

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

World leaders land at Hunter

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Staff writer

World leaders, meeting for the G-8 Summit at Sea Island, Ga., received a welcome ceremony after flying into Hunter Army Airfield Tuesday.

The ceremony included greeting officials, the playing of national anthems and a presentation of gifts from elementary school students.

"This is an awesome opportunity to greet them here on our beautiful coast, and to demonstrate the hospitality that Georgia affords its visitors," The Honorable Sonny Perdue, Georgia governor.

The ceremony started Sunday night with the arrival of President George W. Bush and Mrs. Laura Bush.

The greeting party included national, state, and local government officials and Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, Jr., 3rd Infantry Division commanding general.

"It's been a huge honor for me to be able to represent all the 3rd ID Soldiers at Fort Stewart, Hunter and Fort Benning.

"It was also an honor for me to tell the leaders of these countries how proud we are to be serving the cause of freedom," Webster

said. The countries that landed Tuesday for the G-8 Summit included the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Canada, Russia and the European Union. Also invited to the meetings were Iraq, Afghanistan, Bahrain, Turkey, Algeria, Jordan, and Yemen.

"I had the pleasure of telling the new President of Iraq that I was proud to be commanding the 3rd Infantry Division and the Soldiers that spear-headed the liberation of his country," Webster said. "He asked me to pass on to all Soldiers and families how much they appreciate our hard fighting and sacrifice to free their country."

After being greeted, each leader walked down the red carpet to hear their country's national anthem followed by the United States national anthem.

Leaders then got the chance to meet and receive gifts from local elementary school students from the Savannah and Brunswick area.

To prepare for the French President Jacques Chirac and Mrs. Bernadette Chirac, students from Windsor Forest Elementary School in Savannah made clay dolls and pottery and presented an artist's print of

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Photos by Spc. Robert Adams

Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr., 3rd Inf. Div. commanding general, greets Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi at Hunter Tuesday.



United Kingdom Prime Minister Tony Blair and Mrs. Cherie Blair meet students from Georgetown Elementary School, Savannah, Ga., waving American and British flags. The students gave Blair a gift basket with assorted gifts from Savannah.



Courtesy photo

President Ronald Reagan salutes a cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy commencement in Colorado Springs, Colo., May 30, 1984.

Military to support Reagan funeral

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WASHINGTON — Military members around the country are working to honor a former commander in chief this week.

The death of former President Ronald Reagan June 5 set into motion a plan that will end up involving countless military members from all the armed forces.

As a past commander in chief, Reagan is being afforded many military honors,

according to officials from the U.S. Army's Military District of Washington. MDW is responsible for coordinating arrangements for the many events leading up to Reagan's official state funeral in Washington June 11.

Traditionally, the president directs the secretary of defense to oversee funeral arrangements. This responsibility is further delegated through the secretary of the Army to the MDW commanding general.

In this role, the MDW commander, currently Army Maj. Gen. Galen B. Jackman, will escort Reagan's immediate family members during the formal events.

A military guard of honor provided security for Reagan's remains during periods of lying in state, till 6 p.m. Pacific time June 8 at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, in Simi Valley, Calif., and at the U.S. Capitol for 24 hours

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Training prepares Soldiers for OIF

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A truck laden with a simulated explosion device was detonated in front of gate number five in the rotational unit bivouac area at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif., at approximately 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, injuring two Soldiers and killing two others.

The "incident" was part of a training exercise to prepare Soldiers and Marines for a deployment to Iraq later this year. Iraqis who participated in the exercise were part of a group of Iraqi Americans hired by the Department of Defense as role players to create a more realistic training environment.

Capt. Patrick Freeburger, 445th Civil Affairs Battalion, was speaking with the tribal chief of the town directly outside out of the gate when the truck pulled up and exploded.

"I was discussing getting support for the people of the town such as school supplies, water and electricity when a large crowd of people started gathering at the gate," Freeburger said. "I told the man that I would be happy to discuss getting the help he needed if he would assist in dispersing the crowd. About that time the truck pulled up

and blew up."

The crowd did not break up after the explosion, and Soldiers grouped near the gate to provide security and help calm the situation.

"They were standing there one minute and the crowd was chanting 'I love America.' The captain asked me to pat the chief down. He was clean so I let him through. The captain and the chief were talking, and the crowd started getting louder. The next thing I know I heard the explosion," said Pfc. Gilbert Romero, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment. Two Iraqis were killed and two were also wounded by the blast. Medics evacuated the Soldiers and the Iraqis. The Iraqis were later released.

The meeting between Freeburger was postponed until a plan of action could be drawn up to better handle the requests of the townspeople, said Spc. Rami Haydar, a translator with civil affairs.

The training is very realistic and provides room to evaluate mistakes and correct them before the deployment.

"When mistakes are made, which is embarrassing enough in itself, I would rather they be made in a training environment," said Freeburger. "It is much easier than making those same mistakes in a real situation."



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Capt. Patrick Freeburger, 445th CA Bn., speaks with a tribal chieftain through translator Spc. Rami Haydar after a simulated truck bomb explosion Tuesday.

Weather Forecast

FRI	High 92°	Low 72°
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878th Soldiers return to open arms



Pfc. Emily J. Danial
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Nearly 290 Soldiers from the 878th Engineer Battalion arrived at Fort Stewart Friday afternoon after having spent about a year in Iraq.

