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Voice of Rock leaves the net

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Staff Writer

A ceremony to recognize the official inactivation of the 123rd Signal Battalion was held June 29 at Marne Garden.

"Today we cased the colors of a great unit," said Lt. Col. Joseph A. Brendler, 123rd Sig. Bn. commander. "This was the final task required of us as we redistributed the capabilities of the battalion among the units of the reorganized 3rd Infantry Division."

The inactivation was part of the Army's plan for reorganizing brigade combat teams into brigade units of action.

"In fairness to the visionaries who have directed this, what we achieve as a result is significant progress toward a more modular Army," Brendler said. "Progress happens in chunks. It is achieved when bold people take bold steps and move an organization significantly when they do so."

Signal units have been agents of change for the Army ever since they existed, Brendler said. Virtually every important technology from telegraph, phones and radios to radars and airplanes have all entered the into the service through Army signal units.

Our Army has changed much since these times, and I wonder if some commander felt the same way I do now when we split off the Army Air Corps, or eventually the U.S. Air Force," Brendler said. "Change is hard, but it is our ability to learn and continue to change that will make us victorious."

Units of 123rd Sig. Bn. will be redistributed to other parts of the 3rd Inf. Div. to make the UAs more effective in combat, said Command Sgt. Major Rudolph Johns, 123rd Sig. Bn. command sergeant major.

The newly redistributed units will give combat arms units a voice in the field. Instead of having to rely on one battalion to do the job for them, they will have their own signal element.

"Over the last two years you have impressed me time and again," Brendler said. "My final and most important thanks goes to those represented by our Soldiers on the field. I consider it the greatest honor ever afforded to me, to have been chosen to serve as your commander, and to be a dog faced Soldier."



Lt. Col. Joseph A. Brendler hands off the cased 123rd Signal Bn. colors to Brig. Gen. Robert J. Caslen during an inactivation ceremony June 29 at Marne Garden.

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Photo by Pvt. Dan Balda

Command Sgt. Maj. William M. Grant, 3rd Inf. Div. command sergeant major, addresses the audience at his Assumption of Responsibility ceremony held at Club Stewart June 30.

New Marne 7 welcomed to division

Pvt. Dan Balda

Staff Writer

The 3rd Infantry Division welcomed a new command sergeant major with an Assumption of Responsibility ceremony at Club Stewart on Wednesday.

Command Sergeant Major William M. Grant is a native of Sumter, S.C., and entered military service in June 1978.

His tours include duty with the 2nd Armored Division, one tour with the 59th Ordnance Brigade, two tours with the 24th Infantry Division and three tours with the 3rd Infantry Division.

Grant has held all critical infantry leadership positions including battalion command sergeant major, Bradley gunnery instructor, the III Corps and Fort Stewart Equal Opportunity Sergeant Major.

Grant's awards and

decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with six oak leaf clusters, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge and Parachutist Wings.

Grant was inducted in the Sergeant Morales Club in 1992.

He is an honorary member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

Grant is a master of infantry tactics and his selfless service is a hallmark of his character, said Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr., 3rd Inf. Div. commanding general.

"I could not have asked for a better wingman," Webster said.

"Leadership is a beautiful thing when put into action with word and deed," Grant said.

Marne team welcomes STB 103rd MI inactivates during change of command

Spc. Robert Adams

Staff Writer

103rd Military Intelligence Battalion inactivated and 3rd Infantry Division Special Troops Battalion was activated during an inactivation/activation and change of command ceremony at Marne Garden June 30.

"Although there is sadness in the inactivation of a battalion, this ceremony also simultaneously symbolizes the exciting forward progressive vision our Army is moving towards," said Brig. Gen. Robert L. Caslen, former 3rd Inf. Div. assistant division commander (maneuvers).

"As the 103rd MI Bn. colors are inactivating, each of these military intelligence companies

are being fully integrated into each of the Brigade Combat Teams where they will support with increased effectiveness."

Lt. Col. Robert J. Taylor Jr. takes over as the division G-2 after departing 103rd MI, which he led into Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"I'm very fortunate to see the reorganization through and as the G-2 I will make sure that it accomplishes what it is intended to," Taylor said.

