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Sgt. Roy Henry

Georgia Guardsmen with Company A, 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry and Company C, 1st Battalion, 108th Armor listen to a battle briefing during annual training. The units are part of Georgia's 48th Infantry Brigade that is preparing for one of the Army's most grueling tests of unit combat capabilities. The test is scheduled to take place at the national training center in California in 2005.

Georgia Guardsmen train at Stewart

By Sgt. Roy Henry
124th MPAD

More than 4,000 Georgia Army National Guardsmen are out among the piney woods, sand and swampland of this 280,000-acre active Army reservation near Savannah for training in preparation for the 48th Enhanced Brigade's 2005 rotation to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., for desert war games. Besides the usual elements of the Georgia Guard providing support to the 48th, there also are

selected Army National Guard and Army Reserve units from other states that make up a Multi-State Task Force here to provide assistance. Brig. Gen. Terry Nesbitt, commander of the Georgia Army Guard, said that the next few years "is an important time for the 48th Brigade." The brigade is training to take the place of an active Army brigade while that unit is transformed into a lighter, more mobile force. The Army is converting from heavy combat arms to smaller, more agile units.

"Only a few guard units have been selected for this important mission," Nesbitt said. "The 48th was among those chosen because of its reputation for excellence." That means all eyes will be on the brigade to see how well it will do, now and during the next two years, he added. Throughout the weekend, soldiers from 27 armories across the state moved into barracks, unpacked their gear, and got themselves ready to face an intense two weeks of combat training among the tall pines of Fort Stewart, the

largest military reservation east of the Mississippi River. Come rain or shine, they will train, adhering to the soldier's credo: "If it ain't rainin', it ain't trainin'." Specialist Troy Sawyers, a medic with Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 108th Armor, based in Calhoun, is one of the 48th Brigade's estimated 2,100 soldiers here for Annual Training 2003. Sawyers, a sales associate from Dalton, said he has looked forward

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Rangers train for success

Pfc. Emily Danial
Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs

Although they've been back from deployment in Iraq for more than a month, the soldiers of Hunter Army Airfield's 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment are already engaged in their "normal" rigorous training schedule. The Rangers are keeping their skills sharp by using facilities like the "shoothouse" at Fort Stewart. The "shoothouse" is a building that allows them to practice close-quarters battle drills and reflexive fire techniques, used when clearing rooms in a building. Capt. Jack Rich, commander of 1st Battalion's C Company, said the purpose of training in the "shoothouse" is to go over "the fundamentals of room-clearing, CQB, to make sure everybody understands the point of domination (the place in a room where a soldier can be most effective), or sectors that are safe when they start clearing rooms." The "shoothouse", which is a building with an open air roof of wooden beams, is made up of six empty rooms connected by passages wide enough for two to walk

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TF Neighborhood scores with soccer stadium cleanup

Sgt. Craig Zentkovich
50th PAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq — For Americans, it's baseball. For Iraqis, it's soccer — pastimes that people of all ages can find joy and common ground in. That is why the people of northern Baghdad and the U.S. Army took a keen interest in repairing and cleaning a soccer stadium that had become a symbol of their national pastime and an icon in their community. Task Force Neighborhood, a V Corps' community improvement program, and 200 area residents cleaned and repaired the stadium and surrounding complex May 25, undoing the damage done by Iraqi army in the months leading up to the war. "Four months before the war, an Iraqi airborne battalion occupied the stadium and utilized it as a hasty barracks and training area," said Lt. Col. Thad Hill, 3rd Battalion, 124th Infantry Regiment, Florida National Guard, battalion commander. "There were over 50 fighting positions around the stadium alone."

The two practice fields adjacent to

the stadium were also littered with fighting positions trash and military equipment. The daylong effort, which began at 8 a.m., utilized the 535th Engineer Company and B Company, 142nd Engineer Battalion., and their earth-moving equipment to fill in the scores of six-foot-deep fighting positions on the two practice fields, flatten the fields and carry away the collected trash. "The (engineer) assets are invaluable for projects like this," said 1st Sgt. J. A. Gliedman, 535th Eng. Co. first sergeant and Task Force Neighborhood coordinator. "It makes a lot of work possible in very little time." Additionally, thieves, looters and vandals targeted the stadium when the Iraqi army left, adding to its state of disrepair. "(The looters and thieves) took everything they could get their hands on," said Hill, whose battalion took over security in the sector from an infantry battalion of the 101st Airborne Division last month. "Air conditioners, irrigation pumps, furniture and railings

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Garrison welcomes new commander



Sgt. Raymond Piper

Col. John M. Kidd, incoming commander, and Col. Gerald J. Poltorak, outgoing commander, salute as the national anthem plays during the June 5 Garrison change of command.

Sgt. Raymond Piper
Editor

The reigns of command have passed from Col. Gerald J. Poltorak, outgoing garrison commander, to Col. John M. Kidd, incoming garrison commander, June 5 at Cottrell field. "You and Kay have done an outstanding job for the soldiers and families of Fort Stewart and should leave here with a great deal of pride and satisfaction at a job well done," said Brig. Gen. Mark T. Kimmitt, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg chief of staff during the ceremony. The outgoing commander said, "More than two years ago I stood here and assumed command of the Garrison. Much has been accomplished during this time. So many have contributed to the incredible success of Fort

Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield." Poltorak will move to the U.S. Joint Forces Command. USJFCOM integrates the military capabilities of nearly all forces based in the continental United States through its components: the Air Force's Air Combat Command, the Army's Forces Command, the Marine Corps' Marine Forces Atlantic, and the Navy's Atlantic Fleet. "We wish you ... the best as you head off to a critical job at the Joint Forces Command. Admiral (Edmund P.) Biambastiani (USJFCOM commander) is lucky to be getting you," Kimmitt said. "One can't imagine how the big shoes of Gerry and Kay Poltorak could be filled, but the Army has clearly picked the right team in

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Weather Forecast

FRI	High 85°	Low 71°
SAT	High 89°	Low 72°
SUN	High 89°	Low 69°



Photos by Spc. Katherine Robinson

Sgt. Daniel Nardy, HHB 1/41 FA, cleans a cut on an Iraqi boy's foot outside a mosque in Baghdad. Part of 1/41's patrol operations include guarding the mosque.

New mission: 1/41 FA transforms from warfighters to peacekeepers

Spc. Katherine Robinson

50th PAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The war is won. But the city of Baghdad, on whose streets it was waged, is in a state of rebirth. Less than two months after the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) first rolled its tanks and Bradleys into Iraq's capital, its citizens are still trying to get back on their feet and the military is here to help.

With combat operations over, soldiers from units like 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery, among other 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) units, have shifted their focus to security patrols, trying to maintain peace and order in the heart of a broken city.

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1/41 FA, conducts six patrols every day in its sector. The soldiers do both mounted and dismounted patrols, scanning the streets for signs of danger. They also guard the Abu Haneefa mosque and a gas station. They look for people with weapons, looters, drunk and disorderly citizens and curfew-breakers.

Any time the soldiers find people carrying guns, they confiscate the weapons and either turn them in to the Army, or recycle them for use by the Iraqi police force, according to Sgt. 1st Class Dwayne Anderson, 1/41 FA fire support non-commissioned officer from Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"(We look for) weapons and lawlessness," Anderson said. "There are still some people out there who want to shoot Americans.

"We've got people out there trying to find our weaknesses ... what we're guarding and not guarding," he explained.

The transition from warfighters to peacekeepers hasn't been easy for Anderson and some of his men.

"Before, just about everybody you saw wanted to do you bodily harm," he said. "Now you see people waving and offering you cigarettes ... that's an extremely tough transition."

"I'd rather be doing this than fighting a war," said Sgt. Daniel Nardy, an HHB 1/41 soldier from Livermore, Calif.

Though the soldiers are always vigilant, they have had success reducing crime since the war ended.

"I think we have cleared up a lot of the guns, but there are still guns out there," Nardy said. "The looting and lawlessness are down. I can attest to that."

"You never let your guard down," added Sgt. Christopher Collum, another HHB artilleryman from Barbersville, W. Va. "But at the same time, people seem to be coming around more."

Collum said businesses are opening again, the power and water are getting up and running again, and Baghdad's citizens are becoming more at ease.

"Their driving skills could use some work," he added.

The toughest part of the soldiers' job, according to Anderson, is deciphering between the good and the bad — deciding which information offered by Iraqis to believe



Sgt. Daniel Nardy, HHB 1/41 FA, greets an Iraqi child outside a gas station the battery guards as part of its patrol operations in Baghdad

and which to discredit, who is dangerous and who is not.

"We sometimes get (tense) in large crowds, because we don't know if there is a hostile person in the crowd," he said.

Edging slowly through a narrow street, hemmed in by brick walls, Anderson and Nardy kept a wary eye on a child with a toy gun. Even children can be dangerous some-

times.

Still the soldiers have made friends during their attempts to help the community. At the mosque, three Iraqi boys linger regularly, helping clean the area and run the occasional errands.

The soldiers give the children — nicknamed "Durdy," "Durdy Alpha" and "Durdy November" — food and shelter, and sometimes

soap to bathe in the river.

Anderson said he's glad for the chance to help the community and maintain peace, especially after the violence of war.

"A soldier prays for peace more than anyone," he said, quoting a sign that hung over his barracks' door 20 years ago. "Because he has to make the ultimate sacrifice."



(Above) A 1/41 FA soldier guards the street outside a gas station as part of an HHB 1/41 patrol in Baghdad Thursday. (Right) Nardy watches the street while other members of the battery settle a dispute at a gas station.



2nd BCT stays true to motto

Staff Sgt. Antony Joseph

50th PAD NCOIC

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Spartan Brigade soldiers rolled through Najaf, rumbled through Karbala and thundered into Baghdad to help finish the war in 21 days. Baghdad fell to the Spartans in a day and two days later was under control.

Their success resulted in 2nd Brigade being given a follow-on mission, about a month later, to quell another hot spot — Fallujah.

The 2nd Brigade Combat Team then stayed true to its motto 'Send Me' and blitzed into Fallujah. Col.

David G. Perkins, the 2nd Bde. commander said the focus of the mission here was to provide a safe and secure environment to the people of Fallujah and enable a quick return to normalcy.

To achieve the goals the soldiers were out on patrol the very first night they got into town. "Though there has been some violence, most of it has been directed toward Americans, and that too usually at certain times of the night. There has been very few cases of Iraqi on Iraqi violence in this city," said Capt. Matthew Morgan, 2nd BCT battle captain.

Morgan said that the brigade's

leaders have had meetings with the community's religious and industrial leaders and are working very closely with them to make sure that the people of Fallujah can start governing their city without the looting and petty crimes which have been prevalent in this part of the country since the fall of the Saddam Hussein regime.

"We have only been here about a week; the progress we are making is significant, but we have to be patient. What we are trying to achieve here can't be done overnight," Morgan said. At present the U.S. Army is the only government in town thus repairing the

infrastructure is one of the primary responsibilities. According to Morgan one of the significant points of concern is the economy and the employment and payment of workers.

"We have to win the hearts and minds of the people. One of the ways we can do this is by making sure that we can get schools and hospitals up to par. The teachers, police, firemen and other civil servants are crucial to the community's success. So we have to try and provide ample employment opportunities and make sure the workers get paid in a timely manner."

According to Spc. Clint J. Dietz

a gunner with E Troop, 9th Cavalry Regiment, "We are here to make sure that the people here can have a better life. If we can help them fix their electricity, water and get rid of the criminal element that has been causing problems in the city then we will have done a good job." He added that in his opinion we have to finish the job here quickly and return home, "there has to be some closure to this mission."

