Infantry as a rifle platoon leader and company executive officer. Later he was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 41st Infantry, where he served as an anti-tank platoon leader and the battalion S-1.

He was stationed in Saudi Arabia and worked as a joint

plans officer for the U.S. central command and the Ministry of Defense, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He was later assigned to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Belgium, where he became the aide de camp for the supreme allied commander, Europe.

In 1992, he was assigned here as the 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry executive officer during Operation Desert Thunder, and later as the Deputy G3 for the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) and as the executive officer for the 2nd Brigade.

In 1994, he took command of the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry, in Schweinfurt, Germany. In 1996, he took command of Task Force Able Sentry, as part of the United Nations Preventive Deployment in the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia.

In January 2001, he was assigned to G-3, United States Army, Europe and Seventh Army, in Heidelberg, Germany, as the chief of the operations division.

He is married to Carmen Estrella, U.S. Army intelligence officer currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. They have a daughter, Amber, 1-year-old.

Tanker learns new skill

Sgt. Mark Bell
372nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq — “O u t s t a n d i n g ! Outstanding!”

Those were the high-spirited words of 3rd Infantry Division’s (Mechanized), 29-year old, Pfc. Jason Dambekain, after talking to his wife, Linda, on the phone for the first time since long before the beginning of the invasion phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

With the help of Newsweek’s Baghdad bureau chief Rod Norland, Dambekain’s impromptu phone call exponentially transposed his body layered in dust-ridden battle uniform and his worn-down eyes to a soldier visually reminding one of an enthusiastic child opening presents on Christmas.

On the phone, Lori said her unexpected phone call was a mystery at first, “I wasn’t sure it was him.”

During the five-minute phone call, Dambekain’s ear-to-ear smile told the story of the lifetime.

“He’s my companion and definitely my best friend,” said Dambekain’s 30-year-old wife in Fort Stewart, Ga. “Gosh, I just miss talking and communicating with him. This is just awesome to be able to talk to him out of the blue.”

“That will definitely keep me on a natural high until I get home and hold her in my arms,” he said while pushing his small-framed glasses forward on his nose and covered his sun burnt face and dust-covered hair with the rigid desert camouflaged helmet.

Within minutes, Dambekain transformed back to the “Annihilator” peacekeeper from Task Force 4-64 and was once again in the mist of several dozen frustrated Iraqi residents wondering when and how change was going to affect their lives.

Spending the last three months in Kuwait and Southern Iraq, Dambekain reflects on why he joined the Army after Sept. 11, 2001.

“I was very angry and frustrated at what happened to my homeland,” he said. “I wasn’t able to do anything about what happened, but here I get to at least make a small input.”

With the support of his wife of six years, doing the “gun-ho” thing is his way to serve his obligation to what he said is, “what every American should do.”

Dambekain has never been trained in handling protestors, or let alone, trying to decipher a complex foreign slang of Arabic words being angrily shouted.

“It’s exhausting out there,” he said pointing to the mob of Baghdad residents leaning against the razor-sharp wire barrier American forces from the rest of the world.

“We are in the business of killing people, and out here in Baghdad, we are doing the exact opposite of what we have been trained to do,” he said. “We never had any training on peacekeeping before deploying to Kuwait. This is definitely an on-the-job training for our tank crew here.”

The U.S. Army has no military occupational skill

for being a peacekeeper, but instead transposes soldiers such as Dambekain, an M1A1 Abrams main battle tank ammunition loader, into ambassadors of peace.

Besides the mental switch from warrior to diplomat, he said the biggest obstacle he continually stumbles with is the language barrier.

“I never thought in a million years I’d be in Baghdad picking up bits and pieces of Arabic,” he said laughing. “I wouldn’t have also guessed I’d be right in the middle of it all.”

Dambekain said he has seen stranger things in his life.

“It’s interesting out here. We will tell them to back off and they laugh and tell us to ‘back off’ in plain understandable English,” he said. “It’s hard to understand what they really want, without understanding their language and motives.”

The former restaurant-chain owner said his future plans could include the Army in his resume of life experiences for the next 20 years.

“I get an enormous amount of satisfaction of being here and serving my country,” he said.

Although Dambekain’s high comes from inside the “invincible” Abrams tank, he said helping out people who truly desire to rebuild their country is something he wants to be a part of. “I want to see history unfold and be a part of that history.”

Noticeably frustrated at the current situation at the main gate to this particular presidential palace com-

pound, he did say he enjoys interacting with the Iraqi people and learning from their experiences under a dictatorship-style ruling party.

“The best thing about being here in Iraq is that we are really meeting some good people,” he said. “We actually get to make a difference — maybe a small difference, but nevertheless, it is a difference.”

Soldiers like Dambekain go on daily vehicle and foot patrols into the heart of the city and communicate with residents here.

He said being able to disarm residents and children with rocket-propelled grenades and automatic rifles make the local residents ecstatic.

“The majority of the people are really happy to see us carrying those items away,” he said. “In fact, most of the times, they are helping us locate weapon stashes and bringing them to our vehicles.”

Dambekain said Baghdad youths are always running to military convoys and bringing those same warriors who killed thousands of fellow Iraqi citizens, the weapons that could have easily fallen into the wrong hands and used against the coalition peacekeepers and rebuilders — or worse, the majority of the exuberant residents here who welcome change to a new chapter in Iraqi history.

As the pages of post-Saddam Iraqi turns, soldiers like Dambekain were trained to destroy the enemy now offer the comforting hand of peace without hesitation.



Sgt. Mark Bell

Pfc. Jason Dambekain, from A Co., 4/64 Armor Regt., dials home to his wife, Linda, at Fort Stewart, Ga. thanks to the help of Rod Norland, Newsweek Baghdad Bureau Chief.

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Civil Affairs moves in as 3ID settles

Sgt. Mark Bell

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BAGHDAD, Iraq - Although the combat phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom is a near memory, M1A1 Abrams main battle tanks from the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) have been replaced with the extended welcoming hand of soldiers assigned to the 352nd Civil Affairs Brigade.

According to the brigade's commanding general, civil affairs soldiers have been a part of history-making events in Iraq since the early 1990's.

Brig. Gen. John Kern said civil affairs soldiers played a key role in the Desert Storm victory in 1991. Although not in Baghdad, Kern said soldiers were in Iraq and helped put Kuwait back together.

"Now, we're doing it here in Baghdad and across the country," Kern said about Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Commanding four civil affairs brigades could, in itself, be a unique situation for any commander.

"Here, I am commanding some civil affairs soldiers aren't even soldiers, but rather some of them are Marines and others are Brits," he said.

Kern said coalition forces have additionally recruited Iraqi militia, who were trained in Hungary, that he brought into Iraq to assist civil affairs soldiers here.

"They are helping and assisting us in working with Iraqi businesses and Iraqi leaders," Kern said. "These aren't just interpreters, but we have trained them as soldiers and civil affairs specialists. So they are especially helpful to us."

Kern said civil affairs soldiers have been working with communities across the region. In Bosnia, Kosovo and currently in Afghanistan, Kern said his soldiers have been working hard, nonstop since 1991.

"I still have soldiers in Afghanistan I command," he added.

After the fighting ends, Kern said a civil affairs soldier's job only gets tougher.

"Once the war is over, and the



Spc. Katherine Robinson

Maj. Alvester Coleman, 422nd CA Bn. CMOC commander, and Sgt. Raja Valenzuela, HHC DIS-COM soldier and part-time linguist for 422nd CA, talk with some of the male members of an Iraqi family during a check-up visit to the family March 31.

fighting is over, then it's about securing the victory and winning the peace," he said. "This requires someone who understands what makes a society function and what makes a government function and a town."

Kern said jumpstarting a region or a country isn't a common task associated with the everyday soldier, but rather the highly-trained soldiers assigned to civil affairs units.

"Civil affairs is a portion of the U.S. Army that works with the combat commander and the civilians and is the interface between that commander and those civilians," he said. "This isn't combat

now; this is the start of peace and what it requires is some help and somebody who understands relationships between civilians and military.

Kern said his soldiers are trained to make those connections with the military and civilian population so coalition forces and Iraqi leaders can work together as a group and put together a new Iraq.

The brigade's short-term goals over the next 30 days are to get a lot of people paid and get water and electricity up and running, he said. Working with Iraqi engineers and electricians, he believes the current collaborative effort will definitely

pay off in the end.

"We are working very hard to get the ministries running and we're working with the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance," he said. "My civil affairs functional teams are working with those officials and other governments in order to get the ministries started."

Kern said the coalition forces and ORHA have very ambitious plans to make things happen in Iraq.

"There's whole lot of food that has to be distributed; and there's a public distribution system that operated throughout Iraq that liter-

ally fed the entire country," he said. "We're working with Iraq's ministry of trade and the World Food Program, which has taken over the oil-for-food process, to get that distribution process working again."