The National Guard battalion, based in Augusta, Ga., also has companies in Metter, Swainsboro, Lyons and Sandersville, Ga.

The Soldiers participated in both Operations Iraqi Freedom I and II, having been deployed since June 2003.

Lt. Col. John Heath, 878th's battalion commander, said the unit "did an outstanding job."

"They accomplished every mission," he said.

The engineers spent time helping reconstruct Iraqi highways and set up camps for about 10,500 troops between Baghdad and Fallujah.

Before redeploying, 878th Soldiers worked with 1st Armored Division.

Two of the projects the unit completed were reconstruction missions at al-Taji military base and Tallil Air Force Base.

"The hardest part was communicating with the Iraqis," said Capt. Torrance Ashmon, battalion S-2 (intelligence). "It was

difficult to get them to believe we were trying to help them."

Ashmon said he thought overall, the unit did well.

"We were the only engineers at al-Taji," he said.

878th worked alongside Iraqis for much of their time in Iraq.

"80 to 90 percent of the people were good, hard workers," Heath said, "but it was hard to tell the difference between them and those who weren't, at first sight."

Spc. Gino Giberti, an 878th carpenter, said Iraqi culture was a big adjustment for him.

"The way we present ourselves is so much different from the way they do things," he said. "To them, it's offensive for males to even talk to females."

"You go over and you know you've made a huge change," he added. "You're just hoping you made it for the better."

After a year of separation from family, friends and homeland, all agreed it was good to be home.

"When we saw our family members there, it was all we could do to keep our composure," Heath said. "We just want to get our Soldiers back with their families and get the battalion built up and ready for the next time the President calls us."



Family, friends and loved ones welcome home members of 878th Engineer Battalion during a ceremony Friday at Cottrell Field.

Spc. Jon D. Waldorf, 878th Eng. Bn., greets his wife, Ashley, after a year's deployment, during his battalion's homecoming ceremony Friday at Cottrell Field. 878th spent a year in Iraq supporting OIF I and II.



(Above) Families and friends of 878th Eng. Bn. run to greet their Soldiers Friday at their Cottrell Field homecoming. (Left) Fans of Spc. Christy Seale, 878th Eng. Bn., wave a home-made sign and flags to welcome her and other Soldiers in the unit home Friday.



(Above) Sgt. Stanford Smalls Jr., 878th Eng. Bn., holds his 7-month-old son, Stanford III, for the first time since the baby was a newborn. (Left) A crowd gathers, bearing signs and waving flags, to greet 878th Eng. Bn. Soldiers as they march across Cottrell Field.

Soldiers find homes with help of GMH services

Pvt. Dan Balda

Staff Writer

GMH, the office in charge of on-post housing, is expecting a high volume of Soldiers to in-process and out-process during the coming summer months.

"Fort Stewart is a rapid deployment base and it can get very stressful, especially when (permanent change of station) and (estimated of time of separation) orders change," said Angela Flook, community manager for GMH.

GMH is a private company that partners with the Army to make sure that Army Regulation 210-50, which covers housing regulations, is properly followed.

Soldiers who have received PCS or ETS orders should make transportation appointments as soon as possible, according to Flook. Soldiers must then give the

required 30-day notice and make pre- and final inspection appointments to clear housing with the GMH community management office. An inspection of the property is needed in order to avoid a non-compliance fee of four days of basic allowance for housing. This allows GMH to service incoming and outgoing soldiers and their families in an efficient and timely manner, said Ellie Delaney, assistant manager for GMH.

Soldiers new to Fort Stewart have to sign in at reception before they are able to put their names on the waiting list for on-post housing. "To expedite the process soldiers should have all their paperwork and make an appointment as soon as they are able," Flook said.

Since Jan. 1, GMH has in-processed 609 soldiers and their families for on-post housing.

GMH uses the acronym HOME to explain how they help soldiers and their families with the housing

process. "HOME stands for helpful, open-minded, motivated and ethical," Delaney said.

GMH has also designed a Web site to help those who have other questions. The address for the Web page is www.southernliving.com. The information is primarily for those who reside in on-post housing. Soldiers can send in applications to start the housing process and fill out online work orders, said Flook.

"We are here for you. We are devoted to making the new Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield communities a place where the American dream stands tall; a place you can be proud to call HOME," according to the GMH Web page.

The GMH office is located at 1193 West Bultman Avenue, just inside the main gate. The phone number is 408-2460. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Soldiers sharpen skills at range

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Staff Writer

Soldiers with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade Troop Battalion, 2nd Unit of Action, zeroed and qualified with M-16 and M-4 rifles at Clifford Range Thursday.

Soldiers got the chance to hone their rifle skills and successfully hit targets down range.

"We drew weapons, convoyed to the zero range, conducted a safety briefing and a layout of the area briefing before receiving firing orders to zero and quali-

fy," said Spc. Jennifer Ross, HHC, 2-3 BTB cook.

Getting out to the range to fire helps Soldiers become more familiar with their weapon and builds confidence with it.

"Being able to fire in the military is your primary goal," said Sgt. 1st Class Erik Hoffman, HHC, 2-3 Special Troop Battalion military police platoon sergeant. "The more bullets we can put on targets the better off we will be."

In preparation for Operation Iraqi Freedom 3, Soldiers were required to fire with flak vests.

"This is the first time I have qualified with my flak vest on so it is a different transition," Ross said. "I think this training is a great advantage because we will be expected to be able to fire with flak vests on in Iraq, and this will help make an uncomfortable situation comfortable."