I've had two tours with this battalion; one as the commander of A Company in Germany and the other as the battalion commander, so it is pretty tough to roll the colors, Taylor said.

Taylor is a 1984 graduate of

the University of Nebraska at Kearney with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. He and his wife Kelly have two daughters, Kristen and Michaela.

Taylor began his active duty service in December 1984.

He assumed command of 103rd MI Bn. on June 11, 2002. He commanded the battalion through Operation Iraqi Freedom in support of the 3rd Infantry Division's historic attack to capture Baghdad, in which the battalion participated in a wide range of operations.

"During combat operations they produced hundreds of

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Brig. Gen. Robert L. Caslen and Lt. Col. Robert J. Taylor Jr., case the 103rd MI Bn. colors during an inactivation/activation and change of command ceremony at Marne Garden June 30.

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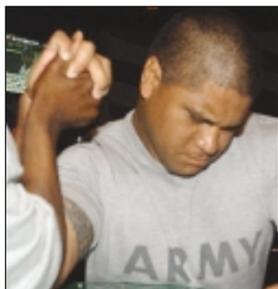
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878th Engineers welcomed home

Pvt. Dan Balda

Staff Writer

The 878th Engineer Battalion was welcomed home from Iraq in two separate ceremonies, one held at Newman Physical Fitness Center at Fort Stewart and the other with a parade in Swainsboro July 3.

"The 878th persevered through many hardships while they helped build roads and maintain supply lines," said Lt. Col. John Heath, commander of the unit.

The National Guard unit was stationed at Al Thai airbase in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. They had been deployed since May of last year, Tommy and Tara Starlett drove from upper Michigan to welcome home 1st. Lt. David Henderson.

"It was very difficult to have him gone for so long, but we are very proud of the work he did," they said.

"Oh man, it feels wonderful to be back in the fresh air of Georgia," said Spc. Willie Harden Jr. "It's great to see trees and grass." Harden's job was to protect Iraqi civilians while they helped the 878th build new roads.

During the deployment, citizens of Swainsboro did all they could to remind the Soldiers that they were missed.

"We sent care packages and

letters as often as we could," said Geraldine Arledge. "We wanted to let them know that we were praying for their safe return and were proud of their hard work."

Well-wishers lined the roads of downtown Swainsboro to show their appreciation for the unit's hard work and dedication to their mission. Patriotic-themed clothing and waving flags were in full force as members of the unit tossed candy from their float to the people cheering their return.

The 3rd Infantry Division Color Guard joined in the festivities as they carried the colors at the head of the procession.

"We are glad to have them back," said Sgt. Erik Hermansen, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the color guard. "It's always great to see troops come home safely from a war zone."

The parade culminated at the town square with the presentation of the colors and the playing of the national anthem.

Rickey Stevens, the mayor of Swainsboro thanked the Soldiers for helping to maintain the American way of life.

"If it weren't for the 878th and the armed forces, we wouldn't be able to celebrate the Fourth of July," Stevens said. "Thank you for your sacrifices."



Photos by Pvt. Dan Balda

Spc. Jonathan Alexander, Spc. Eric Sturgeon, Spc. Shaun Vanderlinde, Pfc. Antius Wilson, and Pfc. Desmon Baker, the 3rd Inf. Div. Color Guard, marches into Swainsboro town square.



Spc. Willie Harden and his family pay respect to the flag during the national anthem after the July 4th parade.



Members of the 878th Eng. Bn. toss candy and wave to well-wishers lining the parade route.



The Emanuel County Institute Bulldog Marching Band join in the parade.



Nina Davis and her son Brandon enjoy festivities with Geraldine Arledge.

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time-sensitive reports, conducted hundreds of electronic detect missions and interrogated nearly 700 Iraqi prisoners," Caslen said.

"The moment the 3rd ID crossed the Kuwaiti border and entered into Iraq, the 103rd MI Bn. was the best equipped, best trained unit of its kind in the U.S. Army," Taylor said.

The battalion brought every Soldier home and earned 26 awards for valor and two purple hearts.