Kern said it is imperative to work closely with other civilian and military agencies to coordinate the delivery of food into the hands of Iraqi citizens.

After the attack, Kern said civil affairs forces have been dispersed across a country the size of California and difficult logistic challenges continue to provide daily obstacles to conquer for his brigade.

"We attack with the coalition forces 350 miles to here, then forces went beyond here," he said.

Kern said opportunity now gives soldiers the chance to build bonding bridges in Baghdad, unavailable until now.

"Now that we are here, we have this opportunity in Baghdad to meet those leaders and sorting the bad guys and good guys out who are interested in putting back together the power, water and fuel system."

Kern said the most important tool coalition forces have now is the team concept.

"The Army is a team sport," he said. "In fact, this is a coalition operation. We've been working with allies such as the British army and Marines."

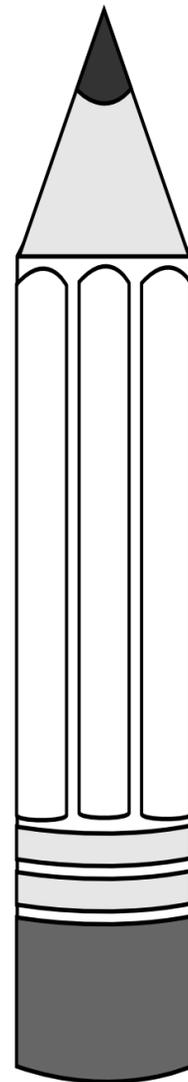
Kern said under my command he has a wide variety of military civil affairs personnel.

"I have American army civil affairs working in a Marine unit, that has subordinate to it, a British civil affairs unit," he said. "I have one point, Americans supervising Brits and Brits supervising Americans."

Kern said the idea of militaries from across the globe working together is testimony to the flexibility to soldiers and Marines.

"We have people living in tough conditions, I haven't heard anyone complain," he said. "Everyone just gets up every morning and says 'How can I make Iraq better today?'"

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Engineers turn electricity back on

Spc. Mason T. Lowery

50th PAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Army engineers and the Office for Reconstruction and Humanitarian Aid are in Baghdad working with Iraqis to get power output back to pre-war levels.

Baghdad citizens need to understand they won't have as much power as last summer because the U.S. and the new Iraqi government won't draw power from surrounding cities, which cripples those cities and their populations, as Saddam Hussein's Regime did for his numerous palaces, according to Maj.

Clinton Pendergast, Engineer Brigade S-3 from Plainview, Neb.

Current load sharing (supplying power to one area while shutting off another's) is 2 hours on and 4 hours off. Army engineers' goal once the power plants improve is 3 hours on and 3 hours off, according to Capt. Ben Kuykendall, Task Force Fajr (First Light) electricity commission action officer from Plains, Mt.

Power deficits are nothing new for residents of Baghdad — they've dealt with them for decades as the personal generators throughout the city indicate.

Iraq has more than enough natural resources to power itself autonomously in the

long run, but because the plants' equipment is old, worn out and comes from many different countries, the short run goals will still leave Baghdad with power shortages, explained Kuykendall.

As of May 12, all Baghdad's power plants were operational but not putting out their full potential. They produced 600 megawatts of electricity during peak hours. It would have taken 1500 megawatts to power the city's hospitals, sewer and water plants, and civilians' homes during that time, not including industry or palaces, Kuykendall said.

Two factors will increase the demand for power as the temperature rises — air conditioning and television. People stay in with the

air conditioning on and watch television when it's uncomfortably hot outside.

Army engineers predict Baghdad's power plants will produce 1,000 megawatts of power by June 1, but the power needed during peak hours will have increased beyond 1500, Kuykendall said.

Other factors affecting Baghdad's power are organized gangs threatening, car jacking and killing plant employees; plant employees' not being paid; the difficulty finding parts for obsolete and multinational equipment; and the lack of funding for repairs to power plants for most of the last decade, according to James Lanier, Agency for National Development power engineer.

Premier Iraqi university torn apart by looters

Sgt. Mark Bell

372nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq — One of Iraq's premier universities has been transposed into a prison-like atmosphere, where looters have

torn apart the campus that used to be rich with flowing water fountains, and with brick paths crossing green pastures of flowers and trees.

The university hallways are now lined with broken glass; its library covered with torn pages out of

books and student papers; and the prestigious doors securing its rich history of the Baghdad University School of Veterinary and Histology have been all but destroyed.

With every step into the dark corridors, the crunching sound of broken glass can be heard echoing through the empty hallways of the school.

Just weeks prior, professors said students would laugh and joke around in these same empty passageways. The cafeteria, which was once full of hungry students taking a break from their feast on knowledge, only now holds distant memories cluttered with broken tables and smashed cafeteria trays.

"We want to open our doors and start reconstruction of our university and rebuilding the future minds of the Iraqi youth," said Dr. Magid Nassir Hussain, a 25-year professor of public health and pollution.

Hussain said that during the Saddam regiment, students were pre-selected for their area of study, based on their grades throughout elementary and high schools. "We have students that attend here because of their high marks in high school," he said. "Hopefully one day, students will be able to choose their area of study. The Ministry of Higher Education needs to make changes in order to move Iraq into the future."

Hussain said he teaches to help make a better future for his chil-

dren and Iraq's children.

"I teach because it's my interest," he said. "There is nothing I would love to do more than answer our students' questions about life and our possible new future."

According to Hussain, more than two weeks ago, vandals and looters ruined his university's prestige.

Even though classes haven't been held since weeks before Operation Iraqi Freedom, faculty and students continue to show up to classes.

"Although my university is destroyed, I still come every day to help clean up and get ready for classes to reopen," he said.

Looters have either stolen or damaged everything in here from air conditioning to computers.

"We need to rebuild the university, and it will be short of a miracle to reopen, if and only if, America and Europe can complete the miracle," he said.

During a conversation in a makeshift office of broken chairs and desks, Hussain describes what he calls the new Iraq enemy — pollution.

"Iraq's biggest problem isn't the American forces or their influence of Western culture on the Iraqi people, but the pollution being caused by the Iraqi people," he said.

Hussain, who worked for the Ministry of Agriculture before teaching at the university, said, the people of Iraq need to begin clean-

ing up their communities if the country is ever to get back to "normal."

"Pollution is a huge source of diseases here," he said. "We have no instruments to check the pollution in the area. The equipment we have now is outdated and doesn't work."

He said, if Iraq is ever going to curb the pollution problems, his government needs updated equipment that isn't going to break down three years down the road.

Another problem, Hussain said, adding to the pollution is Iraq's rules governing pollution.

"We have rules for curbing pollution, but no one follows or enforces those rules," he said. "We have a big problem with people not properly destroying the garbage and it just sits there on the roads, sidewalks and parks. It's not healthy for our children."

Hussain hopes that after the coalition forces return power of Iraq to the people, Iraq will once again be a beautiful country for outsiders to visit.

"I hope realistically to see our country back on its feet in two to three years," he said. "After the sanctions, our supplies to keep our cities clean stopped. All the oil money went to the government and not to the people who really need it."

With more than 600 students attending the veterinary college, Hussain and his fellow professors hope to see the university reopen around May 17.



Sgt. Mark Bell

A military civil affairs team talks to local educators at the Baghdad University School of Veterinary and Histology's library. Currently, the college is empty and without students since looters and vandals destroyed the university. A civil affairs military team is currently assessing the veterinary college and possible assist local educators with restoring the university's prestige.

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needs, that's what we're focusing on. We can normally help 25 to 30 people in a day," he added.

In addition to medical care, the projects in motion ran the gamut from building picnic tables at an elementary school up the block, to installing soccer nets in a recreation area across from the school. While the soccer nets looked conspicuously like Army camouflage screens, improvising to accomplish the mission is what makes Army engineers so special, according to

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Beach, Fla.

Zalis was in rare form at SRC, when he came to the medical station where he wrapped a mousepad around his arm and began clicking the mouse, asking why it wasn't taking his blood pressure.

"Man, I thought he was serious for a minute," someone remarked as Zalis walked away.

"I had them going for a little while. They probably thought I was some kind of idiot messing with that thing," he said.

While there, Zalis even had a panoramic dental x-ray and new identification card made. He returned to Master Sgt. William Otto, noncommissioned officer in

charge of SRC and 3220th soldier, how complete it is and how smoothly it was running. Also he reminded them how important the deployment preparation SRC does is.

The rabbi's last stop before departing was the Mobilization Operations Center. Not to be outdone by himself, Zalis peeked behind the open door, pretending he was looking for a soldier to greet, taking an unsuspecting Lt. Col. Odell C. Lewis Jr., mobilization officer in charge and 3220th officer, by surprise.

He was escorted through the MOC and introduced to the soldiers who operate it. Lewis then

showed Zalis slides and charts, and briefed him on the mission of the MOC, its capabilities and where it needs assistance.