"We will continue on our path to achieve an environment where the people of Fallujah will need little or no military interaction and become self sufficient," Morgan said.



Spc. Jacob Boyer

Lt. Col. Robert Banon, commander, 2-3 Aviation, accepts the battalion colors from Col. Curtis D. Potts, commander, 4th Brigade during a change of command ceremony May 31 at Baghdad International Airport.

2/3 Aviation takes new commander at Baghdad International Airport

Spc. Jacob Boyer

3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The command of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment changed hands in a ceremony May 31 at Baghdad International Airport.

Lt. Col. Robert Bannon took command of the squadron from Lt. Col. Howard R. Ferguson, who will be serving in the Military District of Washington as part of the G-8.

Fowler said he was "excited" to be joining the Knighthawk team.

"I am very fortunate to follow the dedicated command team of Lt. Col. Ferguson," he said.

Bannon, a Warwick, R.I., native, graduated from the St. Leo College in 1986. After completing the Aviation Officer Basic Course, he was assigned to the 203rd Assault Helicopter Company in Schwaebisch Hall, Germany, where he served as platoon leader and operations officer. During that tour he was assigned operations officer and detachment commander for the Beirut Air Bridge Flight Detachment in Akrotiri, Cyprus. Upon return from Cyprus, he deployed with the 11th Aviation Brigade to Saudi Arabia and participated in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm.

After completing the Aviation Officer Advanced Course, Bannon served as company commander, assistant personnel officer and

assistant operations officer for 2nd Battalion, 82nd Aviation Regiment at Fort Bragg, N.C.

He served as the director of operations for the Flight Concepts Division at Fort Eustis, Va., from 1995 to 2000. After completing the Naval Command and Staff College in 2001, he was assigned to the Military District of Washington, D.C., where he served as the operations officer for the Special Operations Division at the Pentagon.

Fowler's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the NATO Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Senior Army Aviator Badge, the Parachutist Badge and the Air Assault Badge.

Bannon and his wife, Traci, have four children, Stefanie, Megan, Casey and Riley.

"Robert Bannon is the right man to replace Howard Ferguson," said Col. Curtis D. Potts, commander, 4th Brigade.

"He will use his extensive combat aviation experience to hone the edge of an already razor-sharp unit," he said.

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

CG meets the press

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III
3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) commanding general

Although, the majority of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) will continue to be deployed in Iraq for the next couple of months, Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, commanding general, has promised to continue sending soldiers home for change of station, family matters and emergency situations.

"As the division finishes the mission, and no new missions comes up, we will be able to redeploy," Blount affirmed. "We've done a great job here and we don't want to leave when its not finished."

Previously, the division was preparing to return home. They were prepping to turn in equipment and get soldiers back to Kuwait when new presidential orders changed the focus. The division was ordered to spend a little more time helping other units secure their zones.

Blount called a telecommunications news conference with the local media to explain what was happening and talk about the welfare of the soldiers last Tuesday. He also wanted to express how he felt about the support the local communities are giving to families of the Marne Soldiers.

"I want to express my appreciation for the communities back there," the general said before the question and answer session of the interview. "They (communities) have been tremendous in supporting the soldiers, tremendous in supporting the families that are left back at Stewart, Hunter and Benning."

Blount prompted the media to "...please express my deep appreciation — and thank you for being back there to help the separations go as smooth as possible."

Following is Part II of the Commanding General's interview:

Q What about showers?

A Each of the units have a bath and laundry unit so the soldiers can turn in their laundry and get it washed for them — and they have showers. That's available to each of the units. That's been a great service. And we got more of those on hand. A lot of the units are living very well.

We've got several battalions living on palace grounds or in palaces and they've got air conditioning and running water; and then again there are a lot of them that don't have that — it depends on what area of the city they are in. But everybody have access to the showers and laundry facilities.

Q General, you mentioned that the 1/39th FA is coming home today (last week) and the band coming as well — are these likely the last folks that we are going to see coming home before the 3rd Infantry as a whole starts coming back. And for the folks who ask, can you tell us why these particular folks get to come home before anyone else.

A First thing is, 1/39 is MLRS — multiple launch rocket systems that we are not using at all in any of the missions that we have. So, we've got permission to go ahead and redeploy those units and the band. They were already in the process of moving out — had turned their equipment in — when the additional missions came down. So, I got permission to go ahead and continue their redeployment because they were already in Kuwait and I wanted to go ahead and get them on home. And I am not going to hold people for the whole division to redeploy together. As soon as we can get another unit out, we will do that. And we will redeploy them as best we can during the next couple of months. Also, I told the commanders to be very lenient on emergency leaves, and try to get soldiers back to graduations they need to go to, or any type of emergency — to go ahead and redeploy them back to Fort Stewart, Hunter or Fort

Benning. I'm going to be very generous in that regard.

Q What about commanders who are PCS'ing, ETS'ing, and even your own change of command is coming up — what are plans with those?

A We've already done three battalion changes of command over here — In fact did 2/7 Infantry this morning down at one of the national monuments here in downtown Baghdad. We have done two of the Aviation battalions: 2/7 Cav changed commands and 2/3 Aviation has changed ... we will continue to do changes of command over here as scheduled — I have done multiple company changes of command. Hopefully, some of these will take place back there at Stewart but we want to go ahead and get those under way here. We will continue to PCS personnel. Persons on orders — we'll go ahead and send them on out. We sent about 400 soldiers back on PCS or emergency leave and we will continue to do that.

Q When the division returns what type of training plans are in place — will they have a break from training at the National Training Center for a while or will they be excused from extended deployments for a while?

A We are having to revamp our training schedule because we are here longer then we thought we would be. So, we are going to have to re-look everything that's on the calendar. Clearly, we are going to take some time off when we get back. We have some block leave scheduled — each unit will

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Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III
3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) commanding general



take a period of block leave. That's guaranteed. We're going to do that regardless of what's on the training schedule. We were scheduled to do Bright Star this fall but we have gotten that transferred over to another unit — that'll be going to 1st Cavalry Division — so that won't happen. 3rd Brigade was due to do an NTC rotation in November time period — (we will) push that back until next year. So the intent is to get soldiers back. Let them take some time off and get to know their families again. And then we will gradually come back and start getting our equipment out of storage and getting that back in condition, and get back in the gunnery cycle and those types of things. We are going to try to give the maximum time off for our soldiers when they get back and gradually get back into the training cycle. But, no big training events on the immediate horizon for the 3rd Division.

Q What is 3rd Brigade's mission now?

A 3rd Brigade is just finishing up their transferring of the colors. They are turning their mission over to the 1st Armored Division. We are redeploying some of their non-mission capable equipment ... so right now they are helping push something out for the next mission of the Cav. I hope to send them home pretty soon. That's the plan for them but I don't want to promise anything yet until we get permission to do that. They still got multiple security tasks in their zone that they are in force protection task, and working maintenance. They are looking forward to redeploying depending upon what happens in the next couple of weeks here.

Q Back to the spouses' concern over here. Talked to a Black Hawk helicopter pilots wife — he has been over there since training and going through the operation since last summer. Wonder if the longer they are over there the more mistakes they are prone to make. Any thing you can say to put the spouses mind at ease about the conditions over there and what these soldiers are going through.

A Safety is always a concern when we're talking about aviation. We focus a lot on maintenance here — we've got great facilities, in fact, the facilities here are better then the ones they have at Hunter. We've got great maintenance hangers; we are doing our phases on the apaches right now. The tempo that they are in is a lot less then it was two or three months ago. Helicopter mission is not nearly what it use to be so they have got plenty of time ... plenty of crew rest — got time to do their maintenance, they've got time to do planning for their mission ... it is a pretty good environment for them right now. They have more then adequate resources to conduct everything safely.

Q Some of the wives express concern about some of the soldiers getting sick after drinking Iraqi water, has this become a problem?

A There was one unit we think that had gone out on their own and about one-third of the unit had some diarrhea problems with it. Its since cleared up and we are not drinking that water anymore. There was a case of that. Just one battalion had that problem and we think it was the water.

Q It seems like when we talk about morale especially with spouses, everyone thought the mission would end a lot sooner. Everybody was lead to believe that they (soldiers) would be coming home sooner, even though there was no date. In retrospect did we underestimate the Iraqi? Did we have poor planning ourselves? Should we not have lead people to believe they (soldiers) would be coming home sooner — they were mentally prepared for that, now its not happening.

A That is a problem — surely the spouses and a lot of soldiers thought they would be coming home. This is a different mission — its war. The missions the division has done since Desert Storm has all had end dates to them. An NTC rotation, a Bosnia rotation, a Kosovo rotation — they (soldiers) all know when they (missions) are going to end. Its usually a six-month deployment, a three-month deployment or a nine-month deployment. But, this has been an open-ended deployment. So, there was a lot of expectation that the division would redeploy once the 1st Armored Division was here and we hoped that would be the fact ... So, we, as good leaders and planners, are always leaning forward — planning to redeploy as soon as possible — get soldiers back home. We had expectations that would happen, but with the security situation here and the mission not being done, that didn't happen. We had a good plan for it — if we'd been able to redeploy ... So, we changed our plans and got the new focus. Now I think morale here is a lot better. I think over the last few days, half of the spouses know that the morale is a little better. We are going to finish up this mission and going to get them back as soon as we possibly can. Most everyone would be home by the end of August.

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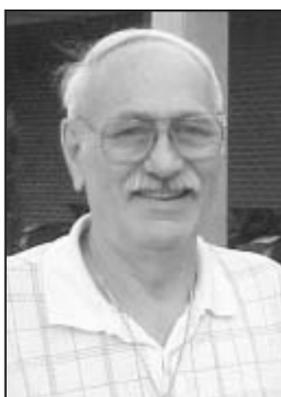
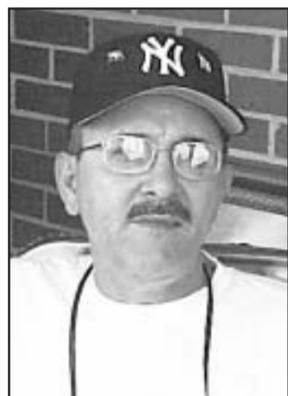
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Why is it important to show support to deployed soldiers?

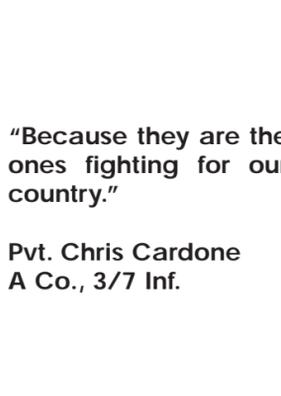
"We are the best trained force in the Army and have to show support all the way."

**Cheif Warrant Officer
5 Negron Cruz
HHC, 8th Army**



"If we are not fired up it's hard to ask them to give all they got."

**Bob Phares
Retired Marine Corps**



"Because they are the ones fighting for our country."

**Pvt. Chris Cardone
A Co., 3/7 Inf.**



"To let them know the people of America are supporting their efforts in fighting for America."

**Spc. Cedric D. Pollard
E Co., 131st Aviation**



"Because it could have been me, you never know when it will be you."

**Staff Sgt. Steve
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A Co, 841st Eng.**



"To show we still care about them."

**Sgt. Mark Shrewsbury
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John and Janet Kidd.”

Before coming to Fort Stewart, Kidd served as the chairman of the Counter-Propaganda Threat Panel, National Security Council and deputy Chief of the Psychological Operations Division, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

He graduated from the Georgia Military College in 1978 and was commissioned as an infantry lieutenant in the Alabama National Guard where he served as a rifle platoon leader. He was the aid-de-camp to the 87th Division assistant commander from 1979 to 1980 before entering the regular Army in 1981. He was assigned to the 8th Inf. Division in Gonsenheim, Germany, where he served as a platoon leader, adjutant and company commander.