Taylor is a graduate of the U.S. Army Airborne and Ranger courses and holds a Masters of Science Degree in Military Arts and Science.

His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, as well as many others.

"A new chapter is opened for the 3rd ID's STB activation and great things are in store for this unit and its Soldiers and there is no one better to lead them than Gavle," Taylor said.

"My advice to Kathy is to have fun and maintain balance, for everyday is going to be a challenge and her Soldiers and officers will perform by how she leads," Taylor said.

Lt. Col. Kathleen A. Gavle is a 1986 graduate of Loyola University in Chicago with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and History. Her military education includes a Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence, a Masters of Arts in Security Policy, and a Masters of Military Arts and Science. She is

married to Maj. Brad Gavle and they have a daughter Erin.

Her previous assignments include being 103rd MI Bn.'s operations officer, the Deputy G-2, 3rd ID during combat operations in Iraq, and served as the Secretary of the General Staff.

"Gavle brings a diverse background to the table as she has spent numerous years over seas in Korea and Germany with deployments to Bosnia and the Middle East," Caslen said. "She deployed to Iraq with the 3rd ID as the G-2 operations officer and has done an excellent job as the division SGS."

Her awards and decorations include the Bronze Star medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, as well as many more.

"You've come from units with distinguished histories and solid teams," Gavle said.

"You have all operated as small teams across the width and depth of the battlefield and that will not change."

The battalion formed from the remnants of the 3rd MI company and the 851st Army Security Agency Company. The 103rd MI battalion served the 3rd ID proudly in Germany and here at Fort Stewart.

Taylor said, "As we have leaned into Task Force modularity and made intelligence Soldiers organic to the units of action, I can only tell you that intelligence support will be better for the Brigade Combat Teams."



Spc. Robert Adams

Brig. Gen. Robert L. Caslen hands the 3rd Infantry Division STB colors to Lt. Col. Kathleen A. Gavle.

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VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

Lane Down Range Stay in your lane

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.
Staff Writer

Commentary

Everybody wants to change the world. There is no end to the opinions I hear daily from Soldiers and civilians depicting the grand changes they would make to the system and better our world in doing so.

Days later I see the same people and ask how their changes are coming along. Not one of them has made a move in the direction they want to see the world go. I believe that people in general like to gripe about their situation but are not willing to take the steps to change it.

Maybe people are trying to bite off more than they can chew. If you want to make changes, you have to start at your level. If you don't like the way the government is running our country, become a politician and make changes. If you don't like the way first sergeant runs the company, make a commitment not to be the same way when you have a position of power.

To sit around and have plans for change and not have any plans to execute them is a recipe for futility.

The men and women who make decisions concerning policy are well versed in how to come to these decisions. A barber or a janitor trying to

dictate policy would be like a senator trying to give a haircut. Here is a good example.

My father is a great man. He knows he can do anything, and until a certain point of maturity I believed it too. My father is a brilliant electronics engineer, but a terrible plumber.

The septic system at my father's house was messed up and my dad decided he would replace the tank himself. For a whole summer, my brother and I excavated the derelict tank. Day after day, we chopped through roots and rocks in 100-degree heat trying to find the bottom of a beast that was installed before World War II.

Sometime in August of that year, we reached the bottom of the tank. My father decided the best way to remove the tank would be to wrap chains around it and pull it out with the old three speed on the column Chevy pickup. We employed six of our friends from the neighborhood and set about the task of prying up the tank high



enough to get a chain under it. In the end we drilled holes in the sides of the tank, releasing one honey of an aroma, and pulled two chains through the tank.

After an afternoon of shredding the lawn with his tires, my father's transmission finally died, much to our pleasure. In the end, my father had to pay for a new septic tank, a horde of landscapers and a new transmission, not to mention the pain and suffering he received in reprimand from my mother.

The point is, no matter how smart you are, stay in your lane. If you don't know the process of a certain task, it could become a disaster and cause more damage than repair.