Soldiers have to perform and go through safety checks and procedures before entering and exiting the range.

"As a lane safety, I'm checking to make sure Soldiers are conducting proper safety procedures," said Spc. Robert Dagostino, HHC, 2-3 STB. "This includes keeping the weapon pointed up and down range and making sure they are comfortable and ready to fire."

Every Soldier is a potential target over in Iraq and this training helps prepare them.

"Anybody could end up pulling trig-



Photos by Pvt. Dan Balda

Sgt. 1st Class James Ripley, HHC 2-3 BTB clears Soldiers' weapons as a lane safety after they qualified with M-16 and M-4 rifles at Clifford Range Thursday.

gers," Hoffman said. "All the training we do is building blocks to be successful in exercises and in a wartime situation."

"As a cook, I will be located at the brigade tactical operations center in Iraq and we have to be prepared to protect it," Ross said.

Everybody, from the firers and safeties to the detail, has been on point all day,

said Lt. Aquita Patillo HHC, 2-3 BTB support platoon leader.

This training is part of a large training schedule set to prepare for OIF 3.

Hoffman said, "It is critical to build teamwork now while training at the lowest level so everyone can perform exercises together at the highest level exercises."



Sgt. 1st Class Willie Jeter, HHC 2-3 BTB financial advisor fires from a foxhole while qualifying.

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

Lane Down Range

'Personal hygiene' not just a phrase

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Staff Writer

As long as we are Soldiers, we have to try to stay squared away. It doesn't matter what environment we are in, personal hygiene and appearance says something vital about each one of us as Soldiers.

Out here at the National Training Center, Soldiers are being put to the test.

After a week or so of wiping the cheese off your feet and out from under your armpits with baby wipes or canteen water, you would think when we got back to the rotational unit bivouac area that we would all jump at the chance to get ourselves squeaky clean.

I am here to tell you that there are some very nasty people out here.

Right around bedtime Soldiers strip down to what they are going to sleep in.

You would think with the amount of wind blowing through the hills of the Mojave Desert that any smell would be quickly whisked away on a gentle zephyr. No such luck. Every evening the stench of well-ripened feet drifts like an evil phantom across the sky.

I swear I could build a new Army wardrobe from all the clothes that Soldiers leave in the latrine after showering. It seems like these guys have money to just throw away undergarments by the ton. I have only seen this phenomenon one other time in my life.

I had a friend who was very rich. He was my roommate during college. He was so used to people taking care of him that he refused to wash his clothes. After the pile of clothes in his room got so high that he could not get into

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his dresser anymore, he would get some poor girl to carry them out in trash bags and buy new clothes. I only let this happen twice.

After that, I would retrieve the trash bags and wash his clothes. I took the nearly new clothes straight to a consignment shop, and used the proceeds to buy food and other necessities.

I do have to admit that no one out here has a uniform that isn't completely filthy. I will not comment on this point any further, because I have no solution to this problem.

There is no excuse, however, for not brushing your teeth,

shaving or showering and changing your undergarments. Even if you are out in the field, you can keep your hair short and to standard.

I met a tanker who just so happens to be an excellent barber. His name is Spc. Saikichy Simram (or Mac which is really not short for anything in his name but much easier to pronounce) and he charges nothing for a nice clean cut.

After he finished my hair, I asked him for a shave. He boxed me on the ear and kicked me out of his Bradley.

The point is that as a Soldier you have to uphold certain standards. As a person you should simply take pride in your appearance. Not only will you feel better underneath your filthy uniform, but you will also be approachable by the masses to a greater extent. I don't know

about the female side of the latrine, but I am curious as to whether these men ever expect to attract a woman smelling like a three-toed tree toad.

I have heard horror stories about Soldiers who don't bother to scrape off the crud when a running shower is readily available.

Anytime you feel you cannot uphold a standard for lack of knowledge or just because your motivation level is in granny gear, ask your friendly neighborhood chain of command.

I am sure it would be much to their delight to square you away.

For the sake of those around you, please lose the cheese.

Editor's note: For this installment of Lane Down Range, our readers will be pleased to know that Spc. Lane is actually down range for once this month at NTC.

What did my car ever do to you?

Pfc. Emily Danial

Staff writer

There is an excess of hate in the world today, and too much of it is directed at my car.

I love my little Honda.

A lot of people don't love it, though, and since poor Bruce can't speak up in his own defense, I've decided to take this opportunity to finally take a stand against his many, many critics.

I should explain.

Upon arriving at Hunter Army Airfield in December 2002, I quickly came to the conclusion that my restless body needed a way to get itself from place to place quicker than anything without a motor could carry it.

The first time I drove my 1997 Accord, I knew it was the vehicle for me. Good gas mileage for those long drives home, spacious interior and trunk, AM/FM radio with tape deck — what more could a girl want?

I took him home and named him

Bruce, after such strong characters as Bruce Lee and Bruce Banner (The Incredible Hulk).

Even though I lavished much affection on my car, taking care to make sure it had a personality all its own, over the next few months, evidence of my extensive travels (and excellent driving skills) began to appear.

After 16 months and 28,000 miles, Bruce is now the proud bearer of a feather boa (obtained during St. Patrick's Day 2003), several strands of multicolored beads, 11 random stickers, tie-dyed fuzzy dice, a colorful steering-wheel cover and two dashboard sumo wrestlers — Bubby and Tubby.