Upon completion of the Infantry Officer's Advanced Course in 1985, Kidd was assigned to the 96th Civil Affairs

Battalion (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C., as a detachment commander and battalion operations officer and participated in operations in Southeast Asia and Central and South America.

Following service as a joint staff officer in the Operations Division, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Mons, Belgium, Kidd returned to Fort Bragg and was assigned to the 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne). While there, he served as a detachment commander, battalion executive officer and group S3. He participated in the group's operations in Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Korea, Bosnia and Haiti.

Fro 1995 to 1997, Kidd served as a strategic assessment officer in the J5 of the U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Returning to Fort Bragg, Kidd commanded the 6th PSYOPS Bn. (Airborne), conducting operations in 37 countries

throughout Europe and Africa.

Following his command, he became the chief of the Wargaming, Simulation and Analysis Division, J8, U.S. Special Operations Command.

Kidd is married to the former Janet Moore of Auburn, Ala. They have a daughter, Amanda, and a son, Daniel.

Kidd said during the ceremony, “We are glad to be here at Fort Stewart. Everyone we have met has had such a great ‘can do’ attitude, have been very open and friendly and we look forward to being part of the best community in the Army.”

He continued, “I intend to continue and build on the unique partnership of our military, their families, our civil service, civilians, contractors and volunteers all working toward the common goal of making Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield the Army's best community and the warrior's station of choice.”



Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Col. John M. Kidd, incoming garrison commander, accepts the garrison colors from Brig. Gen. Mark M. Kimmitt, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg chief of staff, during a change of command ceremony.

'An officer and a gentleman'

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

“What a great day for Fort Stewart!”

That phrase was heard at many groundbreaking ceremonies, ribbon cuttings and contract signings. It came from the mouth of Col. Gerald Poltorak, out-going garrison commander.

In his two years' tenure as the Fort Stewart garrison commander, one of his main goals was improving the quality of life here to the point where Fort Stewart would become a station of choice for soldiers and families, he said.

“It's been an incredible two years. So much got done and I could not have accomplished so much without the great garrison command that consists of soldiers and Department of the Army civilians,” said Poltorak, referring to the work that has begun, transforming what he called “a World War II era installation,” into the “Southern living station of the future,” which will incorporate the “Southern Coastal Motif,” red brick buildings with columns and green roofs, reminiscent of pre-Civil War architecture.

The signing of the Residential Communities Initiative during Poltorak's last week of command brought his dream closer, capping the Fort Stewart career of a man whom Col. Edwin Marrero, installation chief of staff, called “one of the finest commanders I've ever known.” The purpose of RCI is to bring quality housing and neighborhoods to military families.

Some other projects spearheaded by Poltorak were the Soldier Service Center, which combines all in-processing and out-processing agencies into one building; the addition to

Marne Chapel, making it Occupational Safety and Health Administration compliant for childcare, as well as the “Chapel of the Year,” scheduled for 2005.

Poltorak worked tirelessly with Rep. Jack Kingston (R-Ga.) to improve Fort Stewart by leaps and bounds, with his help brought Fort Stewart one step closer, said Jake Umholtz, adjutant general.

“To further support the soldier, families' welfare was always a main concern of his,” Marrero said.

As the commander of the 3220th Army Reserve Garrison Support Unit out of West Palm Beach, Fla., whose job it is to support Fort Stewart, Marrero is tasked with keeping close contact with the garrison command throughout the year.

“Col. Poltorak always believed in providing the best value for the customer. To him the customer was the soldier who was being trained to fight any war, anywhere,” he said.

Poltorak attributed much of his success to his wife Kay.

“She tirelessly worked so many things,” he said. Kay was heavily involved with the Fort Stewart community, Army Community Services, Marne Team and Family Readiness Groups.

Poltorak is moving on to his new assignment at Joint Forces Command, Va.

“His dedication and integrity effectively supplemented his managerial skills ... a tremendous sense of foresight that enabled effective planning to support operations and missions,” Marrero said.

“My wife Lizzie and I are sure that Kay and Gerald will succeed in their new assignment ... wishing them the best in all endeavors.”

Don't get burned: Become sun wise, protect your skin

Spc. Lisa Lotter

107th MPAD

Being outside on a warm, sunny day is one of life's greatest pleasures, but getting too much sun can be dangerous. Overexposure to sunlight can have immediate effects like blistering sunburns, as well as longer-term problems like skin-cancer and cataracts.

Winn Army Community Hospital's Chief of Dermatology, Maj. Richard P. James, Jr. said, "the most common thing I see on a routine basis is skin cancer."

The three types of skin cancer are Basal Cell Carcinoma, Squamous Cell Carcinoma, and Malignant Melanoma. The first, Basal Cell Carcinoma, is the most common and usually appears as a small, fleshy bump or nodule. It is found most often on the head, neck and hands of a fair-skinned person with light-colored eyes, hair, and complexions.

Squamous Cell Carcinoma is the second most common also found on a fair-skinned person. It may appear as a bump, or as a red, scaly patch and typically be found on the rim of the ear, the face, the lips, and mouth.

Malignant Melanoma, the deadliest and least common skin cancer can appear in mixed shades of tan, brown,

black, and red or white. Melanoma may suddenly appear without warning, but may also begin in, or near a mole, or another dark spot in the skin.

James said the best preventative measures one can take is to conduct periodical self-examinations.

"The biggest thing to look for is a new skin growth or skin lesion, a spot that hasn't healed appropriately (is crusted or bleeding), and moles on the body that change in size and color," he suggested.

Besides skin cancer another sun related phoneme one should be aware of during sun exposure is the risk of taking certain types of prescribed medicine.

James said, "The combination of the medicine with the sun may cause you to sunburn real easily, this is called a photo toxic eruption."

Also, health risk aside, in today's society many people are so image conscience that taking sun protective measures should not even be a concern but a way of life.

"The sun not only causes skin cancer but can also lead to premature aging of the skin," said James.

So while some exposure to sunlight can be enjoyable, ultra violet radiation exposure and sunburn damage is not something soldiers and their families should be taking at risk. Damage is largely preventable through sensible sun

exposure behavior that everyone can make habit.

"The most important advice I can give is to be sun avoidance as often as possible," said James. "For instance make arrangements to do outdoor activities early in the morning or late in the afternoon."

Another preventative measure is the regular use of sunscreen with sun protection factor (SPF) 15 or higher. This could decrease the frequency of skin cancer by more than 70 percent. "15 is the magic number" for ultra sun protection, James, agreed. "SPF 15 is the most effective, blocking 94 percent of UV rays." One would think an SPF of 30 doubles the protection but infact is only three percent more protective. James urged that the important thing about sun protection is, "it needs to be put on 30 minutes before you go outside, and reapplied every two hours regardless if it is a long lasting or water proof product."



Handy tips for staying safe in the sun

- Wear sunglasses that block 99-100 percent of UV radiation. Sunglasses that provide 99-100 percent UVA and UVB protection will greatly reduce sun exposure that can lead to cataracts and other eye damage. Check the label when buying sunglasses.
- Wear a Hat. A hat with a wide brim offers good sun protection to your eyes, ears, face, and the back of the neck-areas particularly prone to overexposure.
- Protect other areas with clothing during prolonged periods in the sun. Tightly- woven, loose-fitting clothes are best, but any clothing is better than none at all.
- Always use sunscreen when outside on a sunny day. A sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 15 blocks most harmful radiation. Apply sunscreen liberally and reapply every two hours when working, playing or exercising outdoors. Even waterproof sunscreens can come off when you towel off sweat or water.
- Avoid the midday sun as much as possible. The sun's UV rays are the strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. To the extent that you can, limit your exposure to the sun during these hours.
- Avoid Sunlamps and Tanning Parlors. Sun beds damage the skin and unprotected eyes and are best avoided entirely.
- Watch for the UV Index. The UV Index developed by the National Weather service and the Environmental Protection Agency, provides a forecast of the expected risk of overexposure to the sun and indicates the degree of caution you should take when working, playing, or exercising outdoors.
- Seek shade when UV rays are the most intense, but keep in mind that shade structures such as trees, umbrellas or canopies do not offer complete sun protection. Remember the shadow rule: "Watch your shadow — No shadow, seek shade!"

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HAZMAT Quick Facts: Steps to a safe, compliant shipment

Joyce Moomaw
Hazmat Instructor Officer

The recent deployment from Fort Stewart included the shipment of hazardous materials by various modes of transportation, land (truck and rail), military air and by vessel.

Each mode of shipment has particular requirements dependant upon the pertinent regulation, but the basic guidance is the same.

As expected, the shipment of hazardous materials from Fort Stewart went well.

For those of you remaining at Fort Stewart and are required to ship HAZMAT remember the following general steps for a safe and compliant shipment.

The first step is to ensure that you have the proper training. The proper training will provide all the guidance needed for you to research your material.

Another, and one of the most important steps in the preparation of shipping HAZMAT is to identify your material. Keep in mind that in addition to being a hazardous material, your shipment might be considered a Hazardous Substance, a Marine Pollutant, or might even be forbidden

for transportation.

For most hazard classes, such as HC 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, the best method to identify your HAZMAT is by obtaining the Material Safety Data Sheet for the material you want to ship.

That form can provide a myriad of pertinent information for a safe and compliant shipment. Companies that manufacture hazardous materials are required by law to provide an MSDS.

If you cannot locally obtain the MSDS for your material — call the manufacturer and ask them to provide it. Some hazard classes are not required to have an MSDS —for HC 1 (Explosives and Ammunition) contact your local Q A S A S and for HC 7 (Radioactive Materials) contact the local Radiation Safety Officer.

From the information gathered you can determine the basic description for documentation, proper shipping name, identification number, hazard class, and packing group.

The next step should be determining the packaging requirements and any special provisions. As a rule, hazardous materials will not be shipped in a container purchased at a local vendor, such as Staples or Office Depot.

The packaging paragraphs will dic-

tate the type of container to use. These containers can be ordered through companies that deal primarily in supplies for hazardous materials, such as LabelMaster, JJ Keller.

The next step will be to mark and label your package. Marking your packages must be accomplished based on domestic and/or international law as required, but must also be marked in accordance with the regulations outlined by the Department of Defense.

When you finish the above steps you are ready to determine which items can be safely shipped together, such as in the same container or transport vehicle.

This is commonly referred to as segregation. Segregation charts can be found in the applicable publication for the particular mode of transportation.

Based on the contents of your shipping container or transport vehicle it can be placarded to communicate the associated hazards.

After completing these general steps you are ready to certify your shipment by signing the shipping documentation. The certification you sign declares that the materials are properly classified, described, packaged, marked, and labeled, and are in proper condition for transportation according to the applicable regulations of the Department of Transportation, international and national governmental regulations.

Obtaining the MSDS is an important step in the preparation of shipping HAZMAT but it is only one step. Keep in mind that the law, domestic and/or international, mandates compliance with all the requirements.

Things to know before shipping HAZMAT

Since Sept. 11, 2001 the Defense Transportation Regulation, DoD 4500.9-R has undergone lots of changes to provide more explicit security requirements when shipping hazardous materials. Watch for the new revision.