If you feel changes need to be made, start right outside your front door. If every person in every community was concerned about their immediate surroundings, we could have a nation of good places to live. Sitting on the laurels and merely talking about what could and should be done without doing anything creates a product of absolutely nothing. Only after we nurture the individual grassroots can we make the field healthy. Take care of your neighbors and apply your unique specialty to better your surroundings. One house at a time, we can change the world.

Contrary to news...

Most Iraqis appreciate U.S. help

Bonnie Murphy
Special to the Frontline

BALAD, Iraq — I'm appalled at the "news" as it's reported from Iraq.

Just as disturbing is the lack of knowledge a lot of people have about what's really going on, why we're there, and what it's really like. I'd like to set the record straight.

My job as an environmentalist is primarily the protection of the environment and the disposal of Department of Defense-generated hazardous wastes. I volunteered to go to Iraq, and last December I was selected to set up the first disposal operations in the forward deployed area.

I have been stationed at Balad Air Base, LSA Anaconda, since Dec. 28. On several occasions, my work has taken me to Baghdad. I extended my initial tour from 120 days to 155 days, and June 7 I went back to Baghdad for six more months.

Ninety-five percent of the Iraqi people want us there, and it's only a handful of insurgents with weapons who are attacking our bases, convoys and troops. The older generations say that although they may never see the freedoms we're try-

ing to bring to their country, they know their children will enjoy the rights that we take for granted in this country.

I've had the opportunity to meet and speak with day laborers coming on Anaconda. They are grateful for the work and pay they receive. Men have taken my hand with tear-filled eyes and thanked me because they can now provide for their families — something they couldn't do when Saddam was in power. I've met engineers, pilots and well-educated men who, for the first time since Saddam took office, are returning from self-imposed exile to their homeland and are able to find work on our many U.S. bases.

Before I left Balad, I was able to coordinate the donation of \$3,500 of hospital disinfectant and dental amalgam to the local hospital from the DRMS inventory of excess property. Our Balad team of doctors and medics make regular scheduled visits to the surrounding communities to provide medical care and assistance to the people and teach new technologies to Iraqi medical personnel.

People are being taught field sanitation and hand-washing techniques to prevent the spread of germs.

About 400,000 children have now received up-to-date immunizations. And 100 percent of the existing hospitals are now open and staffed, compared to 35 percent before the war.

On behalf of my organization, the Defense Logistics Agency, and its partner, Army Materiel Command, we're sponsoring a local secondary school. We've received \$65,500 of Saddam's money to completely rebuild the school. Our school is only one of 11 schools being sponsored by different units on LSA Anaconda. School attendance is up 80 percent, and for the first time girls are allowed to attend classes.

Our facility engineers and Seabees are rebuilding outdated sewer lines and constructing a new water treatment plant that will serve the entire area. This is being done in every major city. More than 4.5 million people have clean drinking water for the first time.

We're updating and constructing new power plants throughout the country. Now the entire populace receives twice the electric power it did before the war. More than 400,000 people have telephone service for the first time.

The port of Uhm Qasar

was renovated so grain can be off loaded from ships faster. Farmers are being educated on better methods, and new technologies are being introduced. Local contractors working on our bases are, for the first time, able to receive lubricant oils, and hydraulic and brake fluids for their equipment.

The newly formed Iraqi Civil Defense Force trains on LSA Anaconda. The teams work and learn side by side with our Soldiers, and they are proud to be learning from us and eager to help in the battle against the handful of insurgents making life miserable in Iraq.

Every day our troops are finding buried weapons and chemicals that must be disposed of. The dangerous chemicals pose a threat to the environment, health and safety of not only the Iraqi people but the world if they were to come into the wrong hands.

I've met some wonderful Soldiers serving in Iraq. As a nation, we should all be proud and supportive of the mission, Operation Iraqi Freedom.

I believe in my job, my country, and I want my grandchildren to always be able to enjoy their freedoms. That's why I'm going back.

Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

What is a safety tip you can give before going on a long drive?

"Get plenty of sleep if you are going on a long trip and make sure you have everything."

Sgt. First Class Andra McKeaver
HHC, 2nd Bde.



"Get enough rest and pre plan your route."

