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# Spouses voice concerns

Staff report

Spouses of soldiers were given a chance to ask questions and receive information during a meeting at Club Stewart July 17.

Several subject matter experts from different organizations on post were on hand to field questions in addition to a panel of senior leaders and their spouses.

Brig. Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III, assistant division commander for maneuver, said, "The intent of meetings such as this is always to provide information to spouses and family readiness groups so that we can better assist you in addressing any issues that you might have. I know that there are probably some issues — there are always some. It's a challenge and you all are doing a great job."

Austin opened the session and set the stage for the flow of information.

He said, "The whole Army is busy. The Army is doing a great job and your soldiers that are deployed are doing a great job. They are working hard and they deserve the respect and assistance — all that we can muster to provide them

in their efforts over there."

He added, "Your soldiers are still over there working hard and they deserve your support because many of them are still in harm's way. I would say 99.9 percent of all of you in this room have given great support."

XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, N.C., Commanding General, Lt. Gen. Dan K. McNeill attended the meeting also to talk to the spouses, hear some of their concerns and share some thoughts with them. McNeill had recently returned from more than 50 weeks in Afghanistan.

"I'm here today to help out where I can, and I thought I could help out. If someone has a question that someone else can't answer maybe I can. If we don't have the answers, we'll help to find them," McNeill said.

He continued, "You have carried a significant load yourselves back here and have had a lot of help from the surrounding communities and a lot of help from the agencies, facilities and organizations on post. You have done well in what has been a difficult circumstance."

Linda Heifferon, Directory of Community

Activities and Services, provided an overview of the programs that the post offers from support groups to recreational activities.

"I would like to say that the Directorate of Community Activities and Services are the people who support the soldiers and families for all Morale, welfare and recreation activities, and education and includes Army Community Service. I do want to stress that we are here to support you," Heifferon said.

She added, "One of the outcomes of today's meeting that I hope we will achieve is ... identify some of the activities and programs that we can improve on and make more successful."

Heifferon explained that ACS offers a variety of counseling classes and are willing to start more as needed based on what the family members need.

She said education programs for spouses could be expanded to Include Leadership Skills Education Program that is done primarily for noncommissioned officers but can be taken by spouses.

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## Mission comes first

Linda D. Kozaryn

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — "We can either fight this battle against terrorism at home, or we can fight it abroad," U.S. Army Gen. John Abizaid said July 16. "Our soldiers have to know in their heart of hearts that they've got to fight it abroad."

The new commander of Operation Iraqi Freedom met with Pentagon reporters on the eve of his departure for the Persian Gulf. Abizaid, who assumed command of U.S. Central Command July 7, gave an update on the security situation in Iraq. He also discussed how long troops would remain in Iraq, a question being posed by the public, military family members and the troops themselves.

"It's very important to all of us to make sure that our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines know when they're coming home. I know this personally," Abizaid stressed.

"My son was stationed in Korea," he said. "He was told he was coming home in 12 months. Two days before he was to get on the plane, he was told he was going to stay another three months. My wife immediately cried."

"My son-in-law was in Afghanistan. He was told he was coming back in so many months. He got extended two more months, and my daughter cried."

Military professionals, according to the general, understand service to country requires overseas deployments and family separations.

"The most important thing that we face is accomplishing the mission of the nation," he said. Right now, "the mission of the nation is to ensure that we achieve stability in Iraq, and that requires defeating the Baathist threat and defeating the terrorist threat that we're facing now."

There are about 148,000 American and 13,000 coalition troops in Iraq, Abizaid said, and "for the next couple of weeks that needs to be the size of the force. ... If the situation gets worse, I won't hesitate to ask for more (troops)."

The size of the force needs to be continually re-evaluated, he added. "For a brigade to come out, we need to have an equivalent capability of either U.S. or

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Spc. Omra Schultz greets 3-month-old daughter Victoria Grace for the first time after a welcome home ceremony at a Hunter Army Airfield hangar. (See full story and photos, page 2A)

Pfc. Emily Danial

## Coalition kills Saddam's sons in 'fierce gun battle'

Linda D. Kozaryn

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, — Saddam Hussein's sons Qusay and Uday were killed Tuesday in a "fierce gun battle," U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, announced at a news briefing in Baghdad.

The commander of U.S. forces in Iraq said that based on a "walk-in tip," elements of the 101st Airborne Division, Special Forces and Air Force assets raided a residence in Mosul, Iraq.

"An Iraqi source informed the 101st Airborne Division today that several suspects, including Qusay and Uday — Numbers 2 and 3 on the U.S. Central Command's most wanted list — were hiding in a res-

idence at the northern edge of the city," he said.

When the division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team approached the house, he said, the soldiers received small arms fire. "The division subsequently employed multiple weapons systems to subdue the suspects who had barricaded themselves inside the house and continued to resist detention fiercely."

Saddam's sons died when "they resisted detention and the efforts of the coalition forces to go in there and apprehend them," Sanchez said. "They were killed in the ensuing gunfight and the attacks that we conducted on the residence."

A total of four persons were killed during the six-hour operation and their bodies were removed from the

building, he said. "We have since confirmed that Uday and Qusay Hussein are among the dead."

Asked how U.S. officials determined the identities of the men, Sanchez replied: "We're certain Uday and Qusay were killed today. We used multiple sources to identify the individuals. The bodies are in a condition where you could identify them."

U.S. officials are still working to identify two others killed in the fight, he added.

The site is currently being exploited, he said, and military officials continue to investigate the items recovered from the scene.

Four coalition soldiers were also wounded in the operation, said Sanchez who added he is praying

for their speedy recovery.

The general said he believes the deaths of Saddam Hussein's sons will have an effect on the guerrilla warfare that's being carried on against coalition forces.

"This will prove to the Iraqi people that at least these two members of the regime will not be coming back into power, which is what we've stated over and over again. And we remain totally committed to the Hussein regime never returning to power and tormenting the Iraqi people."

The coalition is committed to working with the Iraqi people to maintain a safe environment, he concluded, and will continue to improve quality of life for all Iraqis in the country.

## Weather Forecast

**FRI**  
High 87° Low 70°

**SAT**  
High 88° Low 70°

**SUN**  
High 89° Low 70°

# Homeward bound

## Hunter's 4th Brigade returns safely, soundly



Photos by Pfc. Emily Danial

Staff Sgt. Herman Smith kisses his daughter Jocelyn, 4, as wife Selena waits her turn after the units' welcome home ceremony July 16 at Hunter Army Airfield.

### Pfc. Emily Danial

Staff writer, Hunter Public Affairs Office

About 600 soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) 4th Brigade, including brigade commander Col. Curtis Potts, and about 200 from the 603rd Aviation Support Battalion returned to Hunter Army Airfield July 16 from Iraq, where they were deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 4th Brigade's returning soldiers include many from the 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment. 1/3 pilots fly AH-64D Longbow Apache helicopters which flew many combat missions, providing close air support to their maneuvers in Iraq.

The 603rd ASB's Company A (AVIM) conducts intermediate maintenance on 71 aircraft consisting of four different helicopters. B Co. provides direct support maintenance to the brigade's fleet of wheeled vehicles and the tracked vehicles of the 3rd Battalion 7th Cavalry. Company B also maintains the M1 tanks and M2 Bradley Fighting vehicles assigned to the Division Immediate Ready Company. Since activation, the 603d ASB has supported every major training exercise and deployment involving elements of the Aviation Brigade. Operation Desert Thunder, NTC Rotations, OPBAT, Bright Star, and Intrinsic Action are a few of our recent deployments.

1st Lt. Dana Norris, a platoon leader from Company B, 1/3 Aviation Regiment, praised his soldiers' work, saying, "Although hard times and sometimes misleading information made the troops uneasy, they continued to do their jobs and that motivated many others to do their best to get our troops home to their families and loved ones. The main factor was the safety of the American people, our troops, democracy, our families and our beliefs."

Potts also confirmed the unit's ability to overcome obstacles.

"I would say that the two challenges that we had to overcome were the split based operations and of course the harsh environment on the aircraft," he said. "As far as the split based operations, I created three like command and control cells that I could leap frog throughout the battle space as we fought from the berm to the Euphrates River. I employed a combat Forward Area Refueling Point with each of the TACs. Each of the TACs possessed tactical communications to include satellite communications radios, a security element, an operations section, an intelligence section and a FARP capable of rearming and refueling Apaches, Blackhawks, and Kiowa Warriors. I also placed two Forward Support Medical Teams with six MEDEVAC aircraft, two Immediate Personnel Recovery Blackhawks and a Command and Control Console aircraft with the TACs. As you can see, we were postured to command and control attack aviation operations and handle any contingency form any

of these TACs. The highly mobile TACs and FARPs followed right behind the ground maneuver brigades. This provided the 4th Brigade the ability to keep the attack assets in the fight for longer periods of time because the distance to the FARPs was much shorter. We were also in constant communication with the DTAC and the BCT we were supporting at that particular time. This was a fast-paced operation and trying to command and control from large non-mobile TOCs was not going to work for this war."

The other challenge was the harsh desert environment on the aircraft, Potts said.

"Fortunately for me I had some great maintainers that worked all the angles to keep the war machines flying. We changed out 23 engines during this deployment and probably will change a few more out before the remainder of the brigade gets home. The Apache fleet consistently had a 90 percent OR rate throughout the war. There was a lot of hard work by crew chiefs day and night to keep the helicopters flying."

After all that work, it's nice to know that the soldiers are finally getting some well-deserved down time. Families and friends anxiously anticipated the arrival of their soldiers at 1/3's hangar, where a plethora of balloons and banners were waiting to welcome them back.