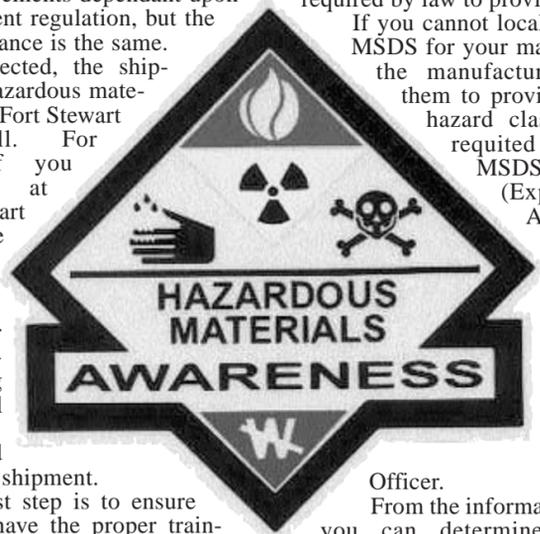
Here are a couple of tips:

- DD Form 836, Dangerous Goods Shipping Paper/Declaration is being revised and will be available soon.

- Order the new Military Standard 129P, Department of Defense Standard Practice Military Marking for Shipment and Storage

Need Technical Assistance to ship HAZMAT?

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Fowler takes command of 3-7 Cav

Spc. Jacob Boyer

3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Andrew H. Fowler assumed command of the 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment from Lt. Col. Terry R. Ferrellß will be attending the United States Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Fowler said he was impressed with the squadron and proud to take command.

"You have done a remarkable job, and it's a testament to your leadership," he said. "You have an unparalleled reputation across the Army and that reputation precedes you across the country. Gary Owen!"

Fowler, a Dallas native, graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1985. Upon completion of the Armor Officer Basic Course at Fort Knox, Ky., he was assigned as a tank platoon leader and company executive officer with B Company, 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment in Baumholder, Germany.

After completing the Armor Officer Advanced Course, he was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bliss, Texas. He served as squadron motor officer, C Troop Commander and assistant regimental logistics officer and deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm while there.

He was a member of the live fire team at the National

Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., from 1993 to 1996. He followed that by serving as the plans and operations advisor to the Saudi National Guard.

After completing the Command and General Staff College, Fowler was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, as the liaison officer to the Digital Force Coordination Cell.

He also served as the operations officer for 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment and executive officer to 1st Squadron, 12th Cavalry Regiment while there. His most recent assignment was as an instructor at the Center for Army Tactics at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Fowler's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, the Kuwaiti a liberation Medal and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

Fowler and his wife, Karen, have four children, Rhiannon, Hannah, Megan and Matthew.

"This squadron has a rich history of courage and commitment to the cause of freedom," said Col. Curtis D. Potts, commander, 4th Brigade.

"They experienced some of the fiercest and most intense fighting of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Now Lt. Col. Fowler can set a new azimuth for this great unit and take them to new heights," he said



Spc. Jacob Boyer

Lt. Col. Andrew H. Fowler, commander, 3-7 Cavalry, accepts the battalion colors from Col. Curtis D. Potts, commander, 4th Brigade. Fowler assumed command of the battalion in a ceremony June 2 at Baghdad International Airport.

Leech passes hospital's reigns to new hands

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Staff Writer

Col. Jim Leech, outgoing Winn Army Community Hospital commander, passed the reins of command to Col. Herman J. Barthel, incoming Winn commander, Monday during a change of command ceremony at the hospital.

"The staff is in good hands," Leech said.

Barthel is good and fit for the command, he added.

Leech will be attending the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA.

Barthel previous assignment the deputy commander for clinical services at Ireland Army Community Hospital, Fort Knox, Ky.

Prior to that assignment, he was the division surgeon for the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

In 1996, Barthel was stationed at Fort

Campbell, Ky. and spent three years as the chief, Department of Primary Care at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital.

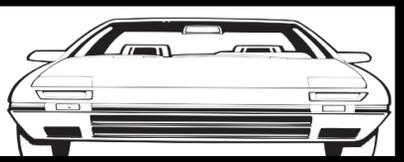
He has served as the chief medical officer with C Co., 326 Medical Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) during Operation Desert Storm.

In 1989, he was stationed in Hawaii as chief, Urgent Care Clinic and Emergency Medical Services at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Barthel received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Microbiology from the University of Notre Dame in 1980.

He is married to Dr. Joyce Maar-Barthel and have seven children: Jenny, Jennifer, Matt, Shae, Benji, Rob and Ben.

"My family has been looking forward to coming here for the past year," Barthel said. "I am looking forward to taking care of the soldiers and families of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized)."



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TRAINING

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to his two weeks here.

"This has been really good training," Sawyers said, while checking his equipment for the third time. "We've had quite a bit to do and much more to accomplish before training ends."

Fellow medic, Spc. Jeremy Combs of Ellijay, also with Headquarters Company, added that while the training has been good, it's also been hard.

"There's a lot we must do to get ourselves ready for the NTC, and that requires an extra effort on everyone's part to make sure every task is accomplished," he said. "Hard work, however, never hurt

anyone."

Brig. Gen. Robley S. Rigdon of Snellville, the 48th's commander, said that elements of the brigade will spend 10 consecutive days in the field. Included among them are soldiers from the 121st Infantry, 108th Armor and 148th Heavy Support Battalion.

Rigdon said that brigade leaders will focus on taking the soldiering skills of the individual guardsman and incorporating them into training at the platoon level, or the larger company level. Combat arms units, such as the infantry and armor, will concentrate on small-unit training, while the support and service units

will focus on training as larger units, Rigdon explained.

"There are going to be long days and plenty of hard work between now and June 14 when our citizen-soldiers return to their home stations," he said. "But I'm confident the 48th Brigade will demonstrate the professionalism and dedication for which it's known."

While a successful annual training may be measured by how well units perform the tasks they are given, it's also gauged by the how safely the soldiers complete their assigned missions, Rigdon said.

"Safety, as always, is paramount," he said. "We want Annual

Training 2003 to be a success but we also want our soldiers to be healthy and injury free.

"Every unit commander within the 48th, every NCO from the most senior to the most junior understands the importance safety plays in the accomplishing the mission," Rigdon added. "I know they will see to it that their soldiers have a great AT and return to their families safe and sound."

Between now and its rotation to the NTC, the 48th will travel in 2004 to Fort Riley, Kan., and where it will continue sharpening its combat skills.

Riley, known as America's

warfighting center, is near Manhattan, Kan. With 100,656 acres, it will offer the 48th an excellent location in which to hone its combat capabilities.

When the 48th Brigade does arrive to Fort Irwin, it will come up against one of the best opposition forces the Army has. During two weeks of force-on-force combat against this highly trained unit, elements of the 48th will "shoot and move" through the hills and mountains of the Mojave Desert in hopes of soundly beating the active Army force at its own game. The advantage, however, goes to the opposing force, since Irwin is its home ground.

RANGERS

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albeit uncomfortably.

During a training exercise June 5, six teams of 1st platoon, Company C rotated through the rooms, practicing their entry, as well as identifying and acquiring targets, simulating a real-life scenario.

"(CQB) is a big focus for us, one of our primary tasks," Rich said. "We can continuously do this ... other units have to stop, go pull support, and then come back to it, we can just continue to train, so we just get a lot more time in the shoothouse, and are therefore a lot more proficient."

During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Rich said the Rangers drew heavily from their extensive CQB training.

"Almost every objective we saw had buildings on it," he said, "so this really helps everyone to understand what their responsibilities are once we get inside the rooms ... this is very relevant when you put it in perspective with what we saw over there ... every objective we hit, we cleared it very quickly. I have no doubt that how well they performed every time we did a mission was a direct result of what they did here ... this is a very important training

event."

The company tries to get out to the shoothouse at least every four to six weeks, said Rich, "according to what the cycle looks like. There are other tasks that we need to accomplish, but this is one of the major tasks that we focus on, because it is one of the most complicated of all of them, and this is what Rangers have become known for, clearing rooms."

Throughout the day, members of 1st platoon, C Co., went step-by-step through the training, beginning with practice run-throughs using no ammunition at all, and focusing on the movements they would be making upon entering a room. Later, they would advance to firing blanks, and finally live rounds.

Another benefit of the shoothouse training, Rich said, was that through watching a team perform, he could see how well they would work together in the field.

"It's a great opportunity to develop young leaders," he said, "because as soon as the door (to the empty room) opens, you can see how they all react, it's all very quick. Some people will

go right to their points of domination and destroy the target, while others are more timid. This way, you can see how they would react in a high-stress environment, making quick decisions, deciding which target to shoot and which not to shoot."

Staff Sgt. Alexander Kupratty, who came into the company six and a half years ago, said confidence and leadership were two of the main things he's picked up from the CQB training he started as a private. When he first started out, he said, learning to identify a target was what he picked up "right off the bat."

Kupratty, the platoon's weapons squad leader, said the Rangers in his platoon, "do have a good idea of what they're doing ... however, we have a lot of new Rangers, which is why we're back here right now training."

Even with new Rangers, though, Kupratty seemed fairly confident in his men.

"Charlie Company, 1st platoon, is the best platoon in the world!" he said.

Thanks to the 1st Ranger Battalion's challenging and realistic training, they're getting better all the time.



Pfc. Emily Danial

Contractors discuss building plans at the site of the new shoothouse currently under construction at Hunter Army Airfield. The new facility should be completed by the end of June. Capt. Jack Rich, commander of the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment's Company C, said the building should be extremely beneficial to the Rangers. "We'll be able to have two companies at a time in the shoothouse," he said. "It'll be in high demand."

TASK FORCE

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were all stolen. They even tried to take the stadium seats."

The area residents participating in the project consisted of general laborers, electricians and welders working for a day's wage.

"This is a chance for the people to take pride in their community and earn some money," Gliedman said. "This and all of the Task Force Neighborhood projects show the people we're here to help them — we want to better their lives."

Aside from work being done to the stadium,

residents had the opportunity to have work done on them. Dentists were on site to perform checkups and extractions for those in need, and a physician's assistant provided treatment for minor ailments.

"The fact that we're able to employ many slice elements gives this project a big boost," Gliedman said.

Those slice elements included a military police company, civil affairs team, public affairs team and psychological operations team who took advantage of the opportunity

to reach hundreds of people by distributing products and providing information to the populace.

By day's end, more than 200 fighting positions were filled in, the two practice fields were flattened and 20 tons of trash were hauled away, according to Lt. Col. Todd Wood, 1st Brigade Combat Team deputy commander.

The last order of business for the day was a soccer game between the locals and the soldiers of 3rd Bn., 124th Inf., using the two

nets and one of five soccer balls donated to the stadium by the 1st Brigade Combat Team.

The final outcome, which didn't come as a surprise to most of the spectators, was a 5-0 Iraqi victory. Nonetheless, the soldiers found the day to be a great success.

"This was a great opportunity for (the Army) and the people here to build a trusting relationship and have some fun in the process," said Spc. Timothy Kitchen, B Company, 3rd Bn., 124th Inf. "I think we've accomplished that."

Soldier skills help soldiers, civilians

Spc. Curtis Porter III

124th MPAD

Staff Sgt. Brooks Young, a motor section sergeant with Calhoun's Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 108th Armor, said he believes in handling problems in a manner that does not cause an escalation in tempers.

Young and his fellow soldiers are part of the Georgia Army National Guard's 48th Enhanced Brigade, which is here conducting its annual training. Much of that training has the 48th and its supporting elements working hard to get ready for the active Army's National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., in 2005.

While training in this hot, humid, often muddy environment for days on end, tempers often flare. As a senior non-commissioned officer in his unit, Young said he is well suited to intervene.

That's because, in his civilian job as a security supervisor for the U.S. Transportation Security Agency, Young wrangles with some of the most irate people around, those who travel by air. The TSA handles security at all major airports across the country.

On the flip side, Young's experience as an Army National Guard

NCO helps him do his day job better.