Command Sgt. Maj. Tommy Creswell
926 Eng. Group
Terry Valdez



"Plan for everything, planning is critical, you need to have an emergency plan."

2nd Lt. Frank K. Duverger III
92 Eng. Bn.



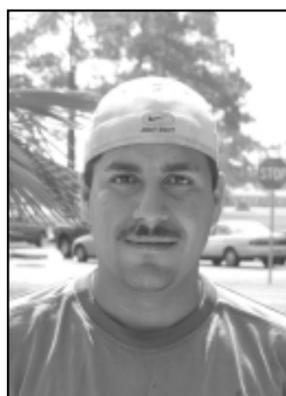
"Have all the things you need like a map for your route and a cell phone for emergencies."

Tanisha Hogans
Spouse



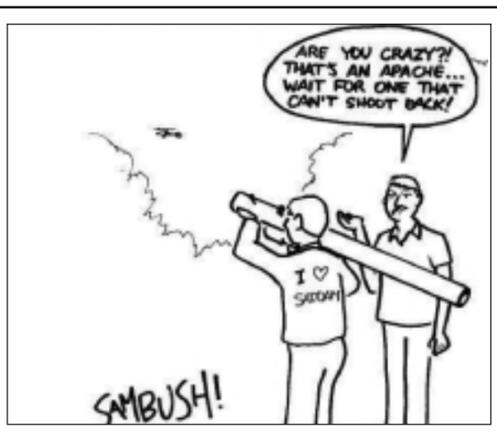
"Have money so you can go on a trip."

David Munoz
Fire Security Operator



"I talk to a neighbor to look over my house for the time I'm gone."

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Stewart

DUI Nomination

The Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) is now accepting nominations for the Sept. 2004 DUI Free Awards Program.

Request all units eligible to self nominate for their DUI Free Award no later than Aug. 9 (no exceptions).

To nominate your unit, ASAP will need the name of the unit being nominated (spelled out exactly how you will like to see it on the certificate), the last accountable date a DUI was given to your unit, which award it will be (1st, 2nd, or 3rd), and the POC and telephone number for the unit.

AFAP Issues

Planners for the next Army Family Action Plan conference

are gathering issues to discuss at this this year's conference, Sept. 22 to 23 and the Youth AFAP, Aug. 21.

If you have an idea or concern regarding Army life that you'd liked examined or resolved, contact AFAP program manager, Vicki Wiginton before August 1.

If you want to work as a delegate, facilitator, recorder or volunteer at the conference, contact Wiginton at 767-5058 or 352-6816.

Indebtedness claim

Anyone having claims against or whom is indebted to the estate of Capt. Scott T. Corwin, HSC, 92nd En Cbt Bn, Fort Stewart, Ga., should contact Capt. Jacqueline M. Reini at 658-3427.

Hunter

Enhancement class

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

Volunteers needed

Volunteer orientation at ACS is the first Thursday of every month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteers are always welcome and much-needed at ACS. For more information, call 352-6816.

Thrift Shop

The Hunter Thrift Shop is open on Wednesday, Friday and the first Saturday from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m., with consignments accepted from military identification card holders from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It has a great assortment of bargains from baby clothes to furniture.

All proceeds are returned to the Hunter Community in scholarships, grants to units, and through other military organizations. Donations are accepted and volunteers are always welcome. For more information contact the Hunter Thrift Shop at 352-0376.

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Anyone having claims against or whom is indebted to the estate of CW2 Nicholas P. Dimona II, Company C, 1-3 Aviation, Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., should contact CW2 Michael Kennedy at 352-5713.

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TRICARE Center

The Fort Stewart TRICARE Service Center moved. It is located at 740 General Stewart Way, Suite 109, in Hinesville.

The Health Benefits Office will remain co-located with Winn. For more information, call the TSC at 368-3048.

PX Pharmacy

The PX Satellite Pharmacy is now open for full service business. Patients may fill new prescriptions and refill prescriptions here 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Dedicated Parking

Dedicated patient-only parking is available at the main entrance of the hospital, on Harmon Ave., from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Beneficiaries parking in No Parking Areas, as indicated by a yellow curb, will be ticketed or towed by the Military Police.