Selena Smith, wife of Staff Sgt. Herman Smith, shared her excitement about her husband's homecoming.

"I feel blessed," she said. "I'm so proud of him and proud of everything he's done, but I'm so glad he's back. When he gets here, I'm just going to hold him as tight and as long as I can!"

Members of Staff Sgt. Smith's family had come from South Carolina to greet him, and all were happy he was coming back, but Jocelyn, Smith's 4-year-old daughter, seemed fairly calm about the whole situation. When her mother asked her if she knew where her daddy was, Jocelyn replied matter-of-factly, "He's wrapped around my finger."

The Smiths were just one of hundreds of proud families who filled the hangar. When their soldiers had filed into the hangar, they stood in formation as Potts formally greeted and commended them for their work over the last several months, taking time to remember the division's soldiers who are still deployed as well as to offer condolences to the families of those who lost their lives while fighting for their country.

After the short ceremony, the troops standing in formation received the command "Fall out!" at which point friends and loved ones flooded into the center of the room, rushing to their soldiers.

You can't put the tears, hugs and smiles into just one sentence, but if you could, it might be something like, "We love you! Welcome back, and thank you for a job well done."



(Top) Families rush to greet their soldiers at 4th Brigade's welcoming ceremony. (Above) Col. Curtis Potts, 4th Brigade commander, debarks the plane that carried him and his soldiers back safely from Iraq. (Right) At Hunter, soldiers heading to turn in their weapons are given no reason to wonder where they are.



# To open arms ... Soldiers return home

Staff Report

More than 1,000 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) soldiers came home since July 14 on several different flights and were welcomed by families and friends at Cottrell Field.

The 11th Engineer Battalion was one of the main units that returned to Stewart over the weekend.

As the soldiers marched across the field cries of "there he is" and "that's him" preceded the thunderous roar of families shouting in joy at the sight of their loved ones.

Before the soldiers were released to their eager families they sang "The Dog Faced Soldier Song" and "The Army Song."

The troop commander was given the command to release the soldiers and quicker than you could say fall out, families came rushing from the stand to meet their soldier.

When the soldiers were released, Lt. Gen. Dan K. McNeill, commanding general 18th Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, was present at the welcome home ceremony for 1st Bn. 41st Field Artillery and greeted the heroes.

"This is a joyous occasion to get the Marne team back," said McNeill. "But we do realize we still have other Marne soldiers deployed."

McNeill offered comfort to the Marne families whose service members were still deployed.

"... Keep the faith," said

McNeill. "I'm satisfied that your loved ones will soon be on this parade field and we will be here to welcome (soldiers) home."

McNeill shook hands with a lot of the soldiers on the field and also welcomed them home.

"I'm proud my soldiers were able to accomplish their mission," said Capt. Kareem P. Montague, 1st Bn., 41st FA. "I'm glad they were able to their families here on the field today."

Spc. Michael Byrum, 92nd Eng. Bn., was greeted by his wife, Evelyn Byrum and his two daughters Joyce, 11-years old and 4-year-old Vickie at the return ceremony Monday.

"I'm so excited that he is coming home. This is his third deployment," Byrum said. "He has been deployed a total of two years of his 4-year-old daughter's life."

Maj. Garth Horne, executive officer, 11th Eng. Bn. said being away from his family wasn't so difficult because they constantly had work to do.

"We supported 1st BCT from training all the way to east Baghdad. I stayed busy. Until fourth of June, we were with 1st Bde. Once we got to Kuwait it was a little different," said Horne.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Fred Catchings, commander and bandmaster of the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) band, brings his unit to all the major redeployments. The band not only plays the "Dog Face Soldier" song and the "Army Song" at the ceremonies, but also plays other songs beforehand.

"To maybe get a little bit of the anxiousness out of their minds," said Catchings. "Bands have been doing this for as long as there have been redeployments. We are really honored to be a part of this."



Spc. Jonathon Stack

Spc. Michael Byrum, 92nd Eng. Bn. poses with his two daughters, Joyce and Vickie at the return home ceremony Monday.

## 3ID in brief

### Fallujah court the model for Iraq

AL FALLUJAH, Iraq — The 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) staff judge advocate presented Al Fallujah judges and lawyers with certificates welcoming them to the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Bar Association.

The Fallujah courts were the first to open in Iraq after the war.

Col. William Hudson recognized the Fallujah judicial system's accomplishments. "I was in Baghdad yesterday bragging about Fallujah. It should be the model in Iraq. This is how the country should run," he said.

Cooperation between 2nd Brigade Combat Team soldiers and members of the Fallujah judicial system began immediately upon 2nd BCT's arrival in Fallujah six weeks ago, leading to successful convictions of looters and weapons violators.

During the meeting, the judges and Hudson clarified the wording of a weapons violation sentence. The English version stated "up to" one year in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

The Arabic translation didn't include the words "up to," and the judges asked for a revision of the translation, which Hudson agreed to.

"Now that you're members of our association, what more do you need?" Hudson asked the judges near the end of the meeting.

The judges listed clarification of laws, increased pay and cars.

Hudson said, "To those who much is given, much is expected," promising them continued assistance in return for continued justice

### 2 BCT assists ambushed convoy

NEAR BAGHDAD, Iraq —

One soldier was killed and one injured in an improvised explosive device attack on a 781st Transportation Battalion convoy on Highway 1, five kilometers from Baghdad earlier today.

2nd Brigade Combat Team soldiers from 4/64 Armor reported the attack, and 1/9 Field Artillery Regiment's Quick Reaction Force assisted the 1st Armored Division's TF 2-70 AR to provide security at the ambush site.

### MPs respond to call for help

FALLUJAH, Iraq — In the first test of the agreement between 2nd Brigade Combat Team 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) and local police officials, a military police platoon from Task Force Enforcer helped quell a potential riot at midnight.

Maj. Shawn Seim, operations officer, 211th Military Police Battalion (National Guard) said Brig. Gen. Yasim Mohammed Hadid, Fallujah's deputy police chief, asked for task force's assistance in the event a small

gathering of youth turned violent. The crowd of about 50 assembled just southwest of the police station, then moved north to the marketplace.

Seim said a platoon of MPs, in conjunction with the Iraqi police, drove toward the crowd. The crowd then dispersed down various alleys.

"This is a reflection of our working agreement with the Fallujah police force," said Seim. He said the agreement with the Iraqi police force was that if they ever needed our assistance, just to let us know and we would be there.

He said the cooperation with the Iraqi police is a testament to the hard work and training they recently received.

"We have a great working relationship," Seim said. "The plan worked."

## VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

## A hand up or a hand out ...

Master Sgt. Emma Krouser

31D (Mech.), PAO NCOIC

*"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."*

- Benjamin Franklin

Things are not as bad in Iraq as some people make it out to be. Yes, there are some hiccups that coalition forces are still trying to work through, but what the Iraqi people have now is far better than what they would have had under the former regime.

The idea of a free and democratic Iraq is a novel one that can be achieved, but with time and effort.

Our soldiers just finished fighting major battles in and around the capital city, as a matter of fact, all over Iraq. No one should expect things to be running as smooth as silk already.

We (coalition forces) are introducing the Iraqi people to a new way of life and new ideals. With that new way of life has to come a new mindset by the Iraqi people. They have to shed the old way of thinking that someone is going to dictate to them everything that happens in their lives.

In other words, don't wait for soldiers to do things for you, do some things for yourself. We want to give you a hand up, not a hand out.

The engineers have been working their butts off to get power restored to Iraq. Several days ago, I overheard an Iraqi translator say he had power for 10 hours one day. That is more power in one day than they are used to getting in two or maybe even, three days. The process is working, it just takes time.

The engineers also worked to restore running water to all areas in Iraq. That, too, was a tremendous undertaking, and it is still a work in progress. It just takes time.

Task Force Neighborhood, an initiative to clean up neighborhoods in the different sectors is up and running. Do the locals really think soldiers are supposed to come in and completely take over cleaning up their neighborhoods? What will the residents be doing, supervising? It is supposed to be about soldiers helping residents take pride in

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the neighborhoods and working with them.

Now that Iraq has been liberated, someone or some organization needs to work on changing the Iraqi's mindset. Some of these people know one way of life. They have lived in fear for their lives for most of their lives. They have lived in a police state and this change; this revelation of freedom can be frightening, especially if you don't know what it's about. They may have heard about how things are done, but what would it be like to do those things here in Baghdad?

The Iraqi people want freedom, but do they know what to do with it? They have to be taught how to deal with this newfound freedom. I saw some Iraqi men walking across a bridge in Baghdad in peaceful protest a few days ago. Would they have been able to do that under the former regime? I think not! In some instances, they know what it means to have a say in what goes on in their lives, and in others, they want

to be told what to do, when to do things and how to do them.

Do they want a hand up or a hand out?

Just as coalition forces distribute fuel and other quality of life needs, we need to educate Iraqis about this new phenomenon called freedom and democracy. They need to understand that America didn't get where it is today by being given everything, the Republic was built on grit and toil.

Some people made the ultimate sacrifice to make America the great nation it is today. Like America, all free countries in the world go through strife and hard times to find what every one dreams of — freedom from tyranny and oppression.

Iraq is in its infancy when it comes to learning and understanding what freedom is all about. People all over Iraq have to crawl, walk and then run, but it won't be easy. If it's going to be worth anything, you have to make sacrifices to get it. The Iraqi people need to get a real taste of what freedom is about.

We want to give them a hand up, not a hand out.



Spc. Adam Nuelken

Cpl. Nicholas Lakin, ammo team chief for C Battery, Task Force 1/9 FA, keeps a watchful eye while working to control the crowds getting their liquid propane gas.

## Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE

Readers respond to the question:

Why should the U.S. root out terrorists?



"So we can go back to our way of life."

Spc. Shawna West  
3220th GSU



"Because terrorists pose a threat to people."

Sgt. Joe Ramjit  
Marne Welcome Center



"In order to provide an environment of peace and security."

Capt. Elise Clark  
103rd MI Bn.



"So something like Sept. 11 doesn't happen again."

Karen Schondebare  
Veterinary Clinic



"Root them out, so future generations will be safe."

Debra Vukovich  
Sophomore, Bradwell Institute



"To save innocent lives."

Carolyn Colon  
CPAC

## JUDGE WILLIAM YOUNG SENTENCES SHOE BOMBER

**Editor's note:** U.S. District Court Judge William Young made the following statement in sentencing "shoe bomber" Richard Reid to prison. It is noteworthy, and deserves to be remembered far longer than he predicts. I recommend it to you and anyone you might wish to forward it to.

Jan. 30, 2003, United States vs. Reid.  
Judge Young: Mr. Richard C. Reid, hearken now to the sentence the Court imposes upon you.

On counts 1, 5 and 6 the Court sentences you to life in prison in the custody of the United States Attorney General.

On counts 2, 3, 4 and 7, the Court sentences you to 20 years in prison on each count, the sentence on each count to run consecutive with the other. That's 80 years. On count 8 the Court sentences you to the mandatory 30 years consecutive to the 80 years just imposed.

The Court imposes upon you each of the eight counts a fine of \$250,000 for the aggregate fine of \$2 million. The Court accepts the government's recommendation with respect to restitution and orders restitution in the amount of \$298.17 to Andre Bousquet and \$5,784 to American Airlines. The Court imposes upon you the \$800 special assessment.

The Court imposes upon you five years supervised release simply because the law requires it. But the life sentences are real life sentences so I need go no further. This is the sentence that is provided for by our statutes.

It is a fair and just sentence. It is a righteous sentence! Let me explain this to you.

We are not afraid of any of your terrorist conspirators, Mr. Reid. We are Americans. We have been through the fire before. There is all too much war

talk here. And I say that to everyone with the utmost respect. Here in this court, where we deal with individuals as individuals, and care for individuals as individuals, as human beings we reach out for justice, you are not an enemy combatant. You are a terrorist. You are not a soldier in any war. You are a terrorist. To give you that reference, to call you a soldier gives you far too much stature. Whether it is the officers of government who do it or your attorney who does it, or that happens to be your view, you are a terrorist. And we do not negotiate with terrorists. We do not sign documents with terrorists. We hunt them down one by one and bring them to justice. So war talk is way out of line in this court. You are a big fellow. But you are not that big. You're no warrior. I know warriors. You are a terrorist. A species of criminal guilty of multiple attempted murders.

In a very real sense Trooper Santiago had it right when you first were taken off that plane and into custody and you wondered where the press and where the TV crews were, and he said you're no big deal. You're no big deal.

What your counsel, what your able counsel and what the equally able United States attorneys have grappled with and what I have as honestly as I know how tried to grapple with, is why you did something so horrific. What was it that led you here to this courtroom today? I have listened respectfully to what you have to say. And I ask you to search your heart and ask yourself what sort of unfathomable hate led you to do what you are guilty of and admit you are guilty of doing. And I have an answer for you. It may not satisfy you. But as I search this entire record it comes as close to understanding as I know. It seems to me you hate the one thing that is most precious. You hate our freedom.

Our individual freedom. Our individual freedom to live as we choose, to come and go as we choose, and to believe or not believe as we individually choose.

Here, in this society, the very winds carry freedom. They carry it everywhere from sea to shining sea. It is because we prize individual freedom so much that you are here in this beautiful courtroom. So that everyone can see, truly see that justice is administered fairly, individually, and discretely. It is for freedom's sake that your lawyers are striving so vigorously on your behalf and have filed appeals, will go on in their, their representation of you before other judges. We are about it. Because we all know that the way we treat you, Mr. Reid, is the measure of our own liberties. Make no mistake though. It is yet true that we will bear any burden, pay any price, to preserve our freedoms.

Look around this courtroom. Mark it well. The world is not going to long remember what you or I say here. Day after tomorrow it will be forgotten. But this, however, will long endure. Here in this courtroom and courtrooms all across America, the American people will gather to see that justice, individual justice, justice, not war, individual justice is in fact being done. The very President of the United States through his officers will have to come into courtrooms and lay out evidence on which specific matters can be judged, and juries of citizens will gather to sit and judge that evidence democratically, to mold and shape and refine our sense of justice.

See that flag Mr. Reid? That's the flag of the United States of America. That flag will fly there long after this is all forgotten. That flag stands for freedom. You know it always will.

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# GC gives encouragement to Hinesville Rotary

**Sgt. Sam Hoffman**

Staff Writer

Col. John Kidd, garrison commander, spoke to the Hinesville Rotary Club at a meeting July 15.

In his speech, Kidd discussed the future of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, community support and conditions on 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division (Mechanized) soldiers in Iraq.

"Fort Stewart is a principal piece of the Army's strategy. Readiness deployment is still important and the goal of being the station of choice," he said.

Kidd also commented on the help Rep. Jack Kingston (R-Ga.) has lent to Fort Stewart to make it the station of choice.

Kidd has taken over where former Garrison Commander Col. Gerald Poltorak left off, beginning with the new Building 1.

"Fort Stewart's moving forward and looking to build. Congressman Jack Kingston is helping us with the approval of a date sooner than originally planned for the building of the new Headquarters," he said.

Joking about the dilapidated state of the current Building 1, Kidd said, "Don't take any matches near that building ... we're trying to hold on 'til we can erect a new building."

He also commented on improvements to Hunter, saying it has unlimited potential..

"Hunter has the single largest runway for aircraft on the East coast. If you haven't seen the new Truscott Center building you

need to. That facility is the most elite in the Army!" exclaimed Kidd.

One thing that was on many peoples' mind was the state of family members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Inf. Div.

"There is no definite timeline," he said in reference to redeployments. Although Kidd said didn't have all of the answers, he praised them for their patience in these trying times.

"We have a wonderful support chain with the 3<sup>rd</sup> ID families. The families stay because they are dedicated. They are also very proud of their soldiers," he said.

He also expressed appreciation to the community and the Rotary Club.

"Thank you for taking such good care of our soldiers and their families," Kidd said.

Many members of the Rotary Club wondered about the state of affairs in Iraq.

"They are well fed. Our commander Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III cares very deeply for our soldiers. He ensures they have two hot meals per day and an improved quality of life," said Kidd.

Before he left the Rotary Club, Kidd left members with some optimism regarding redeployments.

"This week's total is around 7,200 soldiers. Expect it to increase to 9,000 to 10,000 next week with approximately 2,000 National Guard and Reserve soldiers," he said.

"The good news is the soldiers are coming home. Come out and see any returning parties reunite with their families," urged Kidd.

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# Tuskers bid farewell to brother, comrade

Spc. Katherine Robinson

50th PAD

*Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.*

*They will soar on wings like eagles,  
They will run and not grow weary,  
They will walk and not be faint.*

*Isaiah 40:31*

FALLUJAH, Iraq — These words echoed through the Habbaniyah soccer field Sunday, as hundreds of warfighters silently, tearfully, bid farewell to a friend and a comrade.

Spc. Joel Lynn Bertoldie was killed July 18, when his vehicle passed an improvised explosive device west of Fallujah.

The 20-year-old soldier from Independence Mo., known as "Bert" to friends, worked in the S-3 section of 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment. He leaves behind a 10-month-old son and a legacy as a great man, according to those who knew him.

"On 18 July, the world became a dimmer and lesser

place when Spc. Bertoldie was taken from it," said Sgt. Patrick Jockisch, one of Bertoldie's non-commissioned officers, at the memorial ceremony. "His son had one of the best fathers in the world."

Friends, fellow soldiers and leaders all spoke of Bertoldie at the ceremony, many of their voices trembling as they did so, their warrior-like facades fading in the face of tragedy.

"As soldiers, we expect and accept the fact that in a time of war we will be asked to place our lives on the line to defend what we believe in," said Spc. Bruce Brech. "Bert believed that."

Capt. Steven Barry, Headquarters and Headquarters company commander, recalled Bertoldie's courage and uplifting spirit the night before the attack in the heart of Baghdad in early April.

"Ironically, my company didn't lose any soldiers during the fight for Baghdad that day. But today we're honoring a man who lost his life fighting cowardly Iraqis," Barry said. "The Army cannot replace a soldier like Spc.



PHOTOS BY SP. KATHERINE ROBINSON

Bertoldie's grieving comrades find comfort in each other after the ceremony.

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TF 4-64 soldiers bow their heads during "Amazing Grace," at the memorial ceremony for Spc. Joel Lynn Bertoldie July 20 in Habbaniyah. Bertoldie was killed in an explosion west of Fallujah July 18.



The TF 4-64 color guard stand tall behind Spc. Bertoldie's symbols of his life as a soldier.

Open wide ...

# Horning takes DENTAC colors

**Sgt. Sam Hoffman**

Staff Writer

Commander Col. (Doctor) Thomas Horning, took the reigns of the U.S. Army Dental Activity at Fort Stewart from Col. (Doctor) Stephen Awe during a change of command ceremony July 22, at Marne Garden.

Officiator Col. (Doctor) David L. Carr, Southeast Dental Command commander, had great words to say for both Awe and Horning.

"Col. Awe and Fort Stewart led DENTCOM. I am certain that Fort Stewart will continue to lead DENTCOM ... under Col. Horning," he said.