Bruce has been attacked by poles that stubbornly refused to move from their cement posts, moving cars in parking lots, parked cars in parking lots, and the mean and ruthless high-

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way. Most recently, he was rudely rammed from behind by a shiny red sports car.

Poor, poor Bruce.

As a result of these brutal assaults, he has sustained injury upon injury, including a hole in his front bumper, several small dents on his passenger side, two side-view mirrors that don't match the rest of him, and a rear bumper that's just hanging on for dear life.

I see these marks as battle scars, to be valued and held dear.

To others, they are terrible flaws, and not given anywhere near the respect they deserve.

Countless people see my car, standing proud in all

his glory and splendor, and they make disparaging remarks like, "How do you get a hole in the bumper?" and, "Your car is a piece of ..."

I, personally, am proud of Bruce and all we have accomplished and will accomplish together.

So the next time you see a battered-looking, silver-grayish Accord meandering down the road, dragging its rear bumper, don't point and laugh. Give it some love, by throwing money at it, if necessary, and maybe shout some encouragement — "Go, Bruce, go!" is a favorite of mine.

Just keep your cynical remarks and scornful looks to yourself — what the world needs now, is love, sweet love, and "the world" includes my car.

Or you can keep it up — but if your last glimpse of life as you know it happens include a silver-grayish front bumper with a hole in it, don't blame me.

Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE

Readers respond to the question:

What summer safety advice would you give Soldiers and their families?

"To stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water."

Spc. Luis Corea
26th FSB



"Wear your seatbelts and make sure there are lifeguards around when you go swimming."

Sgt. 1st Class Johnny Davis
A Btry., 176th FA



"Wear sunscreen."

Paige Scott
Red Cross volunteer



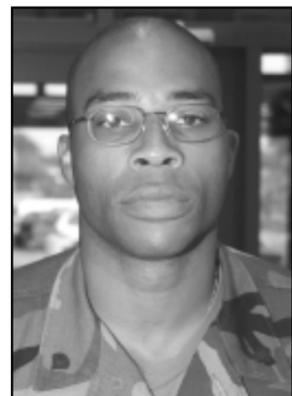
"Don't drink and drive."

2nd Lt. Vanessa Parker
94th Maintenance Co.



"Wait at least one hour after eating before going swimming."

Spc. Sean Stewart
4/64 Armor



"No boys in the house."

Valencia Scott
Red Cross volunteer



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Hunter aviation reorganizes, prepares for deployment

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There's a saying that soldiers new to the 3rd Infantry Division have heard — "Welcome to the Marne Express."

The saying, according to many soldiers, is an understatement.

Since Sept. 2002, the operational tempo at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield has been high — deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom have kept the division busy.

Almost immediately after redeployment last summer, the new Army transformation began. The existing 33 combat brigades in the Army would be increased to 48. Each brigade would acquire the necessary assets to make them self-sustaining and rapidly deployable, and the term "unit of action" would replace "brigade."

It came as no surprise to soldiers on the Marne Express that the 3rd Inf. Div. would be the first division in the Army to

undergo reorganization. The four brigades of the division have now become four maneuver UAs, in addition to Aviation Bde. (still awaiting transition to UA title) at Hunter. Also, Support UA, formerly 3rd Inf. Div. Division Support Command, includes two units from Hunter, 260th and 559th Quartermaster Battalions, who were previously assigned to the 24th Corps Support Group.

The pace of reorganization is especially hurried due to what looms on the horizon — the division has received a warning order — the Marne Division may be in Iraq as early as Nov. in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Avn. Bde. has been in the thick of both reorganization and deployment preparation.

Their composition has changed, from three battalions to four, and will continue to do so until the end state is reached — sometime in Summer 2006.

"The number of aircraft is going to double," said Capt. Frank Rubio, Avn. Bde. assistant operations officer. "And we

expect to have one-third more personnel."

Included in those estimates is the addition of a UH-60 Blackhawk battalion (30 aircraft) from Fort Campbell, Ky., which was redesignated May 19 as 4th Bn., 3rd Avn. Regt., in the Air Assault Battalion. Their date of relocation to Hunter has not been determined. Additionally, an AH-64D Apache Longbow battalion (24 aircraft) from Fort Bragg, N.C., will be redesignated as 3rd Bn., 3rd Aviation Regiment, part of the Attack Helicopter Battalion. B Company, 159th Avn. Company, a CH-47D Chinook outfit based at Hunter, is now part of 2nd Bn., 3rd Avn. Regt., and will fall under the General Support Avn. Bn.

The 1,700-plus soldiers that currently compose Aviation Bde. will increase by more than 600 by 2006, according to Rubio.

"(The reorganization) is a lot of work to fit into a small time frame," Rubio said. "In the long term, a lot more combat power will be added to the (brigade) and the division."

The increase in personnel in the brigade means an increase of personnel on Hunter. Currently, multiple barracks and building construction projects are underway which, according to Rubio, will satisfy the additional billeting and workspace needs.

In preparation for deployment, the brigade is regularly deploying to the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La., to participate in mission readiness exercises. The exercises act as rehearsals, according to Rubio, and mirror real-world deployment scenarios.

"All the assets (of the brigade) have had or will have the opportunity to train together before we deploy (to Iraq)," he said.