"I have young soldiers in my unit and young co-workers on my civilian job, whom I supervise" Young explained. "Although I don't consciously think about my training as a noncommissioned officer, I know I use it in both environments to resolve issues that arise."

Young said his training and teaching methods for both jobs are the same, and that he does his best to help those he supervises to improve themselves professionally.

"I sometimes have to deal a bit differently with my older co-workers than I do with my younger people," Young said. "The younger person just hasn't had the life experiences that more mature workers have had. That's not a knock on the younger people, it's just that they still have some growing to do."

Young said he is constantly resolving conflicts with passengers that may seem innocent enough, but given today's heightened security awareness, must be taken seriously.

Air travelers, already sensitive about the amount of time they must spend going through security checkpoints and changing flights, can become angered further by delays in boarding lines, especially

if another passenger is caught with contraband.

"I usually have to get involved when something illegal is found in a passenger's belongings, and that person is more concerned with missing his flight and being off schedule. It's up to me to explain to the passenger why we have to take every security violation seriously and we have to do follow-up to make sure there are no potential threats," he said.

Young said he has found weapons numerous times in luggage.

"I've had travelers look me right in the eye and say, 'I don't know how this knife (12 inches long) got into my suitcase. My wife packed my bag and she must have put in there by mistake,'" Young said.

His favorite excuse was, "Oh, I'm carrying that gun for my grandmother."

Because a passenger packing heat must be detained for a background check, Young said he is often faced with an angry response. He can't lose his temper and lose control of the situation, however.

Young, who lives in Kennesaw, has been in the Guard for 18 years, 13 years of which was spent serving with the Mississippi Army National Guard. During his career, he has worked in air defense artillery and



Spc. Curtis Porter

Staff Sgt. Brooks Young counsels Pfc. Josh Simpson, who has come to him with a problem.

as a combat engineer.

Although he has worked in different job skills, they have all have one thing in common, he said. Each has helped him develop his particular style of leadership.

Young said he believes in working side by side with his people. The reason for that, he said, is that he doesn't feel that he can properly train them unless they see he is will to do the same kind of work.

"If I'm afraid to get my hands dirty doing the tasks that I have asked

them to perform, then I have no right to be their supervisor," he said.

Besides resolving potential conflicts as a soldier and a TSA supervisor, Young also has a conflict resolution situation waiting on him when he gets home. Instead of going on his honeymoon with his wife of 10 days, Young is instead here with his unit for annual training. "I'll make it up to her when I return home in a couple of weeks," Young said. His conflict resolution skills are sure to come in handy.

Monument to recognize fallen soldiers

Spc. Casandra Bolton

372nd MPAD

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

The tribute will have a plaque that will recognize the 35 soldiers and two foreign and two U.S. 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 committee 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 35 fallen soldiers.

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



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Early screenings for school children slated at Winn

To get a jump on next year's school health requirements, school health screening services are now available at Winn Army Community Hospital and Tuttle Army Health Clinic for military beneficiaries.

Children entering the Georgia school system for the first time are required to have the Georgia Certificate of Eye, Ear and Dental screenings as well as the Certificate of Immunization completed and signed by a healthcare provider.

The required certificates can be obtained

from the respective clinics. Remember to bring the child's medical records, shot records and ID card to the screenings.

Winn Army Community Hospital Eye and Ear screenings

Vision and hearing screenings are available by appointment Monday through Friday. To schedule an appointment, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Dental Screenings

Dental screenings on Fort Stewart are avail-

able on a walk-in basis at the sponsor's assigned dental clinic.

•Dental Clinic #1 will hold walk-in hours from 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 767-8510.

•Dental Clinic #4 will hold walk-in hours from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 767-8930.

Immunization Screenings

Immunizations and record reviews are available on a walk-in basis. Walk-in hours are 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Monday,

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday. The clinic is closed until 1 p.m. the third Thursday of the month.

Tuttle Army Health Clinic

Tuttle's full-service screening is available by appointment only. The one-time appointment will walk the child through each required clinic. Appointments are held from 12:15 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday until August 15. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-652-9221.

POLICE REPORTS

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 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, failure to obey traffic control devices
 • **Location:** Savannah, Ga.

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 40-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Obstruction of officer
 • **Location:** Richmond Hill, Ga.

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 46-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Criminal trespass, improper left turn, driving on wrong side of road
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Lance Corporal, 26-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Battery, criminal trespass
 • **Location:** Savannah, Ga.

• **Subject:** Civilian, 30-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Illegal possession of pornography, false official statement, wrongful use of government property
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 30-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 • **Charges:** Driving under the influence, weaving on the road way
 • **Location:** Hinesville, Ga.

• **Subject:** Corporal, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Drunken driving, failure to maintain lane
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 51-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Failure to maintain lane
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 2, 21-year-old male,, First Battalion
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 28-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Following too closely

• **Location:** Fort Stewart
 • **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Failure to obey a general order
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 54-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Failure to obey a general order
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Failure to appear
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Failure to appear
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private 2, 18-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Civilian, 54-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Driving on suspended license, speeding 68/55
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 25-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Aggravated assault, child neglect
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 21-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Failure to stop at posted stop sign, driving while license suspended, no insurance
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 24-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Simple assault

• **Location:** Fort Stewart
 • **Subject:** Civilian, 27-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Drunken driving
 • **Location:** Hunter

• **Subject:** Sergeant 1st Class, 45-year-old male, retired
 • **Charges:** Improper left turn
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 26-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Violation of temporary protection order
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 20-year-old female
 • **Charges:** Improper backing
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 18-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Following too closely
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** First Lieutenant, 25-year-old male, Headquarters Command
 • **Charges:** Smuggling automatic weapons, larceny of private property, depositing prohibited matter in U.S. Mail, conspiracy
 • **Location:** Iraq

• **Subject:** Family member, 34-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Child molestation, indecent assault on a child
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart and Columbia, S. C.

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

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old female, 2nd
 • **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 2-year-old female, Division Support Command
 • **Charges:** Improper left turn
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 45-year-old male, separate battalion
 • **Charges:** Failure to maintain lane
 • **Location:** Fort Stewart
 • **Subject:** Civilian, 18-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Driving while license suspended

• **Location:** Fort Stewart
 • **Subject:** Civilian, 55-year-old male
 • **Charges:** Communicating a threat
 • **Location:** Fort Meyers, Fla.

MP NOTES

Please ensure that all juveniles and guardians are aware of the Post Curfew Policy. Parents or guardians are responsible for compliance with this curfew. Juveniles must be inside their home or someone else's quarters during the designated curfew hours unless they are under the supervision of an adult (18 years or older).

CURFEW HOURS
 0 - 11 years
 9 pm to 6 am
 12 - 14 years
 10 pm to 6 am
 15 - 17 years
 4 to 6 am

This policy is punitive. Violation is punishable as a failure to obey a general order under Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice or other appropriate provisions of the UCMJ.

Additionally, failure to comply can result in referral to the Case Review Committee and/or Juvenile Disciplinary Control board. More information can be found in Fort Stewart regulation

210-5 (Chapter 6). Report violations to Military Police at 767-2822 (Fort Stewart) or 352-6133 (Hunter Army Airfield).

If you are making plans for a trip this summer, and your quarters will be unattended, be sure to come by the Military police station and fill out a form in order to be placed on the Housewatch Program. Military police will routinely patrol the area near your house and check it for signs of damage or break in at least twice every 24 hours.

Always remember to keep your vehicle and house locked when unattended. This greatly reduces your chances of being victimized. Record serial numbers on all high values items. It is easier to track and recover stolen equipment with serial numbers. Don't hide keys outside your home, and 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.

CALL 876-0156 TO PLACE YOUR AD TODAY!

3ID IN BRIEF

Stewart

Restoration Advisory Board

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield are conducting a community interest survey to determine whether a Restoration Advisory Board would be supported by the local communities.

The RAB would serve as a focal point for the exchange of information between representatives of the installations and the community regarding restoration activities.

If you are interested in completing the survey, have any specific questions about the survey, or need more information concerning environmental investigations and cleanup activities at Fort Stewart/Hunter, please contact Tressa Rutland at (912) 767-2010 (phone) or (912) 767-9779 (fax).

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

Army Community Service at Fort Stewart scaled back its Family Assistance Center hours of operation. New hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. 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 Son Harvest 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.

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. Why not consider this excellent opportunity to make money?

For more information call 767-2311.

Troops to Teachers

The Georgia State Troops to Teachers Representative will be available for one on one counseling on June 18, 10 to 11 a.m. If you are close to retirement and think teaching is a field you would be interested in, stop by and see Mr. Kirkland with your questions.

For more information, please call the Main Education Center at 767-8331.

Education Center Hours

The Main Education Center, Building 130, will continue with expanded hours due to the high demand for services during the day and evening hours. The 1st Brigade/Divarty Learning Center will return to regular business hours. Computer access is available during the week at the Main Learning Center, Building 130, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Fishermen for our Heroes

Fishermen will participate in a benefit bass tournament to raise money for the children of soldiers jilled in Iraq. The event will be held at Little River Park on Lake Sinclair in Milledgeville, Ga. Entry fee is \$200 per boat and area businesses will be donating prizes to be raffled that day.

Hunter

U.S. Army Show

The theme of this year's show is "Legacy", scheduled for tonight, 7 p.m., at the Savannah Civic Center's Johnny Mercer Theatre. The show is a fast-paced 90-minute family-friendly musical medley featuring 17 soldiers performing a variety of music styles including pop, patriotic, country, rhythm and blues, contemporary Latin, and nostalgic rock and roll.

Military personnel and civilians are invited to see this free, top-notch performance. Seating is available on a first come, first serve basis and doors are open one hour prior to performance time. Free transportation to the Civic Center is also available for Hunter soldiers and family members.

Trolleys will leave from the Hunter Club parking lot at 5:30 pm and return at approximately 9 pm. For additional information call 767-2697.

Red Cross Dinner and Movie

The Red Cross will host a free dinner and movie Saturday, June 14 from 4 to 8 pm at the Hunter Club. There will be food, swimming at the pool and a movie! Event is for families of deployed soldiers only – please RSVP by contacting FRG leaders.

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. First 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.

Hunting and Fishing License

Fort Stewart and Hunter AAF hunting and fishing permits and Georgia State hunting and fishing licenses are sold at the Hunter Skeet Range, Bldg. 8250. A Hunter Education course is required for on-post hunting permit.

For more information, please call 352-5916.

Youth Services

There are various programs available for every age at the Youth Services Bldg. 6052. You can pick anything from basketball to Tae Kwon Do lesson. For more information call 352-5708/6075.

Winn Army Community Hospital

Family Reunion Support

Family reunion support is available for families having difficulty adjusting after a deployment. Support is available by appointment or on a walk-in basis. For more information, call 370-6100 or 370-6111.

Preventive Medicine

The Department of Preventive Medicine has relocated to buildings PB473 and PB474, across from Army Community Services. For more information, call 370-5085.

Tobacco Cessation

Tobacco Cessation classes will be available at Winn 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday starting June 26. To register for the class, call 370-5071. The class will be available at Tuttle 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays starting July 2. 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.

Free tonight at 7 p.m.
The U.S. Army Show "Legacy"
at the Savannah Civic Center's
Johnny Mercer Theater



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

2nd Brigade Commander Col. David G. Perkins hands Lt. Col. Gary E. Luck Jr. 3/15 Infantry's guidon Saturday during a change of command ceremony in Fallujah, Iraq.

'Can do' soldiers welcome Luck

Spc. Mason T. Lowery

50th PAD

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Lt. Col. Gary E. Luck, Jr. took command of the "Can Do" Battalion (Saturday) in a change of command ceremony at Dreamland — a deserted resort 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry soldiers now call home.