An impressed Zalis remarked, "Of all the garrison support units, this one (the 3220th) is the best!"

By the time he left Fort Stewart, everyone who was in contact with Zalis had something positive to say about him. He too, had something positive and encouraging to say about Fort Stewart.

"I'm not shocked that you did such an excellent job," he said before departure, "I've seen good morale. That's a sign of people

take Army forces and provide hope by jump starting initiatives like you see today. We want to enable a continued effort of rebuilding that will go on after we leave," said Martin.

"This place is an absolute engineers paradise," said Martin while suppressing a smile. "One of the greatest things about this job is that we were there from the 'tip of the spear' to help win the fight, now we're helping to win the peace ... one neighborhood at a time."

caring for each other. It's tough to do this. Lot's of people don't want to be soldiers."

"I miss him already ... everyone loves General Zalis," said Miller immediately following Zalis' departure, "but I don't know if I have the energy to keep up with him. He's got energy!"

Chaplain (Col.) Neil Dennington, installation chaplain, may have summed Zalis up best.

"You've looked into his eyes and shook his hand ... so you know ... he's user friendly," he said.

Zalis continued his tour at Fort Benning, Ga. after leaving Fort Stewart.

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before American forces arrived in Baghdad. He and his brother had been in hiding before Baghdad was liberated, and gave the coalition forces a warm welcome as they entered the city.

"We had never seen a single day of real freedom until coalition forces arrived in Baghdad," said Zaid. "Only in America, we have seen a true democracy. We lived there."

Now that the coalition forces have begun the reconstruction process in Iraq with efforts concentrated on security, the Al Shikaki family is finally able to establish a per-

manent home and begin rebuilding their lives.

"American soldiers are our protection. They came here to protect us. Iraq will now be a good country, but we understand that it is a matter of time," said Salah.

"There is a truth we cannot deny, that coalition forces are heroes," said Zaid. "Had they not come, all Iraqis would have died of depression and desperation."

"The Iraqi people want security first, and to have a regular life," said Salah. "We want the American soldiers here forever to help us build a new Iraq"

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more weeks to finish the job, Blount said.

The general said he has high hopes for a new program he called "Task Force Neighborhood," in which soldiers choose a different Baghdad neighborhood to help out each day. "Every day a neighborhood section will get a full-court press of support that will include garbage pickup, medical assistance, ordnance cleanup and anything else we can do in a day to help the neighborhoods," he said.

Soldiers hire about 20 to 30 day laborers in each neighborhood to "instill a sense of pride and responsibility" in the local citizens and "give some infusion of money into the neighborhood."

Blount said he hopes the program will help instill "good will between the Iraqi people that we're here trying to help and the American soldiers."

Intermittent power in many Baghdad neighborhoods and other parts of Iraq doesn't help the security situation. As power becomes more dependable in more areas, streetlights will stay on at night, which will help stem some crime problems, Blount said. He added that he hopes removing trash and war debris will help in the overall situation in the city.

During his briefing, Rumsfeld said that he tracks the situation on the ground in 27 metropolitan areas in Iraq. Many of those areas are now better off than they were before fighting began there, he said.

In particular, Bremer mentioned, water quality in Basra is "better than it has been in years," and more Iraqis have access to electricity than they did while Hussein was in power.

"In the next week I think you'll start hearing a much more positive story coming out in reference to security in Baghdad," Blount said.

Coalition forces are also aggressively dealing with holdouts from Hussein's regime. In Tikrit, Hussein's hometown, 4th Infantry Division forces today staged a raid on a Baath party safe house, Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said at the press conference with Rumsfeld.

The general said the soldiers detained "maybe several dozen" people, possibly including a U.S. Central Command "most wanted" Iraqi official.

"We don't know yet," Myers said. "But we're trying to run that down."

Despite the problems, Bremer said, Iraq is "not a country in anarchy."

"People are going about their business. They are going about their lives," he said. "Saddam Hussein was in power for 20 years. His instruments and means of brutality and repression run deep into society and throughout it."

"We have an obligation to the Iraqi people now to build the new Iraq without those instruments."

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of the fish community does not overpower the next. The fish are collected, measured, weighed and returned unharmed to the water.

"We try and keep the numbers balanced," said Avalos.

Fort Stewart/ Hunter Army Airfield is home to more than 80 species of freshwater fish.

Another aspect the biologists aim for is monitoring water quality. They do this to ensure that the ponds and rivers are healthy for the fish and safe for the anglers.

"It is also good to have tours like this because it lets people touch the fish first hand," said Bryce.

As this portion of the tour con-

cludes, Bryce showed off the different species of fish that they picked up during their trips around the lake. As he held up a big catfish, everyone was taken in "awe" at how big this fish is.

As an added laugh for the day, one of the tourists added, "I have some grease at home," referring to frying his finds for the day.

Continually, the biologist test the fish life in the ponds and lakes to make sure that it is a safe environment for the fish as well as good fishing for the anglers.

"We have great biologists, technician and law enforcement support that help get the job done," said Bryce.

Stewart

Gate 3 closed

Due to the change in National and State threat level and the pending holiday, gate 3 will be closed at 11 p.m. May 23 until 5 a.m. May 27.

Gulick and Bultman Avenues

The tank trail adjacent to Gulick Avenue and Bultman Avenue intersection west to Frank Cochran Drive will be closed to through traffic until June 15.

Subject closure is urgent and necessary to accomplish construction of an earth berm around the peak shaving gas distribution facility near this intersection.

Family Assistance Center

Effective Tuesday, May 27, the Army Community Service at Fort Stewart will scale back its Family Assistance Center hours of operation. New hours will be Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Weekends will be handled with an on call roster and phones forwarded to EOC.

Officer Candidate School

The next HQDA Officer Candidate School selection board will be conducted at PERSCOM, July 21 to 25.

The Fort Stewart local OCS Board will be conducted on June 16 at 6:30 p.m. at TBD. Packets will be accepted at Bldg. 9126. Deadline for packets to be turned in to the Personnel Action Section, B Co, 3rd SSB is June 10.

Point of contact for this action is Sgt. 1st Class Clark or Sgt. Elkins at 767-5817/1452.

Vacation Bible School

Fort Stewart SonHarvest County Fair will be held 9 a.m. to noon, June 16 to 20 at Brittin Elementary School. Ages 2 to 12 are invited.

Register during Sunday School hour from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. at Diamond Elementary or at Marne Chapel until 280 vacancies are filled. For more information contact Evon Roberts 863-7678 or Marne Chapel 767-8801.

15th Street temporary change

Effective Monday, the traffic at the 15th Street Gate will be temporarily restricted to a single inbound lane. Outbound traffic must exit the installation through any of the other open gates. This restriction will last until first week in June.

Learning center hours

The Main Education and 1st Brigade/DIVARTY Learning Centers, Buildings 130 and 1237

respectively, will expand their hours due to the high demand for services during the day and evening hours. Two temporary changes are in effect until further notice.

Computer access will be available during the week at the Main Learning Center, Building 130, will be available 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday.

Learning Center, Building 1237 will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Childcare Needed

Military wives in counties surrounding Fort Stewart are needed to provide childcare in their homes.

Free training and assistance offered through Youth Services' Family Childcare program. If you love children, why not consider this excellent opportunity to make money.

For more information call 767-2311.

Operation Salute

Anheuser-Busch will give free single-day admission to its SeaWorld, Busch Gardens and Sesame Place parks to active duty military, active reservists, U.S. Coast Guard, National Guardsmen and up to four of their dependents.

For more information 1-800-DIAL-BUD for visit your military ticket office.

Volunteers Needed

The ACS Volunteer Coordinator and the Installation Volunteer Coordinator have information about a variety of volunteer opportunities in the ACS Center and other agencies at Fort Stewart.

Call 767-5058 for more information about services needed.

Fort Stewart Library

May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage month. The library has books of special interest these citizens.

The Asian American Information Directory is a guide to organizations, agencies and institutions concerned with Asian American nationalities and ethnic groups in the U.S.

Interesting web sites are www.nypl.org/branch/kids/asian/asian.html and www.infoplease.com/spot/asian-history1.html.

Hotel Discounts

For hotel and various travel discounts visit the following website www.armymwr.com/portal/travel/travelresources

Hunter

Softball Tourney

Memorial Day Softball Tourney will be held Friday and Saturday. Entry deadline was Wednesday. There is a maximum of 15 people per team.

For more information call the Hunter Sports Office at 352-6749.

After-school Program

The Hunter Youth Center is now signing up students in the 6th grade level and higher for a free After-School Program.

1st through 5th graders may also sign up, however, space is limited. Those who are interested can register at Building. 1286.

Phatt Katz Comedy Show

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

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

First Steps Program

The First Steps Program needs volunteers. This is a program that provides information and support to expectant and new parents stationed at Hunter. Volunteers make home visits to expectant parents and provide a 12 month phone call follow up. Volunteers are paid mileage reimbursement and enjoy flexible hours. For more information, call 756-6516.