Horning, an Ypsilanti, Mich. native, said he has an atypical military career, having left active service to join the Reserve for ten years in 1975. Prior to that, he served for two years following graduation from the University of Michigan school of Dentistry. When Horning returned to active duty in 1985, he served as the 1st Cavalry Division Dental Surgeon at Fort Hood, Texas. Following Fort Hood, Horning served in Germany and Fort Drum, N.Y.

Horning has graduated the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and is a Diplomat of both the American Board of General Dentistry and Federal Services Board of General Dentistry. He was inducted into the Order of Military Merit in 1997.

"I've heard nothing but good things about Fort Stewart

DENTAC. They did a wonderful job under some very austere conditions," he said in reference to Fort Stewart's processing of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) and more than 14,000 Reservists and National Guardsmen, one third of the total U.S. presence in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Horning said that he is excited to be stationed at Fort Stewart where he will be able to retain his clinical skills. There has been such a need for dentistry that it will be necessary for him to take on patients.

"That's what I'm here for, drilling and filling," he said. "A lot of assignments, you have some difficulty keeping with the clinical side."

When faced with young dentists leaving the Army for prospects of more money, he reminds them that he had his own private practice at one time.

"This is something that has to be done to give back to the country," said Horning.

He also thanked or his support and leadership, and also the job he did to make Fort Stewart DENTAC among the best in DENTCOM.

"The things he has done here have made the transition very easy," Horning said.

"My hope for Fort Stewart is to maintain the level of efficiency. They've got it wired," he said. Horning was so impressed with the high output of Fort Stewart's dental clinics that he was able to state his command in one sentence.

"My job here is to not get in the way."



Sgt. Sam Hoffman

**Col. Thomas Horning, commander Fort Stewart DENTAC, takes the unit colors from Officiator Col. David Carr.**

## Stewart bids farewell to DENTCOM 'leader'

**Sgt. Sam Hoffman**

Staff Writer

Col. (Doctor) Stephen J. Awe was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal from the U.S. Army Dental Activity for being what Dental Command is calling the leader in dental care for soldiers.

At the presentation, Col. (Doctor) David L. Carr, Southeast Dental command commander praised Awe and what he has done for Fort Stewart during his two years as DENTAC commander.

"I never have to worry about Fort Stewart," he said.

"My job has been easy. I just sit back in the commander's chair while all of these great people are running things for me," Awe said of his tenure here. "The members of this organization are simply the best!"

Awe began serving in the Army in 1981 after completing his Doctorate of Dental Surgery from the Medical College of

Virginia. His commands have taken him to Germany, Korea, Panama and Walter Reed Army Medical Center. One unit, the 464th Medical Company out of Landstuhl, Germany, was awarded the prestigious Army Superior Unit Award for service in Bosnia-Herzegovina, under Awe's command.

A Diplomat of the American Board of Periodontology, graduate of Command and General Staff College, as well as Army War College, Awe also has been awarded an "A" prefix, the highest award for professional excellence in the Army Medical Department, adding to his already distinguished military career.

According to Carr, Awe has managed to balance being an officer and medical professional. Awe said that the two complement each other, and the Army provides excellent leadership training and professional continuing education.

"You take all of the experiences," he said.

He did admit that it has been tough to

retain young dentists who would prefer to make potentially millions of dollars working a private practice in an affluent area like Long Island or Beverly Hills.

"Sit down with that officer and explain to him that money isn't everything," said Awe. "We like taking care of soldiers."

He said that he also attracts officers' staying on active duty by appealing to their sense of camaraderie, and reminding them of continuing education dentists are required to maintain, provided by the Army, which in the private sector cost thousands of dollars.

During the past two years, DENTAC has undergone some major renovations under Awe's leadership.

"Some of the biggest improvements we've seen are in the facilities," he said. He cited the re-openings of Dental Clinics one and two, automation infrastructure and the digital radiology at the soldier readiness checks.

"We were able to stand up the Mobilization Center at Moyer Gym. Not only were we able

to do the screenings, but also the treatments," Awe said. "The real beneficiary of this is the soldier."

One third of the participating soldiers in Operation Iraqi Freedom were processed through Fort Stewart. He said this would not have been possible without the help of Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) commander, Brig. Gen. Lloyd Austin, assistant division commander (maneuver), Brig. Gen. Louis Weber, assistant division commander (support) and Col. Gerald Poltorak, former garrison commander.

"Gen. Blount, Gen. Austin, Gen. Weber and Col. Poltorak: their support has been absolutely tremendous," Awe said.

After departing from Fort Stewart, Awe will assume a Tier-2 command at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He said he would always remember his time here.

"Mainly, we're going to miss Fort Stewart because of the people."

# SPOUSES

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"They are courses that stress leadership, management and computer skills," Heifferon said.

Also, Heifferon said DCAS has been offering quite a bit of free child care.

"On the first Saturday of the month you can bring your child in from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at no cost to the family member," Heifferon said.

There are also the recreation activities that DCAS has, she continued.

She said there are a variety of activities that DCAS can provide.

"If there is something that you can think of that we aren't doing please let us know," Heifferon said.

There is an Army Community Service Hotline, 1-877-423-6114 for Fort Stewart and 1-877-896-8647 for Hunter Army Airfield, which can provide more information to family members.

"You get a human (answering the phone) so you don't have to press six buttons to talk to someone. We'll be open to any question," Heifferon said.

Once Heifferon had briefly touched upon the different services DCAS offers, the floor was open to questions.

The first question was from a spouse of a soldier who was part of 2nd Brigade but has been attached to a Coalition Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC) communications unit. She wanted to know if whom he would redeploy with.

Austin said, "The person in charge is Gen. Blount and he is trying as best he can to get as many of the people who are in Kuwait returned as quick as he can if they are not currently needed in a forward area. We are continually trying to work that. Everyday the boss wakes up he is trying hard to get soldiers returned."

A spouse of a soldier from the 396th Transportation Company, which falls under the 24th CSG asked, "Since the 24th CSG has returned we have been having problems finding information directly involving 396th Transportation Company," she said. "My question is where do we go to find information about our spouses and who would our husbands redeploy with and who is ultimately responsible for 396th Trans company because they have supported five or six different units since the deployment."

Austin replied, "If the soldiers belong to Fort Stewart or Hunter Army Airfield, we're going to take care of you. Even though 24th CSG has redeployed, they have a chain of command that will provide information to you about the redeployment of your

spouse's unit."

She asked what the timeline was for soldiers scheduled to PCS or ETS. She said they were told that the soldier would be sent back within 60 days prior to their departure.

Jake Umholtz, adjutant general, filled in the blanks for the PCS process. He explained that soldiers are entitled to a six-month stabilization from assignment for CONUS or OCONUS, if the soldiers want. He stressed that it is up to the unit commander if they will be able to come back within the 60-day window, but added that they are trying. Overseas short tours or hardship tours would offer a one-year stabilization. He added that this could cause the soldier to lose the assignment.

"We will arrange for stabilization and some times that will cancel assignments and that's why I can't answer each specific case at this time because I don't know when the soldier is coming home," Umholtz said.

"I Have an 11- and 13-year-old daughter and I've been looking for a support group for kids their age. I want to know about a support group for them," inquired a spouse from the 3rd Bn., 15th Infantry.

"We realize that is something we absolutely have to do," Heifferon answered. "During school we talked to the teachers and school professionals and classes so they could help the students and ACS is looking to start a support group."

Another spouse was concerned that the phone system was bad in Iraq, the length of her husband's deployment and the morale of the soldiers.

"As we crossed the border, the enemy situation changed. The situation now is a little different than what we thought we would see. There are still dissidents trying to disrupt what we have done," said Austin.

He added, "3rd Infantry Division is not the only division that is there. The 101st is there, which is also part of 18th Airborne Corps, parts of the 82nd, 4th Infantry, the 1st Armored Division, and a Marine contingent so there are a lot of folks over there."

Austin continued, "I certainly think they will be (okay). They are great soldiers. They have done a magnificent job up to this point and they are still trying to do that job.

In a lot of cases they are in a dangerous environment."

The soldiers have to complete the job they went over there to do, Austin said. The situation has changed to some degree, and it is a little uncertain right now. The division is not going to lose everything the soldiers fought so hard to gain by doing something prematurely.

Austin said the commander on the ground makes the call on how much force he needs and at what time.

"In some cases there were some folks that have certain types of skills and MOSs that deployed and only stayed in country four months and came back. Those skills were no longer needed and they were allowed to return. That only makes sense," Austin said.

He said the reason the phone system is bad because the soldiers are using tactical communication systems to communicate with families back in the states, Austin said.

"I would just like a clear answer on why they were extended, what their new mission is and what can we expect," asked another spouse from 3/69 Armor.

McNeill said, there was a CENTCOM briefing on CNN that outlined some of the reasons.

According to what the CENTCOM commander said, there appears some attempt to organize resistance. Before there was no attempt to organize although there has been encounters and fights.

He said those that stand to lose in that process ... appear to believe they can wear down the American public opinion and the American forces that are there.

"That's simply not going to happen. Our forces are too well trained and too well disciplined to allow something like that to happen. Our country has strategic interest in Iraq. It in theory could be a domino in a series of dominoes that we simply can not allow to fall," McNeill said.

"There has been a lot of talk about your family members coming back in September. I'm reluctant to speculate until Gen. Abizaid has had his conversation with the division commanders," McNeill said.

"You have had an incredible amount of patience among the family members of the Rock-of-the-Marne Division," McNeill said.

"I simply say, can you have that patience a little bit longer while the people who have the ability to make the decisions as well make the assessment work through a consultation with those that have an extreme vested interest, Gen. Blount for example."