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Individual's social security numbers will no longer be displayed on health insurance cards in accordance with Georgia Senate Bill 721.

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Appointment Line

The new appointment line phone number is 370-6633.

POLICE REPORTS

- **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving on revoked license, speeding 60/45
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 4th Bde.
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to wear safety belt
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, Aviation Bde.
- **Charges:** Failure to obey lawful order (firearms and weapons), wrongful possession of a controlled substance (marijuana)
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Corporal, 24-year-old male, 1st Bde.
- **Charge:** Driving under the influence

- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Specialist, 26-year-old male, Aviation Bde.
- **Charge:** Failure to obey a general order
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Specialist, 28-year-old female, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Escape from custody, assault consummated with a battery, drunken driving, simple battery
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old female, separate battalion
- **Charge:** Assault consummated with a battery
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 21-year-old

- male, 2nd Bde.
- **Charge:** Wrongful use of cocaine
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 34-year-old male, 1st Bde.
- **Charges:** Sodomy, indecent assault, communicating a threat, cruelty to subordinates
- **Location:** Fort Irwin, Cal.

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 26-year-old female, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Larceny of AAFES property, obstruction by fleeing
- **Location:** Hunter

- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 1st Bde.
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, weaving on roadway, no drivers license, failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville

Marne TV

July 2004
Schedule

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- Midnight** **MARNE REPORT**

Why is bicycle safety so important?

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Just about every kid who rides a bicycle gets a scraped knee or elbow at some point, and even the most careful rider can take an occasional tumble. Still, knowing the rules of the road and other issues of bicycle safety can keep you from getting hurt.

About 800 people in the United States are killed in bicycle accidents each year, most of them from head injuries. And many more get injuries (like broken bones or deep cuts) that require emergency medical treatment. That's why it's so important that you protect yourself with the right equipment, such as a bike helmet, while riding your bike!

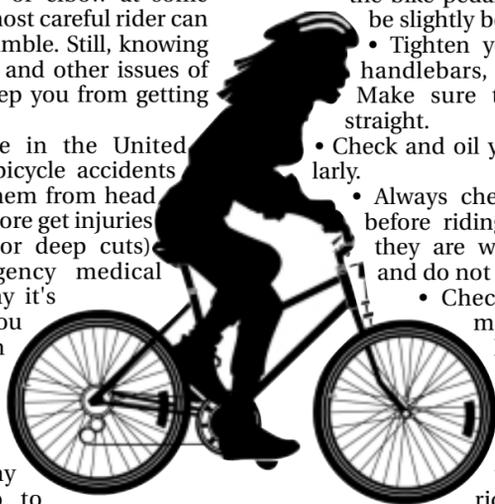
There are many things you can do to make sure your bicycle is safe to ride. Your bicycle manual (the book that came with the bike) has a lot of information about the kind of bicycle you ride. With a parent, you should check for the following as a routine bicycle safety checklist.

- Make sure your bicycle is the right size for you. When you are on your bicycle, stand straddling the top bar of your bike so that both feet are flat on the ground.
- There should be 1 to 3 inches (2.5 to 7.6

centimeters) of space between you and the top bar.

- The bike seat should be adjusted so that after sitting on the seat with your foot on the bike pedal, your knee will be slightly bent.
- Tighten your bike's seat, handlebars, and wheels. Make sure the wheels are straight.
- Check and oil your chain regularly.
- Always check your brakes before riding to make sure they are working properly and do not stick.
- Check your tires to make sure they have enough air and the correct tire pressure.
- If you'll need to carry something while you ride, attach a basket to your handlebars or a rack over your rear tire.
- Put reflectors on your bike to help people see you. You should put a red reflector, 3 inches across, behind your front seat. There should also be a white reflector in front of the handlebars, and other reflectors in the spokes of both wheels.

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ASK THE JUDGE

Protecting credit in anticipation of divorce

Special to the Frontline

Q: I am currently getting ready to file for divorce. A friend of mine was recently divorced and his ex-spouse wiped out his credit. Once she discovered that he filed for divorce she maxed out all of the credit cards. The judge ordered her to pay the debts, the car payment on the car she drives, and the mortgage payment on the house she lives in. She refuses to meet her obligations under the divorce decree, yet the creditors are still after my buddy. What's the story, judge? Is there any way to protect my perfect credit?