Wilson Avenue

Widening and resurfacing from approximately 800 feet west of the Stephenson Gate to the intersection of Lightening Road is scheduled to Commence Monday until July 3, tentatively. Traffic will be maintained to one lane.

Softball

Intramural Softball registration is still open – sign up today! Semi-pro baseball is also available. All sports open to active duty, reserve component soldiers and family members. For more information call Art Lewis, Hunter Sports Office at 352-6749.

Continuing education

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

Classrooms are also available for training and FRG meetings. For additional information about these locations, or the ACES program, call the Main Education Center at 352-6130.

Youth Services

Youth Services is offering tae kwon do classes, golf lessons, weight training, basketball, cheerleading, soccer clinics and much more. For more information call Youth Services at 352-5708 or 352-6075.

Swimming Lessons

Red Cross certified swimming lessons held at pool located between Community Club and hotel. Must be a CYS member and must register in advance.

Fee is \$25 and classes are limited to 10 students. All classes will be held Monday through Thursday with Friday being a rain day.

For more information call Youth Services at 352-5708 or 352-6075.

Mystery Bowl

This event will be held June 1 to August 3. Chances to win bowling prizes such as a Brunswick Viz-a-Ball, bags, toys, and "instant win" opportunities. The nine weekly winners go on to compete for one of two resort vacations sponsored by www.GovArm.com.

Get additional information at Hunter bowling centers or call 352-6279.

Renaissance Festival

Get in free with your military identification May 31 and June 1. Georgia Renaissance Festival is a Medieval Amusement Park open 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sundays, plus Memorial Day.

For information visit www.georgiarenaissancefestival.com or call 770-964-8575.

Hunter Outdoor Recreation

Lotts Island equipment is available 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday free of charge but must be used on the island.

Pavilion reservations can be made for parties, reunions or organizational functions to military and general public. For Pavilion reservations call 352-5722.

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Winn Army Community Hospital

Tobacco Cessation

Tobacco Cessations classes will be available at Winn 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday starting May 15.

To register for the class, call 370-5071. The class will be available at Tuttle 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays starting May 7. To register for the class, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Coping Support Groups

The Coping Support Group is for adults having difficulty dealing with the stress in their life. The group meets 9 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday.

The Coping Support Group for Children meets 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday for children ages 6 to 9 and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday for children ages 10 to 13. For more information, call 370-6100.

TRICARE Hours of Operation

The TRICARE Service Center will be open 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Regular business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 370-6015.

Tuttle TRICARE enrollment

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

Winn and Tuttle Champions

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

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.

ASAP sees families

The Army Substance Abuse Program will now see dependant family members at least 18-years-old, retirees, contract employees and Department of the Army civilians on a walk-in basis. ASAP is located in Building 620 on 6th Street. For more information, call 767-5265/5267.

Pregnancy Nurse Line

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

Mental Status Exams

The Behavioral Health Clinic will conduct Active-duty Mental Status Exams 1 to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All patients with a completed FL92-R who sign in by 1:30 p.m. will be seen. This exam is not a treatment evaluation. All soldiers E4 and below must be accompanied by an E5 or higher. For more information, call 370-6100.

Bereavement Support Group

A Sunrise Bereavement Support Group will be held 7 to 8 p.m. May 13 in Winn's chapel. The group is open to beneficiaries who have lost a loved one. For more information, call 370-6661 or 370-6779.

Expectant Siblings Class

The next Expectant Siblings Class will be 5 p.m. on May 28. This class helps prepare children ages 4 to 12 for the arrival of a new brother or sister. To register, call 370-6017 or 370-6670.

Medical Threat Briefings

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

Take Care of Yourself

The next Winn classes will be 2 to 3 p.m. June 11 and 25 and 11 a.m. to noon June 25. Tuttle's class will be 10 to 11 a.m. June 25.

The class gives an overview of how to use the "Take Care of Yourself" book. Upon completing the class, you will receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from Winn or Tuttle. To register for the Winn class, call 370-5071. To register for the Tuttle class, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

POLICE REPORTS

- **Subject:** Private First Class, 23-year-old male, First Brigade
- **Charges:** Failure to yield right of way
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 19-year-old female
- **Charges:** Larceny of AFEES property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 33-year male,
- **Charges:** Driving too fast for conditions
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Reckless driving
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 2, 18-year-old male, First Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 30-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 2, 21-year-old male
- **Charges:** Failure to obey a lawful regulation and/or order (driving on post suspension)
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, First Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, First Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, First Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of cocaine
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, First Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful use of cocaine
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 28-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving while license is suspended, failure to stop at a posted stop sign, speeding
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 29-year-old male
- **Charges:** Speeding, transporting a loaded firearm
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private Second Class, 20-year-old male, First Brigade
- **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Family member, 33-year-old female
- **Charges:** Trespassing, failure to show proof of insurance
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Family member, 29-year-old female
- **Charges:** Failure to maintain lane
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 31-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Indecent acts between males and females
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Family member, 37-year-old female
- **Charges:** Public indeceny
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private First Class, 26-year-old male, Second Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, driving on expired tags
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, age unknown
- **Charges:** Simple assault
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 43-year-old male
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Failure to yield right of way
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, First Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 25-year-old male, First Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old male, First Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old male, First Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old female
- **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Family member, 37-year-old female
- **Charges:** Aggravated assault, damage to private property, damage to government property
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 45-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Simple assault

- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, carrying a concealed weapon, failure to obey a general order, failure to maintain lane
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Civilian, 49-year-old male
- **Charges:** Pay and allowance fraud, larceny of government funds
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private Second Class, 19-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Failure to stop at posted stop sign, reckless driving, speeding, fleeing and attempting to elude, failure to signal when changing lanes or turning
- **Location:** Darien

MP NOTES

Due to a change in the National and State threat level and the pending holiday; gate 3 will be closed at 11 p.m. May 23 until 5 a.m. May 27.

Click it or Ticket: Seatbelt Awareness and Enforcement checkpoints, (This will be going on State wide on the following dates)

- Started Monday ends June 1
- Aug. 28 to Sept. 3
- Nov. 18- Dec. 1

Operation Zero Tolerance: DUI Enforcement and Awareness Checkpoints

- June 27 to July 13
- Dec. 19 to Jan. 4

Deer/Boar-vehicle collisions have been steadily increasing on Fort Stewart's Highways in the past months. Here are a few tips to remember about dealing with deer while driving:

- Eighty percent of deer wrecks happen on two-lane rural roads between dawn and dusk.
- Experts say it is important to pay attention to deer crossing signs.
- Do not honk your horn or flash your headlights at a deer. JSpeeding is one of the most prevalent factors contributing to traffic crashes. Speeding reduces a driver's ability to steer safely around curves or objects in the roadway, extends the distance necessary to stop a vehicle, and increases the distance a vehicle travels while the driver reacts to a dangerous situation.
- Seat belts are the most effective safety devices in vehicles. In potentially fatal crashes they increase your chance of survival by 45 percent in a car and 60 percent

in a light truck.

- An airbag is a supplemental restraint system; it is meant to work with a seat belt, not by itself. Airbags in your dashboard only work in frontal crashes. If your car is rear-ended, hit on the side or rolls over, the air bag can't protect you — but your seat belt will.
- Without wearing a seat belt, a 35 mph. crash is the equivalent to falling from a third-story window.
- If you are in the back seat and not belted in a crash, your body becomes a lethal object moving forward with enough force to break the back of someone riding in the front or to cause brain injury.

Because the majority of crashes occur close to home at speeds 45 miles per hour or less, wear your seatbelt habitually. In addition, parents should keep in mind they are setting a good example for their children because:

During the month of March the Military Police has noticed an increasing amount of Larcenies of personal property in unsecured vehicles and homes. By keeping your vehicles and homes secured your are reducing the chance of getting victimized. Help us help you by following these simple rules. Keep your vehicle locked and do not keep high dollar value items in plain view, park in lighted areas.

Always lock your door when leaving your home, record all serial numbers on all high dollar value items. It is easier to track stolen equipment with serial numbers. Don't hide keys outside your home, if you have a sliding glass door put a piece of wood behind it. By following these simple guidelines you are making yourself a hard target for thieves.

Look Before You Leap...

Observe swimming safety, year-round!



Monument to recognize fallen soldiers

Spc. Casandra Bolton

372nd MPAD

The Hinesville Military Affairs Coordinating Committee is sponsoring a memorial addition to Marne Gardens.

Tribute will have a plaque that will recognize the 35 soldiers and four foreign journalist who were killed in action during

Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Donations are being accepted to help with the funding of the memorial.

"Anyone wishing to make a donation can make their checks out to the 'City of Hinesville, Military Affairs Coordinating Committee,'" said David Anderson, chairman of Military Affairs Committee.