The B Co. 3/7 Inf. FRG leader asked if the soldiers who turned in their equipment would get it back now that they have to stay.

"I'm confident Gen. Blount ... will provide the right missions based on the type of equipment the soldiers have. He'll make the call on whether he's going to have them go back and draw Bradleys.

The FRG leader also brought up the fact that many of the soldiers have told their spouses about having trench foot and no clean socks or shirts. A Co. C, 3/7 Inf. spouse echoed her question about toiletries and injured feet.

Austin said, "I take those issues seriously, and I am fairly certain those kind of are supplies on hand. Whether or not they are getting down to your spouses is a different issue and we'll go after that. That's what leaders do. There are socks in theater. There is more toilet paper in theater than soldiers can use so if it's not getting down to your soldier, we'll fix that."

One spouse asked how far in advance would her husband return before his ETS date.

Umholtz explained that if a soldier left to deploy with an ETS date of April 30 or earlier that soldier now has an ETS date of Oct 31. If he left May 1 to July 31 he now has an ETS of Nov 20. If he left Aug 1 through November he now has an ETS date Dec. 20.

He added, "I understand that the command is working hard to get those soldiers back in time to honor those new ETS dates and are trying to allow them to take terminal leave."

"Your spouses are getting the job done in Iraq and the leadership of the nation starting from the president down to the squad leader in Rock of the Marne division are well aware of the stress and demands put on not only the soldiers but also the families. I believe everyone is working to come to a logical process to rotate units. The war on Terrorism is going to go on for some time, and we all have to do our part," McNeill said.

At the end of the session Austin said, "What we have endeavored to do here today is to provide you with as much information as we have available. We are still fighting a war and have a mission ongoing and will do our best to support our soldiers and take care of you as well in the mean time."

**"Everyday the boss wakes up he is trying hard to get soldiers returned."**

**Brig. Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III  
ADC(M)**



Staff Sgt. Craig Pickett

A brass, sword-wielding, horse-riding Saddam Hussein is engulfed in a ball of flame as it is blown from its perch outside Hussein's palatial grounds in Tikrit, Iraq July 18.

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Bertoldie.”

Barry went on to urge his troops to fight with renewed vigor and intensity. “I challenge everyone here today to remain vigilant in the fight to kill or capture the scum that continue to attack us ... they are cowards and terrorists.”

Chap. (Capt.) Peter Johnson finished the ceremony by reminding the soldiers to put their faith in God, to trust him no

matter what, despite all their unanswered questions. He compared the soldiers to the Israelites in the book of Isaiah.

“The people of Israel were hard-pressed, discouraged, weary and running low on faith,” he said. “Tuskers, I know that you too are weary, tired and running low on faith. We lost a good soldier and a good friend and that has a powerful way of taking the wind out of our sails ... this is a

Another one bites the dust ...

# Weapon search is successful

Staff Sgt. Craig Pickett

Army News Service

TIKRIT, Iraq — A 4th Infantry Division task force recently completed another sweep for illegal weapons caches in Iraq and brought down another statue of Saddam Hussein to mark the end of Operation Ivy Serpent last week.

Two soldiers, in a raid that netted a large cache of weapons, said the week's 86 raids were a morale booster and about “bringing everyone home.”

Combat engineers from the 555th Combat Engineer Group toppled the statue of Hussein, waving a sword and riding a horse, in a ball of flame to mark the last day of the week-long operation conducted by Task Force Iron Horse. The 555th Engineers are based at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Ivy Serpent specifically focused on locating weapons caches and yanking them out of the hands of hostile forces who have been using them in recent attacks against coalition forces, according to officials.

Large numbers of weapons were collected during the course of the week. The late night and early morning outings netted: 394 AK-47s, 57 rocket propelled grenades, 507 hand grenades, 1,736 mortar rounds, 54 50-pound crates of C-4 plastic explosive, and a variety of other weapons and contraband.

The operations also netted a host of Iraqi aggressors brought in for questioning.

One of the more successful raids was led by C Company, 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, and C Co., 1st Bn., 22nd Inf. Reg., from Fort Hood, Texas.

Their mission the morning of July 16 was to conduct an area reconnaissance of the northern sector of Mosem village, just a few miles northeast of Tikrit.

While the M1A1 Abrams tanks of Capt. Jon Cecalupo's company secured the area, the infantrymen of C Co., 1/22 Inf., searched houses, yards and vacant lots for signs of cached weapons.

Cecalupo, commander of C Co., 3rd Bn., 66th Armor,

said, “His soldiers had been finding a few AK-47s and other weapons in the houses, but that is standard issue in every house in Iraq.”

That was until they entered a large home. Inside, they stumbled upon a large amount of weapons. At first, they pulled three rifles from the home. But the soldiers kept searching and found ammunition, pistols and photos of Saddam posing with the occupants.

With the new find, the soldiers searched the compound's outlying buildings and yard. Soon, soldiers found a cache of AK-47s that was buried under miscellaneous rubble in an unassuming block building.

As sweat-drenched soldiers pulled rifles from the building you could hear them yelling out about the immensity of their find. At first, shouts of 50 or more rifles echoed through the doorway then 100, and finally that the stack was 4-feet deep and surrounded by bags of ammunition.

In all, 225 rifles were pulled from the building along with 25,000 detonator caps; flare guns, and tens of thousands of rounds of 7.62 millimeter ammunition.

However, the plethora of weapons did not end in the building. A search of the yard found 42 crates of Composition 4 plastic explosives buried beneath the lime trees in the yard.

Though the soldiers had been up since 1 a.m. and were literally soaked with perspiration, their faces could not hide the excitement they felt.

“I'm really glad we found something,” said Pfc. Jacob Lynn, Charlie, 1st Bn., 22nd Inf. “It's definitely a morale booster. We go on a lot of raids and go into a lot of houses with sad looking people. It's nice to finally find something.”

Finding large caches of weapons is not only an emotional boost for war-weary soldiers and their leaders — it is also a means to an end, said Lynn.

“I'm just glad we took it (weapons) off the hands of the guy who could have used it against us,” said Staff Sgt. Peter Venardos, Co. C., 3rd Bn., 66th Armor.

“I'm glad we are potentially saving U.S. lives. That's what it is all about — everyone getting home,” he said.



Spc. Katherine Robinson

Mourning TF 4-64 soldiers gather around Bertoldie's belongings to pay their respects, honor him and say goodbye.

time to draw strength from God.”

He continued to quote Paul the Apostle in saying, “We are hard-pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.”

Soldiers stood silently to honor Bertoldie as Pfc. Chad McFarlane sang Amazing Grace and 1st Sgt. Joseph Rasmussen called the last roll call, repeating

Bertoldie's name three times into a heavy silence.

After a 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps, soldiers knelt one by one before Bertoldie's, boots, rifle, identification tags, kevlar and pictures, crying and comforting each other as they said goodbye.

“The Army lost a good soldier,” Brech said. “The world lost a good man. His son lost a great father. And I lost a good friend.”

# CENTCOM News

## Numerous potential subversive attacks deterred

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Coalition forces prevented several potential subversive attacks bringing the country of Iraq closer to a safe and secure environment.

A 1st Armored Division unit identified an improvised explosive device outside of their detention cell. The device consisted of three pounds of plastic explosives with an electronic timer in a black bag. An explosive ordnance detonation team disabled the device without incident.

Also at the 1st AD detention center, an unidentified Iraqi man dropped off a black bag containing a bomb with a timing device on it. An EOD team neutralized the bomb and removed it for further investigation.

A 1st AD unit conducted a raid at a house in a Baghdad neighborhood and confiscated one AK-47, one rocket-propelled grenade, one G3 assault rifle and two 69 mm tubes. Two individuals were detained. Additional raids on three other houses yielded two AK-47s, and one 9 mm pistol.

Military police from the 1st AD responded to small arms fire at the new Baghdad police station detaining one Iraqi in a vehicle with an AK-47. There was several brass cartridges found on the front and rear seats of the vehicle. The Iraqi was taken to the local brigade support area detention area for questioning.

A 1st AD infantry sniper team on patrol spotted two Iraqis with AK-47s in a library. The patrol searched the library and found 6-60 mm mortar rounds, one 82 mortar round, three rocket-propelled grenade-7 warheads, one 14.5 anti-aircraft gun and two AK-47s. The Iraqis escaped prior to the arrival of the search patrol team.

Another 1st AD patrol in Baghdad identified and neutralized an improvised explosive device. The device was a fragmentation grenade placed in a plastic container that was filled with gasoline.

An EOD team in the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force area reported finding four 125 mm high explosive tank rounds evenly spaced and camouflaged by foliage. The devices were set for command detonation approximately 100 meters from the road using a small tractor battery. Only one of the four rounds detonated.

The 1st MEF responded to a reported looting at an agricultural factory in Iskandariyah. Six individuals were detained and three AK-47s, one 9 mm pistol and four grenades were confiscated. Additionally, 50 rocket-propelled grenades and one large bag of 7.62 mm link rounds were found in a closet at the factory.

Finally, in the 1st MEF area of operation, the Iraqi police along with military police conducted a joint raid in Ash Shafiyah and confiscated 140 grenade fuses, 654 7.62 rounds, 43 hand grenades and four AK-47s. One individual was arrested.

First AD soldiers confiscated three million Iraqi dinars, counterfeiting equipment for fake license plates along with numerous fake license plates a typewriter, two printers and a key board. One individual was detained for questioning.