"Skip (Luck), welcome aboard. You come with a great reputation. Continue to train the soldiers hard and keep them focused. Have fun commanding — your two years will go by fast," said former 3/15 Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Stephen M. Twitty, who stepped down to begin his next Marine assignment as assistant chief of staff, operations, (G3).

Luck observed his soldiers as he stood in front of them for the first time and said, "China, you look great. ... I'm deeply honored to have the opportunity to serve in this organization."

Changing battalion commanders during war might seem strange, but it's a natural part of Army organization. Leaders come and go in the Army, but the soldiers and mission continue, he said. "Soldiers understand their

service is to the nation, the American people and their unit. They understand the importance of this mission and will continue.

"3/15 soldiers are well trained and very competent at war fighting. They exhibit professionalism, good discipline and respect for each other and the Iraqi people. They're trying to do the right thing here."

Luck is a 1986 distinguished military graduate from the University of Florida. He holds a Masters degree in business administration from Central Michigan University.

Before taking over as 3/15 commander, he served as the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) LNO to V Corps Tactical Command Post during Operation Iraqi Freedom. From March 2001 to January 2002 he was the chief of plans, Joint Planning Group (B) for CJTF180 in Bagram, Afghanistan. Prior to that, he was the battalion operations officer (S3) for 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment from June 2000 to February 2001 with the 82nd Airborne Division.

Twitty says goodbye to his troops

Spc. Mason T. Lowery

50th PAD

FALLUJAH, Iraq — His 24-month journey with his soldiers from Cottrell Field, to Warfighter, the National Training Center, Marne Focus, a Kuwait rotation and to the war in Iraq, ended Saturday.

Fallujah — the caveat to 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry's success throughout the war, prevented Lt. Col. Stephen M. Twitty from leading his soldiers home. Change-of-command dates are set in stone, while 3/15's mission in Iraq is extended.

When Twitty took command two years ago, he immediately established a climate of teamwork where leaders from the top down could train their soldiers without stipulation or micromanagement, according to 2nd Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Otis Smith.

"He allowed company commanders down to squad leaders to lead their soldiers. They were so well trained they could lead without hesitation. It was second nature," he said.

Smith remembers seeing how that training paid off for the soldiers during the war. Pvt. 1st Class Christopher Nauman, a B Company, 3/15 soldier, was wounded April 7 on Highway 8 during 2nd Brigade's Baghdad battle. As two medics carried him to safety, Nauman saw an enemy soldier approaching. He shot him from his stretcher, preventing further injury to himself and the medics helping.

3/15 soldiers intensified their training specifically for the war in Iraq once the war was inevitable, Smith said. They had an area called China Town on Camp New York, Kuwait, where they practiced clearing buildings and engaging the enemy at close range.

"They were always motivated, they always wanted more training,"

he said. It wasn't unusual to find a 3/15 squad, lead by a young corporal or specialist, doing reflexive fire or bunker clearing drills on their own.

And that training paid off, according to Smith. Throughout the war, young sergeants in charge of dismount squads lead their soldiers through buildings while taking fire. "Those guys have been through a lot and seen a lot. Throughout it all they maintained composure making important split decisions. They could handle the task at hand."

Smith, and 2nd Brigade Commander Col. David G. Perkins, said Twitty's soldiers' motivation was directly related to his actions. He was the example for his soldiers.

"Steph (Twitty) was there in the front in every single case," Perkins said of Twitty's actions during the war.

Smith said Twitty always trained, as he later fought, right beside his soldiers. "I'll always remember seeing him down in those trenches with his soldiers."

Twitty and his soldiers, a dismount battalion in an armored brigade, joked with the 1st Bn., 64th Armor and 4th Bn., 64th Armor soldiers about their face and hand camouflage. 3/15 soldiers always went all out with their camouflage, and when the tankers would show up they'd say, "Here's your ammo, because you guys don't know how to do it," Smith said.

Twitty was a soldier's soldier, Smith said. He would often come to Smith for a second or third opinion when one of his soldiers had a problem. He'd even do the 12-mile road marches with his soldiers and give them advice on foot care. "He was always out there doing the same things (as his soldiers). It showed in their morale and discipline.

"You'd always see him out talking to his soldiers, slapping them on

the back, motivating them. That's one good sign of a leader — showing that he cared about soldiers as a whole, not just training, but personal life too. That was the type of command climate he had."

Even with the war's limitations on what leaders could do for their soldiers, Twitty got his home for births and graduations, Smith said. "Those soldiers will look back on that, and when they face that situation, when they're leaders, they'll remember that their leaders took care of them."

3/15 soldiers were the first across the berm when the war started clearing the way for the rest of the division, according to 2nd Brigade Battle Captain Capt. Matt Morgan. They were key to division success at Objective Rams, protected 2nd Bde.'s North flank at Karbala, guarded the Engineer Brigade at Objective Peach, and had a big part in destroying the Medina Division, just to name a few of their accomplishments. On April 7 they joined the rest of 2nd Bde. for the Thunder Run — the attack on Baghdad that eventually ended the war in three days. When Perkins made his historic decision to stay in Baghdad once they had taken over the City's seat of Power, it was 3/15 soldiers who secured Highway 8 so fuel and ammunition could reach the rest of the brigade. Without them, 2nd Brigade would have been out of gas in the middle of Baghdad April 8.

"They're the kind of soldiers you only see in movies," Perkins said to Twitty of his soldiers.

Twitty said goodbye to his soldiers at his change of command ceremony. "It has been an honor and a privilege to be your commander for two years. I am extremely proud of all we have accomplished. You have done it all and have exceeded all my expectations. ... Thanks for all your support. This is China Six Ancient signing off the net."

10 Things You Can Do to Help the Environment



1. Use water-based paints.
2. Recycle your household trash.
3. Compost yardwaste.
4. Plant trees.
5. Conserve energy.
6. Buy non-aerosol products.
7. Carpool.
8. Keep your car engine tuned.
9. Recycle used motor oil.
10. Choose less packaging.

1/39 puts artillery training to the test while deployed

Sgt. 1st Class Mike Brantley

3rd ID (Mech.) PAO CI Chief

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait – “When I think back on the war, I think of that day,” said Sgt. Daniel Schaffhauser, C Battery, 1/39 Field Artillery Regiment.

That day was April 7, and for Schaffhauser, a 25-year-old Multiple Launch Rocket System fire direction specialist from Austin, Texas, it was a turning point — one where his years of training was put to the test on the battlefield.

“Help, help, help”

Schaffhauser’s battery was performing area reconnaissance when they saw six empty enemy trucks in a field. The trucks were loaded with surface-to-air missiles and it was his battery’s mission to destroy them, he said.

Schaffhauser scoped out a spot on the second floor of an abandoned building to watch the explosion, but another soldier, Sgt. Richard Spearin, had already taken his position behind the low concrete wall.

A little disappointed his prime viewing spot was taken, Schaffhauser got down about four feet away and waited for the blast.

Suddenly, a cry came from Spearin — “Help, help, help!” He had been hit in the right arm by shrapnel. Schaffhauser looked up to see

Spearin’s elbow and tricep muscle torn away, and a puncture wound under his armpit.

Schaffhauser held the wounded sergeant’s arm while Capt. Bryan Hall pinched off the spurting artery. A tourniquet was applied and they got the sergeant on a medevac helicopter.

“You don’t think about training, it just becomes automatic — mechanical,” he said.

“The steps to evaluate a casualty didn’t come to mind; I just did them,” said Sgt. 1st Class Reginald Strickland, a 37-year-old mortar sergeant with B Battery, 1/39 FA.

“If training is presented correctly and within standards, I think the soldiers gain a lot of useful information that becomes second nature to them.”

Strickland was among several senior NCOs recently conducting Common Task Training for soldiers of 1/39 FA waiting to redeploy to Fort Stewart.

He said prior to war, the soldiers attended weapons qualification and first aid classes, as well as a 10-day field exercise in February to get ready for a possible conflict.

“It’s our duty”

Calling upon his weapon training and skills as a former infantryman, C Battery’s Sgt. Louis Cubero from Brooklyn, N.Y., dealt with the most fundamental of tasks — maintaining his

weapon and ensuring his soldiers’ weapons were ready to face the enemy.

After two days in the sand, some soldiers couldn’t pull their charging handles to the rear on their M16A2 rifles, he said.

“In the conditions we were exposed to, if you didn’t keep your weapon clean, it wouldn’t perform for you when you needed it,” Cubero said.

His tenaciousness in weapons maintenance proved beneficial to both he and his soldiers when they came upon a group of Iraqi soldiers near Karbala.

“We knew the area was cleared of any armor threat and were performing a reconnaissance when we saw the enemy.

“Per the rules of engagement, I engaged the enemy,” he said. He also captured two prisoners and confiscated their weapons.

After the skirmish, Cubero again brought up the importance of having a clean weapon.

“You never know what’s out there,” he said. “The enemy did their job and I did mine. It’s our duty.”

“Gas, gas, gas”

A sense of duty, level thinking and a sense of humor all played a role in a day in the life of Sgt. Osvaldo Vidal, a supply sergeant with C Battery.

Vidal was attending a promotion board in early April when a chemical alarm sounded.

“The board members had just asked me some questions about myself when I heard the alarm,” he said.

Already in level two of his Mission Oriented Protective Posture, Vidal reached into his mask carrying case, withdrew his protective mask, donned it and gave the signal. Then, he sat there and waited.

After everyone was in MOPP-level four, the board members asked him if he was ready to continue. He said, “Yes.”

“I couldn’t hear all the questions so they would write them down and hold up sheets for me,” he said.

Vidal was recommended for promotion.

He said that having to don his mask was the last thing he thought of that day when he got up.

“When it comes down to it, you react,” he said. “The knowledge is there. I’ve trained my whole military career for that moment and when I needed it (the knowledge), it was there.”

“The level of training is realistic and the soldiers paid attention,” said Strickland. “Trusting the training, as well as the NCOs and leaders, is what saved the soldiers lives, and I think it contributed to our success as a unit.

Savannah unit cooks up safe, nutritious meals

Sgt. James C. Sherrill

124th MPAD

To most folks, cooking breakfast and dinner every day for a family isn’t a problem. But hauling enough stoves and utensils deep into the woods to feed 150 tired and hungry soldiers would be a stretch for even the most avid backyard grillers.

Add flies, ticks, sand, an occasional rain shower, along with sweaty temperatures, and one could have a recipe for disaster.

The mess section of the Georgia Army National Guard’s Headquarters Battery, 118th Field Artillery, based in Savannah, though, have cooked up ways to feed their troops safe, nutritious rations while conducting combat training.

While their unit is slogging through the muddy backwoods of this massive military reservation for two weeks of annual training May 31 through Saturday, these salty chefs are preparing and serving two hot meals every day. For lunch, the sol-

diary wolf down pre-packaged combat rations, otherwise known as MREs (Meal, Ready-to-Eat).

The 118th is part of the 48th Enhanced Brigade, Georgia’s largest Army National Guard unit, which is here for training in preparation for a rotation to the Army’s National Training Center in 2005.

When the 118th Artillery’s Headquarters Battery deployed to the far southwestern corner of Fort Stewart earlier this week, they did so in a long convoy of growling military vehicles, stopping only to avoid mock enemy forces that were part of the exercise. It took hours to reach their encampment on a grassy decommissioned airstrip. There, the camouflaged cooks would prepare the meals in the shade of century-old oak trees.

Towed behind a truck is their Mobile Kitchen Trailer. The kitchen, reminiscent of a chuck wagon, pops up like a big travel trailer, and is complete with stoves and a serving line through which troops can file to get

their grub.