The address that donations can be mailed

to is 115 M. L. King Dr., Hinesville, GA, 31313.

"Col. (Edwin) Marrero and our Mayor Thomas Ratcliffe had talked about the idea of the memorial," Anderson said.

"At our last meeting, Col. Marrero was present and he presented the plan to the committee," he said.

After the plan was presented, the commit-

tee voted and accepted the challenge of sponsoring the Operation Iraqi Freedom memorial monument.

The addition to Marne Gardens is going to add another walkway that leads up to a memorial in honor of the 34 fallen soldiers.

"It is important that we remember those who gave their lives in Operation Iraqi Freedom," Anderson said.



Operation Iraqi Freedom Memorial Monument Fund



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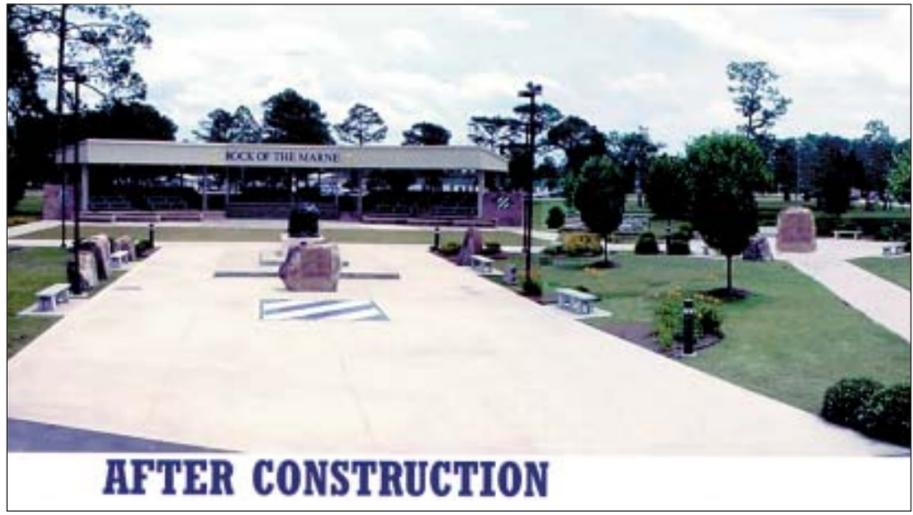
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LIFE & TIMES

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On Post

Spouses' night out

A Spouses' Night Out will be held 6 to 10 p.m., Friday at Club Stewart's Patriot Corner. There will be line dancing and ballroom dancing lessons at 7:30 p.m.

There will also be board games, music, snacks, cards and a beverage station. Child care is available, call CYS at 767-3203 for child care requirements.

Toastmasters

Whether you're a professional, student, stay-at-home parent or retiree, Toastmasters is the best way to improve your communication skills.

The Dog-Faced Soldiers Toastmasters International Club meets noon every second and fourth Wednesday at Club Stewart and is open to everyone.

For more information, call 767-0383 or email at Bowenja@stewart.army.mil.

Education Center hours

The Main Education Center and 1st Brigade/DIVARTY Learning Centers, Buildings 130 and 1237 have expanded their hours due to the high demand for services during the day and evening hours until no longer needed.

Computer access will be available during the week at the Main Learning Center, Building 130, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The 1st Brigade/DIVARTY Learning Center, Building 1237, will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Prayer Warriors

The Fort Stewart Prayer Warriors meet 3 to 4 p.m., Sundays at Marne Chapel Conference Room.

This prayer group is open to everyone, if you cannot make it, email your soldier's name and unit to caseybrcraig@coastalnow.net and we will add them to our prayer list. No babysitting is provided, please bring a toy for your child.

Prayer service

The installation commander announces a weekly prayer service, noon to 12:20 p.m., Thursdays at Marne Chapel. It is a prayer time for Remembrance and Hope.

CYS Central Registration

The CYS Central Registration, Building 443 will be open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday and Friday by appointment only; 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday by appointment only and all day Wednesday for walk-in. Pick up records from your child's program (SAS, CDC, FCC and YS) prior to update. For more information, call 767-2312.

Off Post

Parent's night out

Enjoy a night out while your kids have fun at the YMCA 5 to 10 p.m., Fridays and every 2nd and 4th Saturday. Rates per child, per hour are E-1 through E-4, \$1; E-5 through E-6, \$1.25 and all others, \$1.50. Children may bring swimsuits. Registration is required and may be completed when children are dropped off.

Art School Exhibit

Hospice Savannah will host the End of the Year Exhibit of Student Art Work 2003, May 1 to May 31 at the Hospice Savannah Art Gallery at 6711 LaRoche Avenue. The gallery is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

For more information, call 355-2289 or 691-1181.

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



Spc. Emily Danial

Xavier Gierisch, 2, enjoys a free barbequed chicken meal for at the dinner hosted by the Savannah chapter of the American Red Cross May 10 at Hunter Club.

Red Cross feeds families freely

Pfc. Emily Danial

Staff Writer Hunter Public Affairs

The Savannah Chapter of the American Red Cross hosted a dinner, Saturday at 6 p.m. at Hunter Army Airfield's Hunter Club. The Red Cross staff and volunteers greeted guests at the door and supervised children - many of whom apparently believed that chicken was meant to be absorbed through osmosis, judging from the amount of barbecue sauce visible on their person - so that parents

could make their own plates without having to employ the eyes that everyone knows they have in the back of their heads.

Dick Sanders, the Savannah Red Cross' Vice-President for Community Development, said the dinner was an effort "to do something for military families while their spouses were deployed."

Sanders also said, "Since Hunter Club is now self-sufficient, and most of their clientele is gone, we thought it might help them as well."

He said the dinner was the second one hosted by the Red Cross thus far, and that more than 400 people, twice as many participants from the first one, held earlier this year.

"It was an unbudgeted item for us," said Sanders. "We went on the philosophy that if it was the right thing to do ... the money would come, sort of like 'Field of Dreams.'"

Sure enough, the money did come.

"Captain D's Restaurants, in Savannah

and Hinesville, are contributing 10 percent of their gross receipts every Tuesday to support this event," he said. "So far, we've gotten \$2,700 from them, and that's going to continue as long as the troops are deployed."

Another business that contributed, said Sanders, was Aaron's Sales and Lease, who donated \$1,500.

One other unforeseen problem, he said, was where everyone would sit.

"Last time," said Sanders, "We put everyone at round

tables. This time, we decided to use long tables, so that units could sit together, and at the last minute we were told there wouldn't be enough tables."

Fortunately, as it turned out, the Club was able to accommodate all who attended.

"I came in yesterday," said Sanders, "and there were all these tables here ... the word got out (that tables were needed) and people started saying, 'Hey, I've

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First U.S. Military Jewish Chapel service held in Baghdad

Spc. Chad D. Wilkerson

372nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq - The first U.S. Military Jewish Chapel service was held May 10 near Baghdad International Airport.

Eight Jewish worshippers attended the Sabbath morning service Torah reading, which included singing and reciting of scripture.

"It's part of our American way to say that whatever faith group you are, you have the right to worship," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mitchell S. Ackerson, brigade chaplain for the 220th Military Police Brigade, an Army Reserve unit from Gaithersburg, MD. "I think that is

part of why we're here."

Ackerson was in Saudi Arabia during the first Gulf War organizing

"It's part of our American way to say that whatever faith group you are, you have the right to worship"

Lt. Col. Mitchell S. Ackerson
220th Military Police Brigade

chapel services for soldiers. He said that the chapel services are usually a morale boosting experience for the soldiers.

"For many of them, it's definitely a plus," said Ackerson. "They get to

go to services, we give them a little something to eat and we have brought letters from Hebrew schools and Jewish day schools throughout the United States. I hope that is an uplifting thing for most of them."

"When they (soldiers) are forward deployed, it is very difficult for them to have religious services, especially in religious minorities where there are fewer chaplains," said Spc. Daniel Steeb, chaplain's assistant for the 3rd Battalion, 27th Field Artillery.

The chaplain staff was very excited to be able to give the soldiers a chance to worship on this day of rest, as well as participate in some of the religious activities they did at

home, said Steeb.

Another high point of the services, said Ackerson, is that Jewish soldiers are able to meet and interact with other Jewish soldiers.

"It is important to identify with your community, and the weekly services are a good time to get to know the rest of the Jewish soldier community," said Ackerson.

At its basic elements, the Jewish chapel services are not only religious meetings, they are also a representation of America's freedoms.

"I believe people should have a right to pray wherever they are, regardless of their faith," said Ackerson. "We are doing our job; taking care of the soldier the best we can."