When the current composition of Avn. Bde. gets to Iraq, they will integrate the aviation elements from Bragg and Campbell, who will be on the ground, according to Rubio.

"All the parts will be together, working together," he said. "After we return, we'll have had a year to work together and get

to know each other - that's a good thing."

The structure of the Army, 3rd Inf. Div. and Avn. Bde. will continue to evolve in the next few years.

As units at Stewart and Hunter prepare for what could be a year long deployment, Rubio, like most soldiers in the Army, realize that he has an obligation to accomplish the mission.

"Nobody likes to be gone from home, but we've got a job to do ... and we're not the only ones doing this in the army," he said. "We're going into a not-so-welcome environment over there, but I think we'll make it a better place in the long run."

Other tenant units at Hunter continue to support the Global War on Terror. 3rd Bn., 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment is in their 30th month of combat operations worldwide, while 1st Bn., 75th Ranger Regiment is in the midst of its fourth combat deployment since the onset of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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downtown River Street.

"The children learned about the G-8 Summit on the internet, and learned and studied some French words to prepare for today," said Richard Krauss, Windsor Forest principal. "I'm extremely excited to meet him," said Georgia Edwards, Windsor Forest teacher.

Many Soldiers and civilians on Hunter have been a part of the preparation and execution of this event.

"The Hunter task force provided the installation and the logistical support for the G-8 Summit here on post and supported the secret service in security arrangements when needed," said Robert Close,

U.S. Army Forces Command public affairs specialist.

"The teams that have been put in place for the event have performed remarkably," said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Goble, Hunter garrison commander. "Without a doubt our Soldiers have displayed a sense of calm, discipline and organization to what could have become a very chaotic event."

Leaders will meet and discuss world issues through June 11, at which time they will then depart from Hunter.

Webster said, "Just to think these leaders can all meet around the same table may mean more peace and freedom around the world."



Spc. Robert Adams

French ambassador Jacques Chirac receives a gift basket from Windsor Forest Elementary students.

Reagan

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beginning 8:30 p.m. Eastern time June 9.

At every point in the journey, a joint-service honor guard performs an arrival or departure ceremony to honor the fallen president.

After Reagan's remains are transported to the East Coast, they will be carried at least part of the way to the Capitol by a military caisson from the 3rd U.S. Infantry, the Army's ceremonial "Old Guard" headquartered at Fort Myer, Va. The caisson is a converted transport wagon for a 75 mm cannon drawn by six horses of the same color.

A riderless horse will follow the caisson. "A pair of boots are reversed in the stirrups of the empty saddle to symbolize that the warrior will never ride again," according to information on the MDW Web site.

A military band will play at each phase of the official funeral events, and a military honor guard will fire a traditional 21-gun salute at noon local time on U.S. military bases on the day of interment.

Also as part of honors owed to a previous president upon his death, all U.S. flags flown on government installations will be flown at half-staff for 30 days from the date of death.

92nd Eng. honor fallen Soldier

Friends remember slain captain's enthusiasm

Pfc. Ben Brody
Associate Editor

At Marne Chapel Friday, 92nd Engineer Battalion (Heavy) held a memorial service for Headquarters Support Company's Capt. Scott T. Corwin, who was killed May 29.

Corwin's friends and commander reflected on his life and his accomplishments since graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, exactly five years before his death by an unexplained shooting at Monterey Square in Savannah.

"Scott was a joyful soul with a great enthusiasm for life," said Capt. Jacqueline Reini, a friend of Corwin's. "His laugh was so distinctive that everyone else always started laughing when he did."

Capt. Sarah Hallberg, who graduated from West Point with Corwin, also fondly remembered his infectious laugh and his nickname of "Czar" at the academy.

She also read memories from friends of Corwin's who could not attend the ceremony.

"Scott struck me

immediately as being self-confident and proud of being a Soldier," said 92nd Commander Lt. Col. Mark Moffat. "He felt he was always a Soldier first, and an engineer second."

Corwin was the construction officer for 92nd Eng., and worked hard to ensure the completion of Fort Stewart's military-oriented urban training site, according to Moffat.

Corwin's first assignment was with A Company, 27th Engineer Battalion at Fort Bragg, N.C., with whom he deployed to Kosovo from November 2001 to May 2002.

After attending school at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., he was assigned to Stewart approximately three months ago.

Corwin was a graduate of the Jumpmaster Course, and wore the Senior Parachutist Badge.

Moffat added, "Scott would be proud of you all."

His mother Sonia Corwin, and sisters Allison and Jamie of Darien, Ill. survive Corwin. His father, Greg Corwin, lives in Coraopolis, Penn.



Pfc. Ben Brody

Capt. Scott T. Corwin's boots, tags, kevlar and rifle stand solemnly at his memorial at Marne Chapel Friday.

Parking changes for Train concert

Capt. William H. Poole

Provost Marshal Office

The musical group "Train" will be performing on Fort Stewart at Donovan Field June 17. A map showing the designated parking areas for this concert is provided below.