The cooks know their stuff. They had the MKT up and running in about an hour. Cooking is the easiest part of the job, however. Making sure that every pot and pan is clean is much harder.

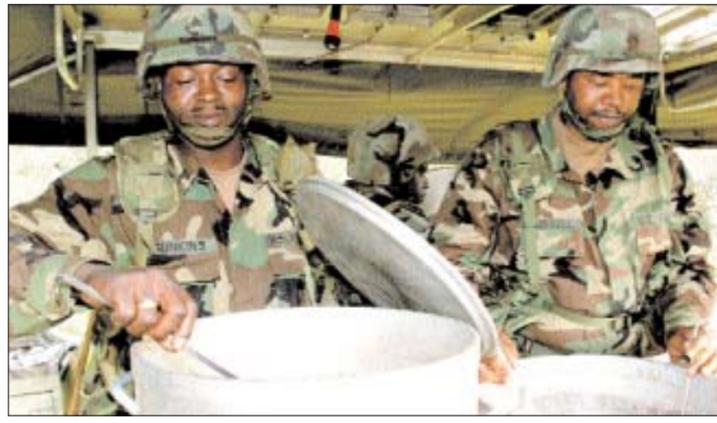
“We didn’t get much sleep last night, we didn’t go to bed until 3 am,” said Sgt. Isaac Sunkins after a night of sterilizing pots, pans and ladles.

This culinary cadre knows that gnats and mosquitoes aren’t the only bugs a soldier can get out here.

“If we don’t clean this stuff properly, a soldier could get sick and even die,” explained Staff Sgt. Crawford Hines of Folkston. A civilian cook, Hines works at D. James Ray prison.

Proper sanitation in the field, he said, helps prevent his soldiers from contracting diseases like typhoid fever and hepatitis.

The cooks carry the proper equipment to prevent these bugs from harming the troops. At each MKT



Sgt. James Sherrill

Sgt. Isaac N. Sunkins of Savannah, and Sgt. Jeffery L. Russell of Hinesville, prepare dinner for soldiers in the field at Fort Stewart.

site are mobile hand-washing stations, along with a row of gasoline stoves that heat the dishwater water to a rolling boil. Hines said all utensils go through a pre-rinse, wash, final rinse, and a sterilizing rinse

before being used.

The first night’s menu consisted of roast beef, potatoes, gravy, green beans and bread, with fresh-baked M&M brownies for desert. All served on a clean plate, of course.

On Post

Walk to Kuwait

There will be a 3rd ID Family Readiness Groups Walk to Kuwait/Iraq and Back morale booster for Father's Day. This event will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 15, at the Fort Stewart Quick Track.

Special music will be played, face painting, and organized races will be some of the events.

All families are encouraged to attend.

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.

Swimming lessons

Classes are open to military adults and children, DoD civilians, retirees, National Guardsmen and Army Reservists.

The two-week sessions will be held at Corkan Gym and Bryan Village Pool during June and July. The cost is \$25 for youth and adults, \$15 for infants and toddlers.

Call 767-2312 to sign up for swimming lessons.

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.

Fathers Day BBQ

A Fathers Day Sunday Brunch will be held at the Stewart Club. There will be a variety of different grilled foods offered. Adults \$11.95 — children ages 9-12 eat for half price, ages 8 and under eat FREE! Bring 20 or more people and get \$1 off.

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.

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.

Community salutes soldiers

William Mosley

Special to the Frontline

Residents who went for their morning walk or jog at Savannah's Forsyth Park, May 31 noticed that the park was being turned into a red, white and blue showcase of patriotism.

"Operation: Savannah Cares" was an all-day fundraiser to show community support for the families of deployed soldiers, and to raise funds for Southern Smiles, a local non-profit organization that has donated food to these families. The event was co-sponsored by South University.

The festivities began with a ribbon cutting ceremony where Robin Webber, wife of Brig. Gen. Bill Webber, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) assistant division commander (Support), starting the day off.

Volunteers and participants tied bows, hung flags and banners, passed out ribbons, and then they laced-up their sneakers for the

Patriot Walk. About 100 people walked around Forsyth Park several times before being entertained by local musical groups and vocalists.

As park visitors walked up and donated to the effort, they were treated to food, drinks and prizes, donated by at least 55 individuals and companies, ranging from haircuts to two-night hotel stays.

"What we want to do is bring the military family readiness groups and the Savannah community together," said Lynda Long, Southern Smiles co-founder. "Savannah is very supportive of the military and we can tell people (walking through the park) that what we're doing here is for everybody, and we hope they'll join."

This year, Savannah Smile's project is to support the military soldiers and families during "Operation Enduring Freedom" and America's war on terrorism. The military reaction to Operation: Savannah Cares and Southern Smiles was very enthusiastic. So much so that the wives of some of 3rd Inf. Div.'s highest ranking officials have become involved

with the group's activities, such as making care packages for soldiers as they boarded their aircraft bound for the Middle East and a "Walk To Kuwait" to boost wives' morale.

They believe that their comradery with Southern Smiles has led to a great community outreach and that they've been very instrumental in organizing military and civilian support in rallying behind the troops.

"They've shown us how great community outreach can be," said Charlene Austin, wife of Brig. Gen. Lloyd Austin III, Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver.) "Southern Smiles has been very instrumental in helping the military wives while their husbands are in Kuwait (and Iraq)."

"Our association with Southern Smiles is like a hand in a glove," remarked Sherry Kellman, wife of 3rd Inf. Div. Command Sergeant Major Julian Kellman. "The comradery has been wonderful ... I think our husbands are proud of what we're doing here."

Robin Keller echoed the senti-

ment of the supporting groups and recipient families. "Our families are exceptionally thankful," she said. "We've been pleasantly surprised by the amount of support that comes from the community."

"Once our families step outside the gates (of Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield), they see how everyone's taking care of them. They shouldn't be surprised about the support because it's always been there. Sometimes, they just need to come outside the gates and see for themselves."

Cooperative efforts between civilians and the military are crucial to the morale and success of any military operation in peacetime and in war. Southern Smiles is just one of many local groups doing all it can to foster support for our troops, their families and the nation, regardless of what America faces. Troops of Fort Stewart and Hunter can rest assured that groups like Southern Smiles and South University are lending a hand to their families in easing the separation they endure.



Deja Samuels takes a day out to take in some fishing. Samuels was one of the 44 children in attendance at the Annual Kids Fishing Event Saturday sponsored by the Fort Stewart Fish and Wildlife Branch.

Photo by Spc. Casandra Bolton

Budding country artist dedicates song to military

Sgt. Raymond Piper

Editor

A budding country artist has recorded a song to show her support to U.S. soldiers fighting the War on Terrorism.

Alabama Songwriter, Michile Lam, donated the "A Soldier's Ballad" to the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) and to Soldiers Radio and Television.

She said she donated the song to SRTV because she wants soldiers to hear the song.

"When a soldier hears my song, I want him or her to feel like it was written and sung just for him," Lam said.

Lam said, "W ended up with a beautifully haunting melody that really lets you feel the history of the song. It has a timeless sound that makes you feel like it could have been written to an American soldier in 1865 or 1942.

She said that when she saw protesters on the news she felt angry because there are many supporters for the troops but they weren't on the street as much.

"The song came out of my friends and families feelings," Lam said. "I think most of the country are very proud of soldiers and are behind them."

To listen to or purchase her music, visit www.michellelam-music.com.

BOSS: A chance to get away

Spc. Casandra Bolton

Staff Writer, 372nd MPAD

The Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers' group here has been invited to a Fort Gordon hosted Army Concert tour that will feature Ashanti, 8 p.m., June 27 at Fort Gordon's Barton Field. The gates will open at 7 p.m.

The 2003 winner of the Grammy for best R&B album will be joined by special guest Mr. Cheeks, plus other special entertainment.

Tickets are \$16 through BOSS and the hotel rooms are \$40 per room. The more people who are in attendance, the less expensive the rooms will be. The gates open at 7 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m. Boss will provide transportation to and from the event.

"This is a trip to get away from Fort Stewart," said Sgt. Norma Kline, BOSS president for Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

The day after the concert, Fort Gordon BOSS will be sponsoring a pool party and barbecue.

All of those who plan on attending the trip will return to Fort Stewart Saturday evening after the day's events are over.

If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Kline at 767-2382. Reservations are to be made no later than June 19.

Church remembers military members, civilians

Spc. Bradley A. Staggs

107th MPAD

The Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church was the site May 30th for an evening of fellowship, remembrance and brotherhood for military members and civilians alike.

The second annual "Soldier to Soldier" program was held as the Memorial Day observance program to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the cause of freedom.

1st Sgt. Wayne L. Williams, Deputy Commander of the Fort Stewart NCO Academy, was in charge of a special portion of the program entitled "I am the Soldier." "I am the Soldier honors not just today's soldiers, but those

from throughout the Army's history beginning in 1775." Williams said. "It is necessary to remember those who have fallen in this war, but we can't forget those who made the sacrifice before us."

I am the Soldier brought out soldiers representing the Army in period uniforms from the American revolution, the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Vietnam, Granada and Desert Storm. One soldier in dress blues was brought out to represent today's soldier and one soldier in full battle gear was brought out to represent the soldier of the future. The presentation was brought to conclusion by presenting all of the soldiers as one Army under God, all coming together to better the next generation.

Col. Neil A. Dennington, Fort Stewart Installation Chaplain, was the guest speaker and promised to make the best of his time. This he did with a relaxed yet commanding speaking style, which kept his audience listening from beginning to end.

"It was a great pleasure to be here for this program," Dennington said. "Soldier to soldier is exactly how we should be thinking every day."

The evening was capped by a special presentation of a plaque thanking Mount Zion for their continued support to Dr. M. L. Jackson, senior pastor of Mount Zion Ministries, by 1st Sgt. Williams and the NCOA "You have answered the call," Williams said as he handed the plaque to Jackson. "We consider you part-

ners in the pursuit of building leaders.

Mount Zion Ministries donates the funds to buy dress blue uniforms for each NCO and Soldier of the Year from Fort Stewart as well as each distinguished honor graduate from every Primary Leadership Development Course held at the NCOA.

"Mount Zion really means to be a part of this community," Jackson said.

"This is our way to thank the soldiers for what they have done," he said.

Soldiers who were in attendance appreciated the program, and the civilians felt a sense of pride in their military community ... a great way to bring two neighbors together.



Photos by Spc. Casandra Bolton

Anthony Hodosh shows his son Gabriel how to cast and reel in with his fishing rod Saturday. The Fishing Event is an annual event to promote the great outdoors.

Gone fishin' ...

Young anglers bait up, cast out

Spc. Casandra Bolton

Staff Writer, 372nd MPAD

Dark skies and light sprinkles of rain didn't sink the spirits of children and parents who attended the 14th Annual Kids Fishing Event sponsored by the Fort Stewart Fish and Wildlife Branch Saturday.

Joel Fleming, fisheries biologist at the Fort Stewart Fish and Wildlife offered his help to children with their baiting, casting and reeling in their catches for the day. 44 children and 24 parents attended the event.

Each year there is one main fishing event held primarily in June to promote the great outdoors and to give the military families bonding time as they bait up and cast out, according to Fleming.

"This year we have had multiple fishing events," said Fleming. "We have had multiple to show our support to the families during this time of deployments."

"For some kids, this is really their first time fishing," said Fleming. "And we really try and promote that."

In the fall, every year the Fish and Wildlife Branch stock the pond with different species of fish in the fall. The fisheries biologists raise the fish and make sure they are healthy. Then in June, when the Fish and Wildlife Branch usually hold the annual fishing event, the kids and the parents come out and have a great time catching

fish and making a fun day out of it.