Time to plan the reunion
my soldier is coming home

Susan Wilder

Director of mobilization, deployment and readiness

Your soldier has been gone for awhile. You are excited that he/she is coming home and you have all of these ideas of things you want to do to make up for lost time. Have these sort of thoughts been running through your mind? Take a deep breath and slow down. Remember the old saying, "Rome wasn't built in a day." There is never a way to make up for lost time. You can however make the future count! While planning that "perfect" reunion keep in mind a few important points:

* Do not be disappointed if things don't turn out perfectly...we are all human and your soldier may have some ideas of their own too.

* If your soldier seems tired or un-interested, it doesn't mean that he or she didn't miss you or the children. Keep in mind that even if their time away wasn't physi-

cally exhausting, deployments are usually mentally and emotionally draining for your soldier just as they are for you, not to mention the long flight they have just finished.

* If you feel you really want to plan something, keep it simple:

Man or woman, everyone likes to be pampered so why not prepare a hot bubble bath for your soldier in a room full of aromatherapy candles. While they soak, prepare them a fruit and veggie snack and a nice cold drink of their favorite beverage.

Maybe a nice home cooked meal and some good ol' fashioned quality family time. While you prepare the meal, it's a great time for the children to get some quality time with mom or dad.

STRESS DANGER SIGNALS

Did you know that stress can make you physically ill? Below you will find some

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Fourth graders at Savannah Country Day School display their patriotism and support of troops with a banner.

Your parents are our heroes

Special to the Frontline

The fourth graders at Savannah Country Day School wanted to start a project for the children of the soldiers who were off at war. The school contacted the Hunter Army Airfield Public Relations Office and was told about the regularly scheduled Family Readiness Group meetings.

The fourth graders decided to show their support by making a banner for these meetings. In art class they made letters on the banner with their hand prints in red, white, and blue saying, "Your parents are our heroes." The students decided to collect gifts for the children of the soldiers, and each grade was assigned certain items

to bring. Boxes were filled with stuffed animals, puzzles, games, books, and arts and craft supplies. The response from the Lower School students was overwhelming.

Two fourth grade students, Hunter Bowman and Tate O'Connor, helped deliver the boxes of gifts to Hunter Army Airfield. Command Sgt. Major Mittie Smith and other soldiers from the Garrison Headquarters came in to thank the boys.

Smith even presented the fourth graders with a Garrison Headquarters coin. The soldiers were so appreciative of our project that they invited the students to come to their carnival the next day at Hunter Army Airfield.

Museum honors servicemembers

Sgt. Raymond Piper

Editor

A solemn mood filled the Chapel of Fallen Eagles at the Mighty 8th Air Force Museum Saturday during an Armed Forces Day memorial ceremony.

"I can think of no better place to pay tribute to yesterday's and today's military," said Air Force Col. Ed Wexler, vice commander of the 165th Air Wing, Air Force National Guard. "The events of Operation Iraqi Freedom are an opportunity to remind people of the sacrifices servicemembers make and that service equals sacrifice."

The event began with the presentation of the colors by members of the 165th and the singing of the National Anthem by Maj. Geri Adams, a member of the 165th.

"Today we celebrate Armed Forces Day, and we have to remember all of our services," said Air Force Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Wayne Durden, 165th Air Wing chaplain, during the ceremony. "They have made the choice to serve; sometimes with little recognition."

He said many people today think the noblest people in the nation are athletes, baseball, football and basketball players, but it's the American soldier, airman, Marine and sailor.

"They do their job to protect the nation's and peoples' freedom for pennies in comparison to athletes," Durden said.

He continued, "We are celebrating some of the greatest men and women so we can tell our children about past heroes and the heroes of today."

After Durden finished speaking, a moment of silence was held, followed by the "America the Beautiful" and "Taps." The ceremony ended with the retiring of the colors.

Wexler said, "I was proud to be part of this ceremony because it was an exciting beginning to the exhibits and displays of the museum."

The ceremony was the beginning of the celebration of the museum's 7th anniversary.

The museum is a 90,000 square foot facility containing various collections of air war memorabilia in the world, oral histories from those who were there, photomurals, audio-visual presentations, and an immersion theater where visitors "fly" a mission over Nazi Germany.

Savannah was the birthplace of the Mighty 8th Air Force and was an ideal place for the museum, said Lewis E. Lyle, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees.

A group of living historians were on hand to explain different artifacts from World War II. Rick Joslyn, wearing an Air Force winter uniform from 1943, explained to patrons how airplanes were navigated in during World War II.

Joslyn said, "It's humbling to be here with the veterans that have gone through these experiences that I studied. I'm very proud to be here. We can't do enough to show our support of soldiers and their history."

He added, "I'm so glad to see so many people out here. It's a great museum and a great experience."



Photos by Sgt. Raymond Piper

(Above) Reenactors James Dunigan III and Lawton Lancaster portraying a sergeant and a private first class from A Co., U.S. 30th Inf., 1st Bn., 1st Squad, 3rd Inf. Div., don their vintage equipment.

(Right) A 165th Air Wing, Air Force National Guard color guard moves to retrieve the colors at the end of the ceremony.



(Above) Patrons begin their tour of the museum by learning about the Third Reich's rise to power.

(Right) Attendees of the Mighty 8th Air Force Museum Armed Forces Day memorial ceremony place their hands over their hearts as "Taps" was played in the Chapel of Fallen Eagles.



Retirees celebrate Armed Forces Day with 3rd ID

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Staff Writer

Beverly Health and Rehabilitative Center had a small Armed Forces Day celebration for their residents May 13.

The 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) color guard presented and retired the colors and Lt. Col. Denise L. Cobb, assistant chief of staff, gave a speech about Armed Forces Day and the importance of observing it.

Armed Forces Day is a time for people to remember the heroes of the past, future and present, Cobb said. It is important for soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines to believe they are a part of the best service and part of a joint team that fights to win wars.

Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days Aug. 31, 1949.

Armed Forces Day, May 20, 1950, marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the national Security Act, towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality, former President Harry S. Truman said.

It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea, and air defense.

The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions, and air shows.

"This is the day on which we have the welcome opportunity to pay special tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces ... to all the individuals who are in the service of their country all over the world," according to a New York Times article published on May 17, 1952. "Armed Forces Day will not be a matter of parades and receptions for a good many of them. They will all be in line of duty and some of them may give their lives in that duty."

FAMILIES

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got long tables,' and they just came together and supported it, and it was really, really a great thing."

Hunter Club's staff has continued to be a big help during the event, he said. "They've bent over backwards to make this thing work ... kudos to Mr. Fisher and the rest of the staff at the Hunter Club, because they really made this thing happen."

After the meal of chicken, vegetables and various bread products, children were given the opportunity to watch a movie, supervised

by Red Cross volunteers and staff, so that parents would have a chance to brush up on the conjugation of complex verbs and talk about common issues.

"We wanted to be able to get the families together, do a little bit of rumor control, and let them get to know each other, because many don't know each other at all," said Sanders.

All in all, the dinner seemed to be a great success. Adults chatted, children played, and the theory that free food brings people together was proved true.

REUNION

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signals that you may be feeling. The more signals you have, the stronger the likelihood that there is a serious problem. See your doctor if you are concerned about these symptoms:

- General irritability, hyper excitability, depression
- Pounding of the heart
- Dryness of mouth and throat
- Impulsive behavior, emotional instability
- Overpowering urge to cry
- Inability to concentrate, flight of thoughts
- Feelings of unreality, weak-

ness, dizziness, fatigue

- Floating anxiety, being afraid and not knowing why
- Emotional tension
- Trembling, nervous tics, easily startled
- High-pitched, nervous laughter
- Stuttering, other speech difficulties
- Bruxism, or grinding of the teeth
- Insomnia
- Hyperactivity, increased tendency to move about
- Excessive sweating
- Frequent need to urinate

- Diarrhea, indigestion, queasiness, vomiting
- Migraine headaches
- Pain in neck or lower back
- Loss of appetite or excessive appetite
- Increased use of prescribed drugs
- Alcohol or drug abuse
- Nightmares
- Accident proneness

Remember to take stress signals seriously. There are several options available to deal with your stress, but only you can take care of yourself!

The one that didn't get away ...



Anna Stager

Simon Lee Brown, 5, of Richmond Hill, Ga., displays his very first fish caught at the recent Family Fishing Rodeo for May, held at Pond #10. Simon is the son of Captain Gregory L. Brown. Brown is the commander of HHD 260th Quartermaster Bn. at Hunter Army Airfield.

SPORTS & FITNESS

On Post

Basketball courts opened

The Hunter gym's basketball courts are newly renovated and now open.

Tae Kwon Do lessons

Tae Kwon Do is available for children and adults.

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

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

Marne tournaments

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

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

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

Newman offers training

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

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

Golf course

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

• **Troops Tune Up**, a soldiers free clinic, is held every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• **A Ladies Free Clinic** is held every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

• **A "Junior Golf Academy"** is scheduled to be held during the summer.

Anyone who wants to schedule a fundraising event for Family Support Groups, Unit Activities or a private organization is invited to contact Charlie Dobbertin at 767-2370.