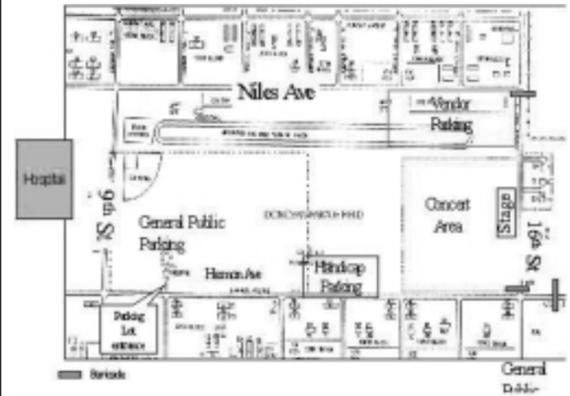
The entrance to general public parking is located on Harmon Avenue, just after 9th Street at the helipad. The parking area adjacent to Niles Avenue and 16th Street is for vendors only until 6 p.m. on the day of the concert. Handicap parking is located behind the reviewing stand on Harmon Avenue. Military Police will be located in each parking lot in order to assist people as they arrive. 16th Street will be blocked

between Harmon and Niles for the band staging area.

Military Police will be checking all bags at Donovan Field before allowing people to enter the concert area.

People carrying unauthorized items such as weapons, pocket knives and glass bottles will be asked to either return those items to their vehicles or discard them before they are granted access to the concert. Coolers will not be allowed in the concert area. Vendors will sell beer and soft drinks. Pets are also not allowed at the concert.

On the day of the concert, Gate 2 (Troupe Ave) and Gate 8 (Frank Cochran Ave) will remain open until midnight to expedite traffic flow from Fort Stewart after the concert.



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Stewart

\$200 Reward

A reward of \$200 is being offered for information leading to the recovery of the property and/or the arrest and conviction for the person(s) responsible for the larceny of a general mechanics tool kit from HHC, 2/7 Infantry, Fort Stewart, GA 31314. The incident occurred between Dec. 18 and Jan. 5.

Anyone having knowledge of the incident, who does not wish to be identified, will be briefed on available options in maintaining their confidentiality. Those with information concerning this matter are encouraged to call the CID office at 767-5030, or the Military Police Desk, 767-4895.

Join Toastmasters

Whether you're a professional, student, stay-at-home parent, or retiree, Toastmasters is the best way to improve your leadership and communication skills. The Dogfaced Soldiers This Club meets at noon every second and fourth Friday of the month at Club Stewart. Open to everyone.

For more information, contact Chief Warrant Officer Jay Bowen at 767-0383, or email him at bowenja@stewart.army.mil, or call

Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903.

Offshore Fishing

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Infantry Division unit financial advisor Staff Sgt. Mike Lyons, is offering offshore fishing trips for interested Soldiers on weekends. Great-tasting dolphin fish are in season. Bait and fuel are provided for a small fee. Call Lyons at 767-1806.

Housing Mayors Hotline

If you have issues or concerns, call Army Community Service, 767-3276. Volunteer as a housing mayor and make a difference in your community.

Special Forces

1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta is the U.S. Army's special operations unit organized for the conduct of missions requiring a rapid response with surgical application of a wide variety of unique special operations skills.

All Soldiers in the rank of specialist through master sergeant, and captain through major may apply. For more information please contact the Special Missions Recruiting Team at sof6.recruiting@us.army.mil.

Hunter

Relationship enhancement

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

2004 Miller Lite Concert

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

Hunter Club

The Hunter Club is open for lunch Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information or to schedule a special event, call 352-5270.

Golf sweepstakes

Drive to Winn at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield's "Lucky Bucket Sweepstakes 2" promotion. Sharpen your golf skills and win some great prizes in the process. Through June 30, one orange "lucky" ball will be drawn out each week at each golf facility. Win instantly if you find the orange "lucky" ball in the bucket of balls you purchase at the driving range. In addition, an "Enter to Win" sweepstakes form is available for local and national

grand prize drawings at the end of the promotion.

The promotion is a Business Programs initiative to help installations "Build Their Business."

For more details about the event, contact Tommy McArthur, golf course manager, at 912-352-5622 or 912-767-2370.

Volunteers needed

The ACS volunteer coordinator and the installation volunteer coordinator have information about a wide variety of volunteer opportunities in the ACS center and other agencies at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

Volunteer orientation at ACS is the first Thursday of every month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome and much-needed at ACS.

For more information, call 352-6816.

Library

There's Something for Everyone! Temporarily located at the--

Education Center, Bldg 1290, Room 24, 912-353-2403

Check out books, newspapers, magazines, videos, DVDs, Books-on-Tape& use our computers, typewriters, email system, internet, Galileo Inter-Library Loan Service and more.

Winn /Tuttle

"Take Care of Yourself"

The next "Take Care of Yourself" classes at Winn will be held 11 a.m. to noon June 23. Tuttle's class will be held 10 to 11 a.m. June 23. 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 Winn's June 9 class, 370-5071. To register for Winn's June 23 class, call 368-3048 and to register at Tuttle, call 1-800-652-9221.

Third Party Insurance

Effective July 1, individual's social security numbers will no longer be displayed on health insurance cards in accordance with Georgia Senate Bill 721.

Individuals with private health insurance should contact the Third Party Insurance Office at Winn upon receipt of their unique member identification numbers (policy numbers.) Call the Third Party Insurance Office at 370-6037/6947 for more information.

Full Service PX Pharmacy

The PX Satellite Pharmacy is now open for full service business. Patients may fill new prescriptions and refill prescrip-

tions here 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Tobacco Cessation Classes

Tobacco Cessation classes at Winn will be held 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Thursday from June 24 to July 15 or 6 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday from June 22 to July 13. Tuttle's class will be held 1 to 3 p.m. every Wednesday from July 7 to July 28. The class will help you kick the habit, whether smoking, chewing or dipping. To register at Winn, call 370-5071. To register at Tuttle, call 1-800-652-9221.