"We caught about nine catfish so far," said Staff Sgt. Richard Miller, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment.

"We have only been out here for 45 minutes and already just about all of the kids are catching fish," Fleming said.

"It is relaxing and it's a great way to bond," Miller said. "It's the number one pastime."

As the day started to wind down, the children were still filled with excitement as they continued to catch fish. A lot of young anglers were using chicken livers and the occasional worm or two to catch their prizes.

"In the past 13 years, we have had a total of 1,900 kids that have participated," Fleming said. "68 percent of those kids have caught fish."

When everyone was done fishing, their fish had to be weighed and measured before they could take their trophy home. Each child was allowed 10 catfish apiece to take home.

"We have a lot of water here at Fort Stewart," Fleming said. "It is good that we promote the outdoors."

A lot of the anglers were planning on cooking their catches for the day.

With a look of success in his eyes, Miller added, "We are going to have a fish fry tonight! I already have my seafood batter ready."



(Above) Staff Sgt. Richard Miller, HHC 3/7 Inf. Regt., prepares to unhook his catch.

(Left) Miller takes the hook out of the catfish that he caught. This catfish is one of the many that Miller and his family caught during the Annual Kids Fishing Event Saturday.



Children and Parents enjoy a fun day of fishing Saturday. Even though there were signs of rain, 44 kids and 24 parents attended the event.

— CHAPLAIN'S CORNER —

Conquering the stress of life

Chaplain (Maj.) Tim Bonner

751st Maintenance Battalion

Every one of us associated with the army will agree that military life can be stressful. We have to deal with deployments, separations, hasty moves, wars and rumors of wars, and constant change. For both the soldier and the spouse left behind during a deployment the stress can seem overwhelming. Bills still have to be paid, children have to be cared for, and everything at home seems to break down at once.

When we received news that the 3rd Infantry Division was not coming home anytime soon that only added to everyone's stress level. What should you do when the stresses of life seem overwhelming?

The apostle Paul has some encouraging words for us in Philippians 4: 6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

How could Paul speak these words, and what did he mean by them? First, Paul is reminding us that God is interested in all of our concerns. He wants us to lift up our needs in prayer-personal, physical, financial, marital, family, health, spiritual-whatever it is that is troubling us. If it is important to us it is very important to God.

Second, God wants us to pray regardless of what circumstances we find ourselves in. We should never feel too ashamed or embarrassed to pray. Neither should we wait until the last minute when our situation seems desperate. God hears and answers prayers in a foxhole, but why not pray before the battle begins! Paul is telling us that whenever we feel anxious, worried, or stressed, or simply have something on our minds, is a good time to pray. God always

loves to hear from us; there never is a bad time to pray.

Third, we can be thankful that God hears and answers all of our prayers. God may not answer our prayers according to our timetable, but He will answer. Sometimes the answer may not be what we want to hear. It will always be one of three responses – yes, no, or wait. We can always, be thankful, however, when we pray because God has our best interests at heart, and His answer will be what we need, even if it is not necessarily what we want.

Fourth, if we follow this counsel from scripture, the result will be peace. God will bring tranquility to the most stressful situation in a way we can't comprehend. The reason is that we have given Him control of the situation and have asked Him to take care of it. When we pray with thanksgiving God promises to do that. Our hearts will become calm and our minds will be clear. There is no greater feeling in the world than to know that we don't have to worry about a problem any more.

The reason that Paul could write these words is that he personally knew God's peace. Paul was well acquainted with stress. He was persecuted everywhere he went as God's missionary. He spent much of his later life in jail and died a violent death.

Yet in spite of his problems he could say "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances." (Phil. 4:11)

God gave him peace as a believer in Jesus Christ because Paul knew he "could do everything through Him who gives me strength." (Phil. 4:13)

The same peace and strength is readily available for us, too.

Are you stressed today? Then pray. Are you overwhelmed by your circumstances? Thank God in them because God will see you through them. Stress doesn't need to defeat you; with God's help you can overcome your circumstances.

Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

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

Protestant

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

American Samoan

Sunday Worship	Vale	1 p.m.
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Jewish

Friday Shabbos Service	Marne	6 p.m.
Weekday Kaddish	Marne	1 p.m.

Muslim

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

Seventh Day Adventist

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

Lutheran

Sunday Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
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Contemporary Service

Sunday Worship	Marne	6 p.m.
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Hunter Army Airfield

Protestant

Sunday Service	Post Chapel	11 a.m.
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Pet of the Week

Angus is a 3-year-old female Australian Shepard mix looking for a good home. She is friendly and enjoys playing.

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.

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 asked to contact Charlie Dobbertin at 767-2370.

Pool passes

Pool passes are now available. 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.

Fishermen for our Heroes

A tournament will be held June 21, at Little River Park on Lake Sinclair in Milledgeville, Ga. Entry fee is \$200 per boat. Festivities opened to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations will go to the Fort Stewart Military Scholarship Fund.

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.

Scramble bids farewell to GC

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

The team of C. Johnson, A. Anderson, A. Gelow and P. Rose took home the honors at Col. Gerald Poltorak's Farewell Scramble. Finishing with a 20-under-par 52, they won the tournament by four strokes, June 3.

Hinesville Mayor Thomas Ratcliffe and 143 other participants came to say goodbye to the outgoing garrison commander, and according to PGA member Charlie Dobbertin, during biggest scramble at Taylor's Creek Golf Club in recent memory. The shotgun went off at 10 a.m., launching the 36 teams to their starting hole.

Ratcliffe's prediction was understated, when he said, "I think it'll take 14 or 15 under to win today."

Although Ratcliffe's team failed to make the prize cut, he didn't think the day was a loss.

"Col. Poltorak has done an excellent job as the garrison commander," he said, "And the rain held up."

Poltorak and his team of Curtis Henry, P. Dixon and P. Andreshak were six under at the turn, which he attributed to "great drives, super putting."

"The team is pulling together; everybody's contributing," he said.

They finished with a respectable 10 under 62, narrowly missing the placings in a match of cards.

Following the tournament, an awards ceremony was held and light fare was served to an excited crowd.

H. Thompson, C. Henry, C. Brannen and R. Kennedy took second with a score of 56, and D. Shaw, A. Brown, J. Arnold and L. Graddy's 60 was good enough for third.

Other notables include Ralph Anderson Jr.'s longest drive on the par 5-18th hole. Closest-to-pin winners were Dave Hollaman on hole no. 2, Clifford Johnson on no. 8, Fabian Cook on no. 11, and Russ Putnam on the difficult hole no. 17.

Tournament honoree Poltorak had bitter-sweet feelings, being happy to celebrate, but also remorseful that it has to be during such trying times.

"What a great way to say goodbye to all the friends (my wife Kay and I) have made in the past few years ... and to honor them," he said, "I regret the fact that the (3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized)) and tenets are not able to enjoy this occasion."



Photos by Sgt. Sam Hoffman

(Above) Lupe Serna attempts a putt on the 18th hole while teammate Howard Rush measures it. (Left) Curtis Henry and Paul Andreshak talk with Gerald Poltorak during warm-ups at the first tee. Poltorak's team just missed the placings in a match of cards.

Soldiers strike gold at Golden Gloves

Tim Hipps

USACFSC Public Affairs

NEW ORLEANS — Spc. David Bartlett, who rejoined the military to pursue his Olympic dream, led 11 All-Army martial artists May 24-25 by winning the men's featherweight division of the 2003 U.S. Senior National Tae kwon do Championships.

Bartlett, 23, a native of Syracuse, N.Y., is a member of the Army World Class Athlete Program stationed at Fort Carson, Colo. He has won three Tae kwon do national titles: two as a soldier and one as a civilian. He credits the Army for prolonging his high-kicking lifestyle.

"Everyone keeps telling me to fight with the Army spirit, and that's what I have," said Bartlett, who returned to the Army for training support. "I believe in myself, my coach and my teammates. I competed last year when I wasn't technically in the military, but I wore Army on my uniform because the Army will be a way of life for me forever."

Bartlett looked at home in The Big Easy as he buzzed through Arizona's Steven Williams, Jonathan Scherquist of Washington, D.C., and Christopher Martinez of Texas. After a walkover past Alfonso Salinas of Texas, Bartlett stymied and stopped Miami's Ruford Hamon in the first round of their featherweight finale at Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

Bartlett was a WCAP member from 1999 until 2001 and he won the 2002 national title as a civilian.

The top four finishers in the Crescent City qualified for the U.S. World Team Trials, scheduled for Aug. 5-6 at Orlando, Fla.

Sgt. Yelena Pisarenko and Sgt. Petra Kauai finished third in the women's lightweight and heavy-weight divisions to earn trips to Central Florida.



Tim Hipps

Spc. David Bartlett, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, kicks his way to a third gold medal and national title in the featherweight division at the 2003 U.S. Senior National Tae kwon do Championships in New Orleans.

"I felt really good," said bumped and bruised Kauai, 23, an operating room technician from Zagreb, Croatia. "My training was right where it needed to be for this competition. We had a lot of players here and I think we represented the Army very well. Coach [Hun Suk] Lee means everything to our program."

Pisarenko, on the other hand, expected more of herself.

"I always expect to do better," said Pisarenko, 25, a personnel specialist from Russia. "Our coaches have added a lot of new things to our lives, and I never expect to lose."

Spc. Louis Torres, who in 2002 won gold medals at the All-Army Championships, Armed Forces Championships and U.S. Nationals, bowed out after posting two knockout kicks in three victorious bouts to assure his health for the Pan American Games Team Trials June 13 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Before resting his body, Torres delivered the most devastating knockout kick of the tournament to rally from a 4-3 deficit with a minute remaining in the third round against 2000 U.S. national champion Tae Kim, whom Torres floored for several minutes.

Staff Sgt. Kevin Williams, a native of Little

Rock, Ark., stationed at Camp Casey, South Korea, lost in the quarterfinals of his last appearance at the U.S. Nationals.

"I hurt my foot in my first match when I kicked the guy in the face," said Williams, whose next stop would be for X-rays. "I couldn't really kick for my last match, but I didn't give up. Even on one leg, I went out there and did it."

Williams hopes to remain with the All-Army team as an assistant coach alongside Staff Sgt. Bongseok Kim, 31, of Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.

"Our Tae kwon do program is excellent," Williams said. "The WCAP program gives our athletes opportunities to really shine and it gives them abilities to go to the Olympics. Tae kwon do is not just a sport. It changes you mentally and physically. You learn respect, honor and all that good stuff, which the Army also represents - real discipline. What we learn here, we take back to our units and try to be disciplined soldiers."

"To make the quarterfinals in my first nationals, I'm very excited," said Harrell, who volunteered for duty in Korea to pursue the martial arts. "I was a little cold and nervous going in, but I'm training with some of the best in the nation and I think I represented the Army very well. My goal now is to make it to the WCAP program."

Marne Scoreboard

Aerobics

Newman Fitness Center Aerobics schedule

Mondays	7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
Latino Rhythm	9 to 10 a.m.
Busy Feet Workout	4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Tuesdays	7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
Butts and Guts	9 to 10 a.m.
Basic Training Workout	4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Cardio-Stepping	
Wednesdays	7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
Callente	9 to 10 a.m.
Cardio Kick-boxing	4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Step-kicking	
Thursday	9 to 10 a.m.
Basic Training Workout	4:30 to 5:30
Fridays	7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
"Master C" Workout	9 to 10 a.m.
"Killer Friday"	4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Saturdays	9 to 10 a.m.
"Pick Your Poison"	

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	Through June 26
Softball Tournament	July 7-10
Racquetball Tournament	June 14 & 15

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