Elsewhere, Coalition forces continued aggressive patrols throughout the country over the last 24 hours conducting 23 raids, 1,126-day patrols and 928-night patrols. They also jointly patrolled with the Iraqi Police conducting 145-day patrols and

162-night patrols. Independently, the Iraqi Police conducted 11-day patrols and 10-night patrols.

The total raids and patrols resulted in 154 arrests for various criminal activities including two for murder, seven for car jacking, four for aggravated assault, eight for burglary and one for looting.

## Coalition, Iraqis team up for humanitarian efforts

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Coalition forces and Iraqis have teamed up on a variety of initiatives in areas from higher education to security to improve the quality of life for the people of Iraq.

More than 80 percent of Iraq's university students have returned to class thanks to the efforts of Coalition commanders who have been working with university administrators to let students know the schools are open and ready to accept enrollments.

Also, during the last 48 hours Coalition and Iraqi doctors in Baghdad teamed up to save a young girl's foot. Doctors from the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment's Forward Surgical Team worked with two Iraqi doctors at Al Wasity hospital to repair the foot of an eight-year-old girl who severely injured her foot in a motor vehicle accident.

The team effort came about because the Coalition forward surgical team had the staff, location and equipment necessary to assist in performing the surgery to save the girl's foot. Although the team's primary mission is to treat U.S. soldiers injured in the line of duty, they also give medical care to Iraqi civilians when the needs are beyond the ability of local hospitals.

In Sulaymaniah, soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) completed the training of 327 Iraqi border guards. The training took place at a Kurdish Peshmerga compound.

During the four-day program volunteers from the area received training in conducting customs and security duties at border crossings with Iran. Now that classroom training is complete the border guards will begin on-the-job training under the supervision of soldiers in the 101st AAD.

In Mosul, the 101st AAD has hired nearly 4,000 Iraqis to help with key security and reconstruction programs in northern Iraq. The recent hiring helps restore order and repair infrastructure and also provides jobs for former government employees and former military personnel.

In addition, the injection of money into the local economies helps stimulate commerce and improves the overall quality of life in the region. The money used to pay the workers came from seized Iraqi funds and discretionary funds provided by the Coalition's unit commanders.

## One soldier killed, 1 wounded in RPG attack

AR RAMADI, Iraq — A soldier attached to the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment was killed and one was wounded when their vehicle convoy was hit with a rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire in an ambush at approximately 9 a.m. July 22 on the road between Balad and Ar Ramadi.

The soldiers were evacuated to 28th Combat Support Hospital.

Names of the deceased and wounded soldiers are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

## One soldier killed, three wounded

BAGHDAD, Iraq — One 1st Armored Division soldier was killed and three others wounded at approximately 10:30 a.m. July 21 when their vehicle hit an improvised explosive device and was subsequently engaged with small arms fire in the As Sulaykh district of Baghdad.

An Iraqi interpreter working with Coalition soldiers was also killed in the incident.

The three wounded soldiers were taken to a nearby medical facility.

The names of the soldiers are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

*For additional information contact: 914 360 5082/5089.*

## Troops engage hostile forces near Spin Boldak

KANDAHAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Special Operations Forces killed approximately 22-24 enemy soldiers when an unknown element attacked a coalition convoy in the vicinity of the fire base at Spin Boldak Saturday.

The coalition forces drove through the kill zone, requested close air support and engaged the enemy forces, killing approximately five enemy and pursuing the remaining forces into the surrounding hills.

AH-64 Apaches provided the air support, making several passes on the hill, killing approximately 17-19 more enemy.

There were no coalition casualties.

## One killed, two injured in vehicle accident

BAGHDAD, Iraq — One soldier was killed and two were injured in a military vehicle rollover accident July 20 near Baghdad International Airport.

One soldier died at the scene.

The two injured soldiers were taken to the 47th Forward Support Battalion for treatment.

The names of the soldiers are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

## Two U. S. Soldiers killed, one wounded in RPG attack

MOSUL, Iraq — Two soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division were killed and one wounded when their unit was ambushed with rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire near Tal Afar July 20.

The soldiers were transported to the 21st Combat Support Hospital for treatment. Two soldiers later died of their wounds.

There were no reported enemy casualties.

The victims' names are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

# Pfc. Lynch going home to the mountains

Linda D. Kozaryn

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — “It’s great to be home,” Pfc. Jessica Lynch told hundreds of well wishers who lined the streets of Elizabeth, W. Va., Tuesday to welcome the former prisoner of war home.

On Monday, Lynch was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and POW medals. Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, Army surgeon general, presented the awards and spoke briefly to Lynch’s family and members of the assembled “families” of Walter Reed, the Army Medical Department and others before presenting the awards.

He said the Purple Heart, “a special award and not one you choose to get,” is awarded to a person who’s given more to their country than just service — “They have given of themselves by going into harm’s way.” He said other awards have to do with the quality of one’s service.

“The Bronze Star is given for meritorious service in combat, and the POW medal is one that very few people receive,” Peake said.

A Blackhawk helicopter carried the former POW to Elizabeth, after her discharge from Walter Reed Army Medical Center on her 102nd day of care at the largest medical facility in the Department of Defense. Lynch then traveled the last five miles of her journey by motorcade to a private homecoming in her hometown of Palestine.

Flags, signs and yellow ribbons awaited the young soldier in Elizabeth. The Wirt County High School marching band was there, as was West Virginia Governor Bob Wise, who said the people of West Virginia were welcoming back “a young citizen and a soldier.”

“She left here as one of many newly enlisted in the military pursuing both her duty and her dreams,” he said. “She returns a renowned international figure and the symbol of the quiet courage and commitment of all of our armed forces. And like all members of our armed forces, she may consider the duty that she had and what she did as routine, (but) we know that she and they have performed the heroic.”

Wise said the entire state of West Virginia “has worn a yellow ribbon around its heart” since Lynch was captured. “In Palestine, after your rescue,” he said, “a church put up a sign. The sign reads ‘God is still in the business of making miracles.’ One of his miracles has come home to the mountains today.”

Dressed in her Army green uniform and black beret, Lynch appeared to hold back tears as she pushed her wheelchair up to a microphone to make her first public statement since her March 23 capture by Iraqi forces.

“Hi,” she said simply, “Thank you for being here. It’s great to be home.”

Lynch went on to thank everyone who hoped and prayed for her safe return. “For a long time I had no idea so many knew I (had) been missing, but I read thousands of letters, many of them from children who offered messages of hope and faith.”

She also thanked the West Virginians who gave donations to the Lynch fund and who volunteered their time and skills to work on her family’s house. She thanked the doctors, nurses and staff members of Walter Reed Army Medical Center for their excellent care and the staff of Landstuhl Medical Center in Germany for their care and support.

“I’d like to thank the Fisher Foundation, Gov. Bob Wise, and United States Senator Jay Rockefeller for the roles they played in helping my family to be with me in Germany and Washington,” Lynch added. “I’m also grateful to several Iraqi citizens who helped save my life while I was in their hospital.”

Lynch also thanked the Special Forces soldiers who saved her life and praised an Army sergeant who’s been her inspiration during her recovery.

She then spoke of her feelings about her combat experience.

“I’m proud to be a soldier in the Army,” she said. “I’m proud to have served with the 507th. I’m happy that some of the soldiers I served with made it home alive. And it hurts that some of my company didn’t. Most of all I miss Lori Piestewa, she was my best friend, she fought beside me and it was an honor to have served with her. Lori will always remain in my heart. (Pfc. Lori Ann Piestewa, 23, of Tuba, Ariz., was killed March 23 in Iraq.)

“I’ve read thousands of stories that said when I was captured I said, ‘I’m an American soldier too.’ Those stories were right.”

Those were my words. I am an American soldier, too. Thank you for this welcome and it’s great to be home.”



Brett McMillan

**Pfc. Jessica Lynch receives the Purple Heart from Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, U.S. Army surgeon general, during a ceremony at Walter Reed Army Medical Center on July 21, 2003. Lynch also received the Bronze Star and the Prisoner of War Medal.**

## Marines sent to Liberia at ambassador’s request

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WASHINGTON, July 21, 2003 — A team of 21 U.S. Marines arrived in Monrovia today to add a level of security to the U.S. Embassy in Liberia’s capital, Defense officials in the Pentagon said.

Civil war in the West African nation has increased security concerns. The newly arrived Marines, deployed from Rota, Spain, are part of a Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team. They join a 35-member Humanitarian Assistance Support Team that U.S. European Command deployed July 7. Another 20 Marines are staged in neighboring Sierra Leone awaiting further orders.

DoD officials said Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld approved the deployment

July 20 after the U.S. ambassador to Liberia requested assistance.

The FAST members arrived in Monrovia via helicopter and were greeted by mortar fire in the vicinity of the U.S. Embassy.

Navy Lt. Dan Hetlage, a DoD spokesman, said officials aren’t sure if the mortars were aimed at the embassy or if the Marines were caught in the crossfire of local warring factions. He also noted U.S. Embassy personnel had received no mandatory evacuation order.

First reports from the ground indicate two local contract security guards and an American reporter have been hurt, Hetlage said. Defense officials routinely caution that first reports are often wrong.

President Bush spoke briefly on the situation during a joint press conference with the prime minister of Italy from his ranch in

Crawford, Texas.

“We’re concerned about our people in Liberia,” Bush said, in response to a reporter’s question. “We’re continuing to monitor the situation very closely.”

The president said July 14 that any American military involvement would be in the form of assistance to the Economic Community of West African States. He reiterated today that he is waiting for ECOWAS to put together a peacekeeping force “that I have said we’d be willing to help move into Liberia.”