Pool passes

Pool passes will be available May 23. Call Andy Arrington, DCAS Aquatic Director, at 767-3034 for more information.

Picnic areas

Picnic areas are available at Fort Stewart and Hunter. To reserve the picnic areas, call Outdoor Recreation Center at 767-8609.

The center also rents boats, trailers and kayaks, as well as small items such as cookers, pots and pans.

Off Post

Firecracker 5000

The Island Packet Firecracker 5000 Road Race and Fun Walk will be held 8 a.m. July 4 at the Mall at Shelter cove.

Runners from all over the United States participate in this Independence Day Event. It is the largest road race in Beaufort County and will be limited to the first 1,000 participants registered.

For more information or to register, contact Bear Foot Sports at (843)379-3440 or register online at www.bearfootsports.com.

10K & 5K Road Race

Second Annual Army Hooah Road Race to be held 7:30 (5K) and 7:45 (10K) a.m., Saturday, June 7. Registration fee is \$10.

For more information call 770-920-2881, 404-464-8119, or visit Margaret.Bozgoz@usarc-emh2.army.mil

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

Army wrestlers take national title

Tim Hipps

Army News Service

LAS VEGAS — Reigning Greco-Roman super heavyweight world champion Dremiel Byers and 2001 U.S. World Team member Keith Sieracki won gold medals May 10 to lead the All-Army wrestling team to its third consecutive crown in the 2003 U.S. National Wrestling Championships.

"A three-peat, that means you're a dynasty," beamed Staff Sgt. Glenn Nieradka, who won a silver medal in the 60-kilogram Greco division. "That means we rank right up there with the Chicago Bulls, and our coach is Michael Jordan."

His Elderness of Rare Air, however, has not demonstrated the ability to compete and coach like Staff Sgt. Shon Lewis who led 21 soldiers to their third national championship in as many years since he retired from the mat and took the helm in 2002.

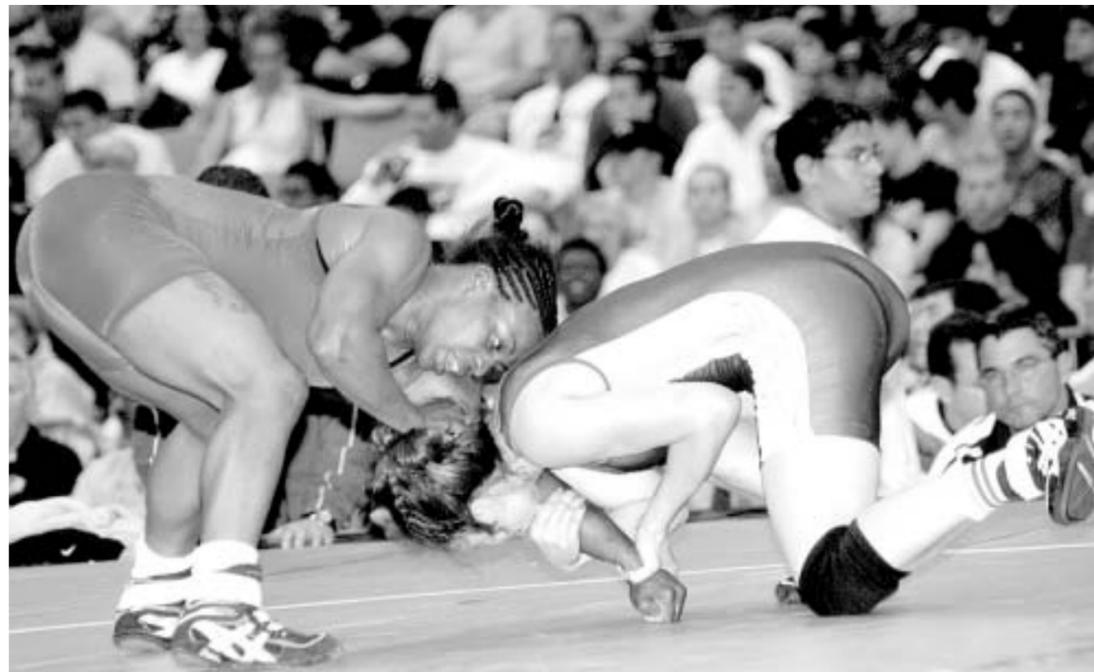
"The proof is in the pudding," Lewis said. "I don't know if this is a dynasty. This might be our last one. I honestly didn't think we had won it because New York Athletic Club had more national-caliber guys here than we did."

To thunderous chants of "Bam, bam, boom!" from his adoring Army teammates, Byers climaxed the night by lifting and throwing Air Force Senior Airman Corey Farkas for a 3-0 victory in the 264.5-pound Greco finale.

"The thing people don't realize about The Big Easy is that he's getting better every match - win, lose or draw," Lewis said of Byers, who before the finals was honored as USA Wrestling's 2002 Greco-Roman Wrestler of the Year. "He's getting better and he's getting smarter. This is not a guy like 90 percent of the people who are wrestling at this level in the United States; those guys have been wrestling for 15 years. This guy has only been wrestling since 1996 and he's a world champion and a multiple-time national champion."

Farkas stole some of Byers' thunder by upsetting Rulon Gardner, America's darling of the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, with a 4-2 overtime victory in the semifinals.

Byers was disappointed about missing a rematch with Gardner, but he was happy for runner-up Farkas, who recorded the biggest victory of



Tim Hipps

Pfc. Tina George (left) has the upper hand on Tela O'Donnell (right) of Dave Schultz Wrestling Club, until victory slips from her grasp in the final 24 seconds of the women's 55-kilogram division of the 2003 U.S. National Wrestling Championships at Las Vegas Convention Center May 10.

his life. Byers was also happy to win a national title for his wife, Army Sgt. Sherwanda Byers, who is deployed to Camp Virginia in Kuwait.

"Everyone wants to see the big man cry when he gets his medal and they want to see the heavyweight do his thing," said Byers, 28, of Kings Mountain, N.C., who defeated Army teammate Paul Devlin 4-0 in the semifinals before disposing of Farkas. "I miss my wife and I wish she was here to witness this."

Spc. Devlin, 21, of Livingston, N.J., lost 7-1 to Gardner to finish fourth in the tourney.

Sgt. Sieracki, 31, of Richland Center, Wis., won his fourth national championship with a 6-1 victory over Kenneth Cook of Cyclone Wrestling Club. He was elated to tie Lewis' mark of four national titles.

Pfc. Tina George, a silver medalist in the 2002 World Championships, also struck silver in Las Vegas. She was 24 seconds away from a gold medal when she dropped a 6-4 decision to Tela O'Donnell in the women's 55-kilogram gold-medal match. George accepted the setback as a wakeup call.

"I blew it," George said with a laugh. "Maybe I just shut down a little too early. I don't think I was as focused as I should've been because I've beaten her so many times before. I probably didn't wrestle with as much intensity as I needed. I just need to get healthy, get refocused, and get back in the game. It will be OK."

Even more important than team titles and individual medals, for the first time ever the Army qualified all 10 of its Greco-Roman wrestlers for the 2003 World Team Trials, scheduled for June 20-22 in Indianapolis, with a top-seven finish at nationals.

"For the first time ever," Lewis said with a grin.

Before any U.S. wrestler entertains serious thoughts about becoming a world champion on home soil or in Europe, he or she must survive the intensity and immense pressure of the World Team Trials.

With the 2003 World Freestyle Championships in New York City and the Greco-Roman Worlds in France, the struggle for podium tops will be nearly as great as in the 2004 U.S. Olympic Trials. Team USA representation for the 2003 Pan

American Games at Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic, also will be determined at Indianapolis.

Spc. Glenn Garrison, 29, of Portland, Ore., defeated Army Spc. Oscar Wood, 27, of Gresham, Ore., 9-0, for third place in the 145-pound Greco division.

2nd Lt. Dominic Black, already qualified for the World Team Trials, finished fourth in the 96-kilogram freestyle division after taking more than a year off the mat. He lost 3-1 to defending national champion Tim Hartung of the Minnesota Storm.

Pfc. Iris Smith, 23, of Albany, Ga., was 10 seconds away from a semifinal victory in the women's 72-kilogram division before being pinned by Sunkist Kids' Samantha Lang. She rebounded to finish third.

Spc. Anthony Gibbons, 29, of Fort Myers, Fla., finished fourth in the 55-kilo Greco division after losing 4-1 to Gator Wrestling Club's Sam Hazewinkel.

Duaine Martin led the U.S. Marine Corps with a fifth-place finish.

Lieutenants Neal Rodak and Josh Feldman led the Navy with a pair of seventh-place finishes.



Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Neil Caldwell gets gunned down at first base by Hendrix Park's Jordan Lane.