New Appointment Line

The new appointment line phone number is 370-6633.

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.

Marne TV

June 2004 Schedule

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

5 a.m. Army Newswatch
5:30 a.m. **MARNE REPORT**
 6:30 a.m. Air Force News
 7 a.m. Navy News
 7:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
8 a.m. **MARNE REPORT**
 9 a.m. Air Force News
 9:30 a.m. Navy News
 11:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
Noon **MARNE REPORT**

1 p.m. Air Force News
 4:30 p.m. Navy News
5 p.m. **MARNE REPORT**
 6 p.m. Army Newswatch
 6:30 p.m. Air Force News
 7 p.m. Navy News
10 p.m. **MARNE REPORT**
 11 p.m. Army Newswatch
Midnight **MARNE REPORT**

DRINKING



& DRIVING



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Hunter hosts Garrison Commanders Conference

Staff Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

NCOIC, Hunter Public Affairs Office

Military installation commanders from the Southeast and congressmen from Georgia met on Hunter Army Airfield May 26 for the first-ever Garrison Commanders Conference.

The purpose of the conference, held at Hunter Club, was to forge a working relationship between all military installations in the region as well as the state, according to conference host Col. John M. Kidd, Fort Stewart garrison commander.

"This is a great opportunity for all of us," Kidd said. "We want to open the lines of communication between the different services and state."

Congressman Jack Kingston said this is the first step in getting the services to work with each other in an effort to, "share information, assets and resources when they are needed."

"As we look at base realignment and closure, it's important to stretch the taxpayer's dollars," he said. He added, because of the number of military installations in the region, "I want Georgia to be the leader in this."

Kingston gave an example of how exchanging resources will benefit the taxpayer and the installations. "If there's a part for a piece of equipment needed at Moody (Air Force Base), and it can be fabricated at King's Bay (Naval Submarine Base), then it can save a lot of time and money."

Commander Mark Davis, King's Bay NSB executive officer, supports the conference and its goals, and noted that it's a give-and-take situation.

"My sailors, on a regular basis, drive up to Fort Stewart to utilize their weapons ranges," Davis said. "And for some time now, due to housing shortages (at Moody), we have provided the Air Force housing they need (at King's Bay)."

The 3rd Infantry Division has also been benefiting from inter-service relationships. Many 3rd Inf. Div. humvees have received or will receive armored upgrades from the Marine Corps Depot Albany.

"Regionalization," as it has been dubbed, focuses on efficiency and effectiveness, the central theme of the conference.

"We want to better utilize the resources we have on all military installations," Kidd said, and added, "Now is a good opportunity as any to get everyone together as (the 3rd Infantry Division and other military units in the region) prepare for mobilization."



Staff Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

Congressman Jack Kingston (R-GA) addresses regional installation commanders at the first-ever Garrison Commanders Conference at Hunter Army Airfield May 26. The purpose of the event, hosted by Col. John M. Kidd at Hunter Club, was to open channels of communication and initiate resource exchange between installations of different military branches.

POLICE REPORTS

• **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, expired tags, no insurance
 • **Location:** Hunter

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Driving while license revoked, laying drag
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charge:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Failure to appear, speeding in a construction zone
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Civilian, 54-year-old male
 • **Charge:** Too fast for conditions
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Simple assault, assault consummated by a battery
 • **Location:** Hunter

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old female, separate battalion
 • **Charge:** Simple assault
 • **Location:** Hunter

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old female, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Speeding, driving while license suspended
 • **Location:** Dublin

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Drunken driving, open container of alcohol in passenger area of vehicle, disrespect to superior NCO
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old female, separate battalion
 • **Charge:** Driving while license suspended
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Speeding over 80 mph (102/55), obstruction of justice, careless or reckless driving
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 27-year-old female
 • **Charge:** Theft by shoplifting
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

2003 Water Quality
COMBINED REPORT

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield's Annual Water Quality Report



The Directorate of Public Works is pleased to present Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield's annual Water Quality Report. This report provides you with a detailed account of all the water monitoring and testing results gathered during 2003. As always, our constant goal is to provide our patrons with safe and dependable drinking water. Additional copies of this report will be available at the Installation's Environmental Offices: Stewart Building 1137 and Hunter Building 1026.



Where Does My Water Come From?

Fort Stewart's main water supply comes from five municipal groundwater wells that are approximately 500 feet deep, while HAAF residents are serviced by two 500-foot deep wells. Groundwater is stored in permeable rock layers called aquifers, which are like underground lakes. Our groundwater is supplied by the Upper Floridan Aquifer. Before the water is distributed, the water is chlorinated to kill disease-causing organisms and fluoridated to promote dental health.

Protecting Your Water Source

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the land or through the ground, water dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material. Therefore, water can pick up substances as by-products from both the presence of animals and human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial and domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, or mining and farming activities.
- Pesticides or herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and they can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be either naturally-occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which provide the same public health protection. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Source Water Assessment

A source water assessment has been performed on the source of your drinking water (the Upper Floridan Aquifer). The Wellhead Protection Plans at Stewart and Hunter were developed to determine the susceptibility of contaminants entering our drinking water supply and to better identify ways for protecting our water source. For further information, a copy of these Wellhead Protection Plans may be reviewed at the FS Environmental Office, 1550 Frank Cochran Dr. (Bldg. 1137), Fort Stewart, GA 31314-4927. Point of contact is Ms. Tressa Rutland, 912-767-2010.