A: If you are contemplating a divorce, you are wise to look closely at issues involving credit. There are two different types of credit accounts: individual and joint. An individual account is one based only on your income and you alone are responsible for paying off the debt on the account.

A joint account considers the income of both spouses, and both spouses are responsible

for paying off the entire account debt. If you have designated your spouse as an authorized user on your account or you are an authorized user on your spouse's account, debts can be reported in your name.

Q: How long can I be held liable for my ex-spouse's debts?

A: As long as there is a balance on a joint account or account where an authorized user has been designated, you are liable.

You will also be liable for any future charges by your spouse on an open account. If your spouse gets behind on an account on which you are an authorized user, her debts can be reported on your credit account.

Q: What can I do to protect my credit?

A: Make sure you pay off the balance on your accounts or confirm that your spouse has. Write to your creditors by certified mail return receipt requested and ask the creditors to close any joint accounts, and remove your spouse or former spouse from any accounts the spouse was authorized to use. On any accounts you have

been named an authorized user, have your designation rescinded.

Q: Can I make creditors remove my name from a mortgage or car loan?

A: Creditors generally will not remove your name from a loan or mortgage until the debt has been satisfied. Creditors may allow the loan to be refinanced in the name of one of the parties if they can qualify for the new credit on their own.

Q: What if the judge orders my ex-spouse to pay some of our joint debts and she doesn't?

A: The creditors are not parties to your divorce and are in no way bound by orders the judge makes between you and your ex-spouse. You are still liable to your creditors even if your ex-spouse violates the court order. Your recourse is to pay the debts and get a judgment against your ex-spouse for reimbursement.

Call the Fort Stewart Legal Assistance Office at 767-8819 or the Hunter Army Airfield Legal Assistance Office at 352-5115 for more information.

Old Guard helps SSR "let freedom ring"

Jacqueline Garrelts

Special to the Frontline

WASHINGTON — For the first time in a 38-year tradition, the 3rd U.S. Infantry, (The Old Guard) Fife & Drum team and Colonial Color Guard participated in the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution traditional "Let Freedom Ring."

"Let Freedom Ring," has been held every July 4 since 1966 in Philadelphia Pa., to celebrate the birth of the nation. This year marks the 228th birthday of the United States, the day the 13 original states signed the Declaration of Independence.

A series of patriotic events were held in the Independence Hall area, where the Liberty Bell is located. At 2:00 p.m., the Liberty Bell along with bells all over the nation simultaneously to signify the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution invited the Old Guard to attend and represent the Army. The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps and Color Guard participated by presenting the colors at the event. They marched the colors on, presented them as the Pledge of Allegiance was read, then marched the colors off.

"To have the opportunity to represent the Army, the city of Philadelphia and the United States is an honor," said Pfc. Justin Schoop, CCG, Old Guard, Honor Guard Company.

"The long range benefit of this event is that the City of Philadelphia wants to use the "Let Freedom Ring" be a commemoration of the 230th birthday of the Army in 2005, since the Army was established in Philadelphia," said Col. Richard Breen, chief of Army Public Affairs community relations and Outreach Division.

The Old Guard Fife and Drum teams perform at different ceremonial events over the 4th of July holiday weekend. "If Military District of Washington says we will support the event, we go," said Staff Sgt. Charla Owens, a fifer for the Old Guard.

Other members of the Fife and Drum team participated in the D.C. parade at noon and the White House picnic.

Proceeding the colors' being marched off was a patriotic music selection, readings from selected parts of the Declaration of Independence, and the tapping of the Liberty Bell.

Four young descendants of the signers of the Declaration of Independence tap Philadelphia's famous



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Members of the Old Guard Colonial Color Guard and Fife and Drum team, march the colors off at the "Let Freedom Ring" event held in Philadelphia July 4.

Liberty Bell, setting off the chimes of freedom from bell towers throughout the country, according to the official "Let Freedom Ring" Web site.