Just fewer than 200 U.S. service members are currently serving in western Africa. Three HH-60 Pavehawk helicopters from Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland, and the personnel needed to support them were sent to Sierra Leone July 13. An MC-130P Combat Shadow

aircraft was sent to Senegal from its Air Force base in Mildenhall, England. Hetlage explained these aircraft are standing by should an emergency evacuation of U.S. military personnel be called for.

On a related note, Rumsfeld signed an order July 19 to move the USS Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group and its embarked 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) from the Red Sea near Djibouti, where it has been supporting Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa, into the Mediterranean Sea. The group should reach the Med in “a few days,” Hetlage said, and once there would be able to reach the coast of Liberia in seven to 10 days if called upon.

The lieutenant described moving the ships as “a prudent deployment.” “We’re putting them in position in case they’re needed,” he said.

# Operation 'Knock and Talk' yields weapons, ammunition

3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Press Release

AL FALLUJAH, Iraq — Five Iraqis were detained Saturday when military police uncovered a large weapons and ammunition cache at two residences in Fallujah.

Soldiers from 211th Military Police Battalion, Task Force Enforcer, have discovered a way to get citizens to cooperate with coalition forces searching for illegal weapons.

"Operation 'Knock-and-Talk' is a non-threatening, non-intrusive, knock on the door instead of kick-in-the-door technique MPs use to ask local citizens whether they are conducting illegal activities from their homes," said Lt. Col. John Huey, division provost marshal.

The MPs usually approach a residence based on a tip received from a local. They go to the house and tell the person who opens the door that they have been told that the individual may be storing arms and ammunition illegally, and ask if they can search the house and premises.

Military police who are very familiar with the abnormal conduct

of suspects keenly observe the individual at the residence to see if the person is nervous and attempts to flee, slams the door in their face or is very cooperative and agrees to the search. Just like in the conduct of any other search of a person's property, MPs have a legal warrant issued by the judge before they can execute the search or must have probable cause to do so.

On a Knock-and-Talk search at a house Saturday, TF Enforcer uncovered six M66 fragmentation rifle grenades, 31 rocket-propelled grenade rockets, 16 RPG propellant sticks, two possible SA-4 rockets, 1 round anti-aircraft ammunition, 19 AK magazines, one brown container marked explosives, five rice bags with RPK ammunition belts, six AK-47s, eight RPG launchers, four RPK machine guns, two coaxial machineguns, three fragmentary grenades, one flare gun with 40 flares, one 60mm mortar complete with base plate and bipod, one radio transceiver, four M81 flash bang grenades, two boxes .51 caliber rounds, 2,000 7.62mm rounds, 500

RPK rounds, 100 9mm rounds, three Iraqi army uniforms (no insignia), one Nissan pickup truck, one four-door Mercedes, one Hyundai tractor-trailer and one Kamaz tractor trailer.

At another house, TF Enforcer retrieved two RPG MGs, six 60mm mortar rounds, one 82mm mortar round, 12,000 7.62mm rounds of ammunition plus another five crates of 7.62mm rounds (1,000 rounds each crate), five fragmentary grenades, 10 cans 7.62mm rounds, six RPG propellant sticks, one bag of assorted ammunition (2,000 rounds total), 56 AK magazines, four RPK magazines, two sets Iraqi army uniforms (no insignia), one bag grenade fuses, 50 maps of the local area, 10 gas masks, three DVD-style CDs of anti-American videos.

On Sunday, TF Enforcer conducted a knock-and-talk search at an auto body shop and discovered mortar rounds, artillery rounds, various explosives sets such as improvised explosive devices and a 20mm ADA gun and detained two Iraqis. One of the Iraqis was the target of the search.



Courtesy photo

MPs inventory weapons that were seized during Operation "Knock and Talk."

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Advertise in the equivalent capability of either U.S. or coalition troops arrive."

Yearlong deployments are possible for certain units to keep the force structure stable until the security situation improves, he added, noting that the individual services establish rotation schedules.

"Looking at what I contemplate being the force levels for a while, probably the next 90 days, we probably need to say to our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines: 'Here's the maximum extent of your deployment. If we can get you home sooner, we will.'"

The general pointed out that yearlong deployments are not unprecedented. "First Armored Division went to Bosnia for a year. So we've done it before and we can do it again."

Military officials believed the first units into Iraq, the 3rd Infantry and 1st Marine divisions, would return soon after the end of the war, he explained, "provided that certain expectations were met on the security front."

"All of us were a bit taken back by the complete destruction of the Iraqi army and the near total dissolution of Iraqi security institutions, especially police," he said. "Once we started to understand that environment, we knew that we were going to have to extend people longer than we had hoped."

Two brigades of the 3rd Infantry Division are now slated to leave Iraq by September, he said. One 3rd Infantry brigade has already moved out of Iraq. Abizaid said more details on troop redeployments will be available next week.

The 30-year Army veteran told reporters he's saddened that some service members have complained to the press about their leadership and their mission.

"On the other hand," Abizaid said, "I imagine we can go out and find a lot of troops that are working as hard as they've ever worked in their life, that are experiencing the toughest danger they've ever experienced in their life, and every now and then we've got to look at our young people and understand why they said what they said and then do something about it."

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# Baghdad zoo reopens after four months

Sgt. Mark S. Rickert

372nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq — For the first time since the war started, citizens of Iraq were invited to the Zawra Zoo for the reopening ceremony of Baghdad's city zoo, July 19.

With the help of U.S. forces, the Office of Coalition Provisional Authority, a handful of animal conservationists and the Iraqi public, the zoo is finally accessible, once again, for the people of Iraq.

In the opening ceremony, Ted Morse, operations coordinator for the Coalition Provisional Authority, began his remarks by addressing the importance of the zoo's opening.

"The park's openness is symbolic of the new freedom of Iraq," said Morse. "The zoo is a place for the community to go and reflect on the meaning of life."

Stephan Bognae, with the wildlife conservation group WildAid, has worked with the animals in this zoo since the war ended. He says the Zawra Zoo represents a cultural center for the city—a place for the people to go and leave the reminders of war behind.

"I think this zoo is the heart of Baghdad," said Bognae. "It's like a sanctuary. You can

still see the results of the war on the streets. But when you come to the zoo and see the trees, and the water, and all the animals, it's like an inner peace, an inner sanctuary. It's a cultural center."

When the war ended, coalition forces found the zoo in a tragically derelict state. The employees were not there. The animals were starving and had no water. Some had escaped through holes in their cages, while looters stole what animals they could and whatever equipment or materials they could.

"The damage and destruction caused to the zoo during the war was nowhere near as damaging as the looting after the war," said Morse.

Now, the zoo is open with more than 80 strong and healthy animals. From bears and wolves to hyenas, the zoo is better than ever. The animals are healthy and international conservationists, such as Bognae of WildAid, have trained the local help on proper ways to care for the animals.

According to Brig. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, recently-named commanding general of the 1st Armored Division, which now patrols much of Baghdad, the desires of the Iraqi people prompted the zoo's restoration, and many organizations have come together to make this happen.

"We worked very closely with neighborhood counsels to try and lead from behind," said Dempsey. "We tried to get the neighborhood counsels to establish their own priorities, and we helped them attain those priorities."

Dempsey said the Iraqi people felt that restoring the zoo would symbolize the return to normalcy in Baghdad. To help attain this goal, the U.S. Army committed a "battalion worth of engineers," and their heavy equipment.

"It may seem a lot," said Dempsey, "but it was important enough to show the Iraq people that we deliver what we promise."

After being closed for four months, the Baghdad Zoo is now open again. Where soldiers of the fallen regime had once hidden caches of ammo, well-fed animals now sleep. Where heaps of rubble stood, balloons float overhead. What was once used as a fighting position, is now a place of solace.

"It's important to show progress in a central location — a visible symbol of progress," said Dempsey. "The Iraqis want to see something better than what they had," Dempsey explained. "If it's worse, they're not gonna be very happy. They want life to be better than it was before. And this zoo is better than it was before."



Sgt. Mark S. Rickert

Ted Morse, left, operations coordinator of the Office of Coalition Provisional Authority, gets ready to cut the ribbon, symbolizing the reopening of the Zawra Zoo July 19.

## Bremer: 'We Will Prevail' Against Pro-Saddam Insurgents

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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Despite repeated hit and run assaults on U.S. and coalition forces in Iraq by "bitter-tender" Saddam supporters, security and reconstruction efforts in that country continue forward, the senior U.S. administrator in Iraq said July 20.

L. Paul Bremer reiterated on the CBS "Face the Nation" and NBC "Meet the Press" Sunday talk shows that security and reconstruction efforts in Iraq are on track. And he announced earlier in the day on "Fox News Sunday" about the creation of a new Iraqi civil defense force to assist U.S.- Coalition forces in rounding up Saddam loyalists.

Bremer was in town to consult with senior U.S. officials — to include President Bush — on the situation in Iraq.

The majority of attacks on U.S. and coalition troops in Iraq, Bremer noted, are occurring in traditional Saddam strongholds north and west of Baghdad that were left relatively intact because of the April 9 fall of Baghdad and the concurrent flight of the dictator's regime.

More than 35 U.S. troops have been killed in such assaults since President Bush declared the end of major combat operations in the country May 1.

However, most of Iraq today is at peace, Bremer asserted on "Face the Nation," noting, "we're facing a small group of 'bitter-enders.'"

"We have an ongoing problem of security in a very small part of the country," he acknowledged, noting U.S. and coalition forces have liberated a nation of 25 million from the tyranny of a despotic regime.

Saddam loyalists who are attacking U.S. and coalition forces,

Bremer noted, "are trying to turn (back) the tide of history."

"We have thrown out Saddam. And Saddam — dead or alive — is finished in Iraq," he emphasized.