Consumers can cut water use by 15% through conservation practices



Vulnerability

Both MEDDAC'S Preventive Medicine and the DPW continually monitor the drinking water for contaminants. Our water is SAFE to drink; however, some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

FORT STEWART & HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD - GEORGIA

2003 Water Quality Report

Water Quality Data

Below is a table that indicates the constituents that have been detected during sampling of FS and HAAF's water supply system.

DETECTED CONTAMINANTS ¹	Parameter	MCL	MCLG	Fort Stewart			HAAF			Violations	Source of Contaminants
				Detected	Range Of Detection	Sample Date ²	Detected	Range Of Detection	Sample Date ²		
				Flouride (ppm)	4	4	1.16	0.11-2.2	Jan-Dec 2003		
Lead (ppb)	AL=15	0	4.7**	0-10	Jul 2003	2.7**	0-7.2	Aug 2003	No	Corrosion on household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.	
Cooper (ppb)	AL=1300	0	260**	0-400	Aug 2003	180**	0-1200	Aug 2003	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.	

¹The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk as some contaminants naturally occur in drinking water systems. ²Based on most recent sampling requirement. *Average of all detections. **Value represents 90th percentile value of most recent sampling, see frequency below.

As mentioned, Stewart and Hunter monitor constantly for various contaminants in the water supply to meet all regulatory requirements. The table lists only those contaminants that had some level of detection. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Many other contaminants have been analyzed also, but were either not present or were below the detection of the laboratory equipment.

Terms and Abbreviations

Georgia Water Restrictions

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): Level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): Highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
ppm: Parts per million; a unit of measure equivalent to a single penny in \$10,000.
ppb: Parts per billion; a unit of measure equivalent to a single penny in \$10,000,000.
TTHM: Total Trihalomethanes; by-products of drinking water disinfection.
Range: The range of the highest and lowest analytical values of a reported contaminant. For example, the range of an unregulated contaminant may be 10.1 (lowest value) to 13.4 (highest value). EPA requires the range to be reported for certain analytes.
n/d: Not Detected.

As a result of five consecutive years of severe drought conditions beginning in the late 1990's, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division developed a State Drought Management Plan in March 2003. Despite a year's reprieve from the drought, the EPD cautioned that "It's important that all Georgians understand the need to conserve water even during periods of plentiful rainfall." As a result, year-round conservation-based restrictions on outdoor water use are in effect. 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** while all outdoor watering will be prohibited on **Fridays**. Everyone at FS and HAAF 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.

Conserving Our Water Supply

Monitoring Frequencies

Every day throughout the world, nations are facing water problems in terms of both quantity and quality. Between 1950 and 1970, global water demand tripled and is expected to double within 35 years. Although 75 percent of the earth is covered by water, only 1 percent is available as renewable fresh water, and only about one-third of all precipitation that falls on the land goes back to the oceans by rivers and runoff. We are a nation whose water needs are rapidly rising while available supplies are shrinking; regional water crises are becoming increasingly frequent as water tables are falling and stream flow is decreasing. We can no longer take our drinking water for granted. This means that individuals, municipalities, industries, and governments must be proactive in conserving and protecting our water supplies. As Georgia continues to experience the after effects of the previous years conditions, we must realize that the consequences of such little rainfall are far-reaching, affecting humans, wildlife, and vegetation. Additionally, the severity of its impact on society is often exacerbated by the demand that people place on the water supply. Water is the most precious commodity we have on this planet; we ought not to treat it as if it were an unlimited resource. By shifting our priorities for water usage, we can prevent water scarcity. The well has run dry in many places—let's not make our community next!

Our water systems use only EPA approved laboratory methods to analyze your drinking water. Our personnel take water samples from numerous locations throughout the distribution system and residents' taps; samples are then delivered to an accredited laboratory where water quality analyses are performed as follows:

Parameter	Fort Stewart Frequency	HAAF Frequency
Biological Contaminants	Once a month	Once a month
Volatile Organic Contaminants (VOCs)	Once every 3 yrs	Once every 3 yrs
Synthetic Organic Contaminants (SOCs)	Waived*	Waived*
Inorganic Contaminants (IOCs)	Once every 3 yrs	Once every 3 yrs
Lead and Copper	Once every 3 yrs	Once every 3 yrs
Nitrates/Nitrites	Once every year	Once every year
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Once a quarter	N/A**
Unregulated Contaminants	Approx. once every 3 yrs	Approx. once every 3 yrs

*The Georgia Environmental Protection Division issued Stewart and Hunter a SOC monitoring waiver for 2002-2004 because EPD studies have shown that the drinking water is not vulnerable to contamination from SOCs at either Installation.**Per EPD Rules and Regulations, TTHM sampling is not required for drinking water systems with less than 10,000 consumers.

Flushing Program – Water distribution systems typically have looped water mains that keep water flowing throughout the system -keeping it "fresh". Periodically, the DPW flushes the lines to aid the process. But, the lines that lead from the main to your individual building are flushed only when you use the water in the building. The DPW Environmental Division recommends you flush your lines for about 2 minutes after extended periods of non-use, such as after a vacation. You can help improve the quality of your water.

Questions? Call DPW Environmental Division: 767-2010