Before presenting the colors, a guest at the ceremony came up to the Old Guard and thanked them for what they were doing for our country.

"Her thanking us for what we do, makes the job worthwhile," Schoop said. "Its one of the main reasons we carry out the job."

Schoop carries on the Army tradition in his family by presenting the colors on Army missions. Schoop's father was a military policeman, for the Old Guard, and his younger brother, in the Airborne Corps, just returned from Afghanistan and will deploy to Iraq in January.

Schoop added, "There always that pride factor to continue a family tradition and represent your country at the same time."

Making your home safe for your child

Spc. Robert Adams

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There are many ways to make your home safe for the whole family and especially children.

Safety hazards can occur all over the household. It is important to make safety assessments in every room of the house that children can get to.

"Remove any potential hazards whenever they are identified," said Bill Walker, Fort Stewart safety technician.

Child proofing a home can help reduce the chance of accidents before they occur.

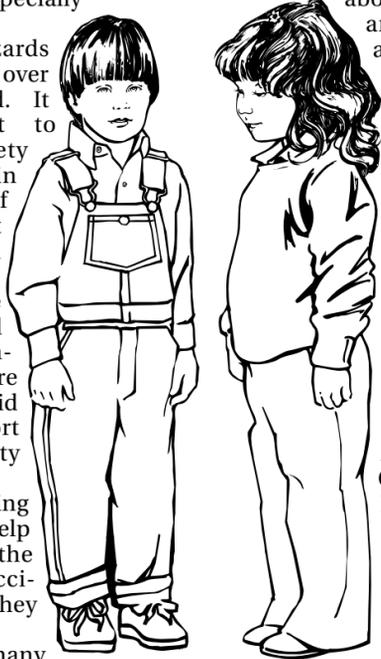
There are many safety measures that can be taken care of in the kitchen, din-

ing room, bedroom, stairways, family room, playrooms, garage and outdoors that can prevent injury.

"Start informing children about these dangers and hazards around the house as soon as they can understand and show interest," Walker said. "The more you repeat it, the more they will understand."

If an accident does occur have a plan on how to receive help.

For other safety tips, the Army Safety Center and National Safety Council websites have valuable information. Also if any problems, concerns or questions arise, the safety office can be reached at 767-7880.



Child proofing safety tips

Kitchen safety

- Cook using the back burners of your stove and turn handles toward the rear of the stove so children can't reach them.
- Keep all sharp utensils in a childproofed drawer or cabinet.
- Unplug appliances when not in use.
- Store poisons, household cleaning products, and plastic bags in a locked child proof cabinet.
- Install latches on appliances to prevent children from playing with them.
- Keep waste baskets covered or out of reach of children.

Stairways

- Keep doors to your pantry, closet, or washroom locked.
- Keep stairways properly illuminated.
- Use gates to prevent children from playing on stairs.

Bedroom

- Make sure handrails and banisters are secure.
- Store firearms unloaded and keep ammunition separate and out of reach of children.
- Make sure the baby crib is stable and secure and that the space in between rails are close enough to prevent a child from getting stuck.
- Use bed rails to prevent the child from falling out of the bed.
- Do not place furniture under windows
- Install window locks

- Put all toys away at the end of the day and use a night light
- ### **Bathroom**
- Never leave water standing in the tub or sink to prevent drowning.
 - Use non-slip mats in the tub to prevent falls.
 - Lock medicine cabinets and only buy child resistant products.

Family room

- Install corner cushions on your tables to protect your children when they fall.
- Install a fireplace hearth protector to block it off.
- Remove small objects from low shelves to prevent choking hazards.
- Wind up blind-cords to prevent entanglement.
- Check all toys for small parts and dispose of choking hazards.
- Toy chests should have safety supports to prevent them falling on a child's head.
- Use a room monitor for listening to children playing.

Garage and Outdoor

- Use only garage door openers with automatic stopping devices.
- Keep hazardous chemicals out of reach of children.
- Store tools in their proper place after use.
- Never leave water standing in Kiddy pools and keep large pools covered.

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