Diamondbacks get bitten by Hendrix Park 3

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

The "mercy rule" was put into effect May 16, as the Hendrix Park Warriors routed the Fort Stewart D'backs 18-8, in the 12 and under league.

Warriors reached base on five hits, 18 walks and 10 errors. A load of wild pitches from the D'backs Neil Caldwell, who was pulled in the third inning, made base-stealing a cinch for Hendrix Park.

Left-fielder Ryan Poythres had two home

runs, a three-run blast to right field in the fourth and another in the fifth, to put Hendrix up for good. Starting pitcher Jordan Lane was effective, retiring nearly one in three batters faced and allowing only one earned run in four innings.

The D'backs staged a minor come back in the bottom of the fifth, scoring six runs on two base hits and a handful of errors and wild pitches, bringing the deficit to ten runs, nearly forcing a sixth inning.

Marne Scoreboard

Youth Baseball

Youth Services T-Ball League

Today, 6 p.m. — Ranger v. Marlins
Today, 7 p.m. — Rockies v. Braves
Wednesday, 6 p.m. — Rangers v. Rockies
Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Braves v. Dodgers
All games will be played at Bryan Village Field 24

7-8 Pee Wee League

Today, 6 p.m. — Expos v. Mets
Tuesday, 6 p.m. — Braves v. Mets
Wednesday, 6 p.m. — Mets v. Braves
All games will be played at Field 18

9-10 Mite League

Tuesday, 6 p.m. — Pirates v. Marlins
Tuesday, 7 p.m. — Yankees v. Pirates
Wednesday, 6 p.m. — Mariners v. Dodgers
Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Yankees v. Pirates
All games will be played at Field 16

12 Under Midget Boys CAA League

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. — Cubs v. Pooler 2
Tuesday 6 p.m. — Diamondbacks v. Pooler 3
Home games will be played at Field 24

Aerobics

Hunter Fitness Center Aerobics schedule

Mondays — 6 to 7 p.m.

Cardio-Stepping
Cardio-Kicking
Buns/Thighs Weights
AB Work Stretch

Wednesday — 6 to 7 p.m.

Cardio-Stepping
Low Impact
Jump Rope
Weights
AB Work Stretch

Fridays — 6 to 7 p.m.

Fun Fridays
Party Dance
Yoga Stretches

Spring Schedule

Spring schedule for softball, racquetball and tennis

Call 767-8326 to sign up.

Softball League May 3-June 26
Softball Tournament July 7-10
Racquetball Tournament June 14 & 15
Tennis League June 9-26

Got Scores? Contact the Frontline staff at 767-3440 or e-mail Frontline@stewart.army.mil.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Giving God credit

Chaplain (Maj.) James W. McGill
 Special to the Frontline

Throughout the years I have learned that many of us are creatures of habit. We will often turn to one of our old habits, whether it is a good or bad habit. One bad habit that many of us often practice today is that we like to take the credit for certain things, rather than giving credit where credit is due.

I recall one occasion many years ago. I was a lay speaker in my local church. Late one Saturday afternoon, my pastor asked me to stand in for him on Sunday morning. He had a death in his family and would be leaving town later that evening. I first prayed that God would give me the word to share with his people on Sunday morning.

The next couple of hours his message came to me. Writing the words on paper was just too easy.

On Sunday morning as I stood in the pulpit, the delivery of the message was almost flawless. God had given me the message. Without knowing my subject matter, the music director had selected songs that perfectly complimented my message. That confirmed for me that God had indeed given me the word for the day.

After the benediction as I stood by the door and greeted the worshipers as they left church; I listened to all of the praises for such a good message. The next couple weeks my head must have been the largest part of my body. When it was my scheduled turn in the rotation to preach again, everything from the preparation to the delivery of the sermon was painfully difficult.

In my opinion, I had failed. However, I learned two painful lessons that I have not forgotten in twenty-eight years: an excessive amount of pride will render us useless

to God, and we should never seek the credit for that which God has done.

Today our soldiers, brave men and women, who distinguished themselves in battle have begun to return home now from the front. Everyone is praising them for a job well done, as well as it ought to be. Signs of our American pride can be seen everywhere we look. This is also good, however, we should remember not become too proud.

The Apostle James tells us that "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." (James 4:6)

Paul even tells us "... do not become proud, but stand in awe." (Romans 11:20) I would suggest that we should "not become (too) proud" of what was accomplished by our military, but we should "stand in awe" of what God did through our military.

When the heavy fighting was expected to last for months, instead of a few weeks, people begin to think that the war too was easy. Many of the world leaders were expecting to see many casualties of war, perhaps as many as 100,000 deaths, instead of a couple hundred. It is well to celebrate such a victory, however we should never forget that the war was not ours', it belonged to God. He gave us the victory. We should praise God through the name Jesus for the victory.

By giving God the credit for that which He has done, we can praise Him for all things, even the victory of war. Praising God is what the psalmist did, he wrote, "Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! ... Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" (Psalm 150:1-2, 6)

For God and Country!

Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

<u>Catholic</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sunday Mass	Victory	9 a.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	7 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.
<u>Protestant</u>		
Sunday "Protestant Worship"	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
<u>American Samoan</u>		
Sunday Worship	Vale	1 p.m.
<u>Muslim</u>		
Friday Jum'ah	Bldg. 9182	1:15 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Bldg. 9182	5:30 a.m.
<u>Seventh Day Adventist</u>		
Saturday Sabbath School	Vale	9:15 a.m.
Saturday Divine Worship	Vale	11 a.m.
<u>Lutheran</u>		
Sunday Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
<u>Contemporary Service</u>		
Sunday Worship	Marne	6 p.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

<u>Protestant</u>		
Sunday Service	Post Chapel	11 a.m.

Pet of the Week

Marigold is a 1-year-old cat with 5 kittens. Two are her own and she is nursing three others. She is somewhat timid and does not like dogs. Marigold would be a loving asset to any family and obviously a caring mother.

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



Volunteer Spotlight



WOODRUFF THEATER

May 22 — May 28

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



Kimberly Vallade



Kimberly is from Romulus, Mich. and volunteers for 3rd Forward Support Battlaion. She enjoys volunteering because she likes to see other military families happy, being offered help and being shown the positive side of the Army. Kimberly believes the Army is a close community, and families should embrace it. "If a soldier's spouse is happy then the soldier is happy," said Kimberly.

She likes volunteering because she gets to meet and make new friends, watch the military families grow and reach out to help others adjust their lifestyle.

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

What a Girl Wants (PG)

Starring: Amanda Bynes, Colin Firth

Free Showing Tonight at 7 p.m.

Daphne, a spirited young American girl travels to London in search of her long-lost father. As Daphne attempts to prove that love can conquer all, her impulsive behavior creates an uproar in high society and threatens the relationship she has waited her whole life to experience.

Run Time: 104 minutes

Head of State (PG-13)

Starring: Chris Rock, Bernie Mac

Free Showing Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m.

When a presidential candidate dies unexpectedly, Washington, D.C. alderman Mays Gilliam, is thrust into the international spotlight of presidential politics.

Run Time: 95 minutes

Basic (R)

Starring: John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson

Sunday and Monday at 7 p.m.

Six soldiers went out, two came back. What happened to the military's most elite commandos. As the investigation unfolds, a rogue DEA agent is placed in direct conflict with the Army's official investigating officer and nothing is as it seems.

Run Time: 99 minutes

Phone Booth (R)

Starring: Colin Farrell, Forest Whitaker

Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

A ringing phone demands answering, but when Shepard takes the call, he finds himself hurtled into a torturous game. Hang up, says the caller, and you're a dead man.

Run Time: 81 minutes

**Free Showing
Saturday — Head of State**



Birth announcements

May 2

Victor Marquis Sims, a boy, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Victor Ramone Sims and Spc. Marie Garline Sims.

May 5

Mildany Robanni Rodriguez, a girl, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Milton Rodriguez and Sgt. 1st Class Dania Polanco-Rodriguez

Mya Elizabeth Scott, a girl, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Pfc. Vinaris M. Scott and Pfc. Colleen L. Chilcott-Scott.

Justis Denise Akins, a girl, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Orlando G. Akins and Christy L. Akins.

May 6

Carlie Jordan Wilson, a girl, 7 pounds, born to Capt. Kevin Wilson and Renee Wilson.

May 7

Domonique Janae King, a girl, 9 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Rashad L. King and Holly B. King.

May 8

Lawrence Michael Edmond, a boy, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Natasha Edmond.

Luis Ezequiel Acevedo, a boy, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Fernando Acevedo and Elena Acevedo.

May 9

Natalie Elizabeth Daley, a girl, 5 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Pfc. Jason Daley and Pfc. Jennifer Daley.

May 12

Faith Danielle Susan Cassels, a girl, 9 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Pfc. Daniel M. Cassels and Julie L. Cassels.

Jaidon Kahlil Douglas Jr., a boy, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Sgt. Howard Douglas and Susanne Douglas.