"We will prevail against these professional killers," Bremer pledged, adding, "they are in a small area of the country — that's the place where the unrest is — and we'll deal with it."

Commenting on recent demonstrations against the Iraqi interim government, he said "the fact of the matter is, in all the polls I've seen, the vast majority of the Iraqis prefer to be free and are pleased that the coalition freed them."

Bremer noted that establishing the Iraqi militia will bolster the country's security, in addition to a new national army and a 65,000-member police force. He also mentioned the formation of an Iraqi border guard force.

"We're going to be making more use of the Iraqis as we go along," he asserted.

Attacks on U.S.-Coalition forces in Iraq represent "assaults on our successes," Bremer maintained, noting that a new national Iraqi currency and a budget have been established in the past two weeks. And he stated that work is rapidly proceeding in re-establishing Iraqi power, electricity and water facilities to pre-war levels.

U.S. and coalition forces in Iraq "will continue to go after" pro-Saddam insurgents, Bremer added. In fact, he noted, about 800 suspected Saddam supporters have been rounded up in recent days.

The Iraqi militia, which he also termed as a civil defense force, will be employed at selected sites and on convoy and route security missions, he said on "Meet the Press." This will "free some of our soldiers to go

out and be still more aggressive."

The length of stay for U.S. and coalition forces is predicated on how quickly the Iraqis can write a new constitution and hold free, democratic elections, Bremer noted.

In the meantime, he said, the U.S. and its coalition partners are participating in a truly international effort to put Iraq back on its feet as a peaceful, democratic nation. Currently, the U.S. has about 148,000 troops in Iraq augmented by about 13,000 coalition forces.

Bremer observed that while 12 different nations now have military forces on the ground in Iraq, the United States is "the world's great power right now." With that power comes "great responsibility," he maintained.

"We have the fundamental responsibility now for winning the peace in Iraq, and we're going to do that," he concluded.

## Teeth and pregnancy ...

## A change experienced in oral health

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FORT KNOW, Ky. — It's a myth that calcium is lost from the mother's teeth and "one tooth is lost with every pregnancy." But women may experience some changes in oral health during pregnancy.

The primary change is a surge in hormones — particularly an increase in estrogen and progesterone — which is linked to an increase in the amount of plaque on your teeth.

If the plaque on your teeth is not removed, it can cause gingivitis — red, swollen, tender gums that are more likely to bleed.

So-called "pregnancy gingivitis"

affects most pregnant women to some degree, and generally occurs in the second trimester. If you already have gingivitis, the condition is likely to worsen during pregnancy.

If untreated, gingivitis can lead to periodontal disease, a more serious form of gum disease.

Pregnant women are also at risk for developing pregnancy tumors, which are inflammatory, benign growths that develop when swollen gums become irritated.

Normally the tumors do not require treatment and if left alone will usually shrink on their own. But if a tumor is uncomfortable and interferes with chewing, brushing or other oral-hygiene procedures, the dentist

may decide to remove it.

You can prevent gingivitis by keeping your teeth clean, especially near the gumline. You should brush with fluoride toothpaste at least twice a day and after each meal when possible. You should also floss thoroughly each day.

If toothbrushing causes morning sickness, rinse your mouth with water or with anti-plaque and fluoride mouthwashes.

Good nutrition — particularly plenty of vitamins C and B-12 — helps keep the oral cavity healthy and strong. More frequent cleanings from the dentist will help control plaque and prevent gingivitis. Controlling plaque also will reduce gum irritation

and decrease the likelihood of pregnancy tumors.

If you are pregnant, you should schedule a dental check-up in your first trimester for a cleaning. Your dentist will assess your oral condition and map out a dental plan for the rest of your pregnancy.

A visit to the dentist is also recommended in the second trimester for a cleaning, to monitor changes and to gauge the effectiveness of your oral hygiene. Depending on the patient, another appointment may be scheduled early in the third trimester, but these appointments should be kept as brief as possible.

Non-emergency procedures generally can be performed throughout

pregnancy, but the best time for any dental treatment is the fourth through sixth month.

Women with dental emergencies that create severe pain can be treated during any trimester, but your obstetrician should be consulted during emergencies that require anesthesia or when medication is being prescribed. Dental emergencies during pregnancy usually require x-rays to appropriately diagnose the dental emergency.

Lastly, elective procedures that can be postponed should be delayed until after the baby's birth.

Editor's note: Based on information from the Academy of General Dentistry.

## Preventive measures available on SARS

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FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — Although we are continually learning more each day about Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, we have learned enough about the disease to recognize that prevention measures are available.

According to the World Health Organization, SARS, is thought to be caused by the corona virus. Understanding how these viruses are transmitted helps us to recognize how we can prevent its spread from one person to another.

The Centers for Disease Control states that the primary way that SARS appears to

spread is by close person-to-person contact. This includes touching the skin of other people or objects that are contaminated with infectious droplets and then touching one's own eyes, nose or mouth. This is not unlike how the common cold gets transmitted.

There have been no confirmed cases of SARS among Department of Defense personnel but there are plenty of cases of the common cold. The following are the precautions that should be taken to prevent any respiratory illness. These include:

- Frequent hand washing or the use of alcohol-based hand rubs.
- Covering the mouth and nose with a tissue before sneezing or coughing.
- Avoid sharing eating utensils, towels

and bedding with other members of the household, although these items can be used by others after routine cleaning, such as washing or laundering with soap and hot water.

• Common household cleaners are sufficient for disinfecting toilets, sinks, and other surfaces but the cleaners must be used frequently.

The symptoms of SARS include a measured temperature greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or X-ray images showing either pneumonia or acute respiratory distress syndrome.

These are particularly important if the person has traveled to a high-risk country or

been in contact with persons coming from a high-risk country within 10 days of onset of symptoms.

People who think that they may have SARS should consult their health-care providers.

Be sure to mention any recent travel to areas where SARS has been a problem or any contact with someone that has symptoms of SARS.

To learn more about SARS please access the following reputable websites: <http://www.who.org> or <http://www.cdc.gov>

More information can also be obtained by calling 888-246-2675 (English) or 888-246-2857 (Spanish).

# Rumsfeld/Keane discuss Army's future

Gerry J. Gilmore

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FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — The defense department's top civilian declared here Tuesday that he's not at war with the U.S. Army.

"I've always liked the Army," U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, accompanied by acting Army Chief of Staff Gen. Jack Keane, asserted during a wide-ranging interview with



R.D. Ward

**Gen. John Abizaid, commander, U.S. Central Command, briefs reporters at the Pentagon July 16. On the eve of his departure for the Persian Gulf, the new commander said U.S. and coalition forces are facing more organized resistance in Iraq.**

Army Times and American Forces Press Service reporters.

The secretary and Keane, who traveled to Fort Leavenworth to address a group of new Army brigadier generals attending a one-week orientation class, also discussed military transformation, troop rotation plans for Iraq, the fate of Saddam Hussein's sons, and other issues.

Pointing to myriad media reports that he had severe conflicts with top Army leadership on military transformation, the Iraq war and other issues, Rumsfeld declared: "The things that get printed about that (alleged feud) tend to be false.

"I've read repeatedly — dozens of times — that I announced (former Army Chief of Staff) General (Eric) Shinseki's replacement a year-and-a-half in advance," the secretary noted, adding, "That's just false. ... It's been repeated 50 times. I can't imagine why responsible journalists do it."

Rumsfeld said he doesn't worry about such inaccurate, irresponsible media reports, because "there's nothing I can do about it."

Regarding his overall duties as defense secretary, Rumsfeld stated: "I'm doing my job." And, the Army, the secretary declared, "is well along that (transformation) path."

Keane, noting he's worked with Rumsfeld for more than two years, jumped into the discussion, declaring: "Unequivocally, the secretary does not have an issue with the Army."

Rumsfeld, Keane pointed out, has often said — both inside the Pentagon and outside — that the U.S. Army is the best in the world.

And, Keane continued, Rumsfeld wants the United States to have the best Air Force, Navy

and Marine Corps, as well as a superlative Army.

Rumsfeld is bullish on Army transformation, as well as transformation across the other armed services, "because he wants us to be ready for the future," Keane emphasized.

There is simply "no issue there" between Rumsfeld and the Army, Keane noted. "I think we work effectively as a team."

Regarding the Iraq war, Rumsfeld was asked if he was surprised by the campaign's quickness, where Saddam Hussein's forces were defeated and the dictator's government was toppled in three weeks after the March 19 onset of hostilities.

The substitution of speed for mass — not using larger numbers of troops — in planning for the Iraq campaign likely prevented Hussein from burning the Iraqi people's oil fields, flooding parts of the country, firing Scud missiles at neighboring countries, "or any number of things," Rumsfeld maintained.

The secretary noted, "it was a conscious decision" by former U.S. Central Command Commander Gen. Tommy Franks to use speed versus mass in Iraq.

"And it worked — it worked very well," Rumsfeld emphasized.

Franks' war plan for the Iraq campaign was "bold and brilliant," Keane pointed out. Also, the U.S. and coalition knew their enemy, he added, noting they'd fought Hussein 12 years previously during the Gulf War.

Yet, Keane continued, the defeat of Saddam Hussein and his regime involved more than innovative planning. Leadership, troops' skills, and the will to win were also important factors

for victory over Hussein, he asserted.

"You won't find that written in the plan anywhere," the four-star declared, "but, it's resident" in the decisions that were made on how military force would be applied in Iraq.

"It's an important ingredient that helped produce this outcome," Keane said.

Although major combat operations ended in Iraq May 1, U.S. and coalition troops are still in Iraq looking for Hussein loyalists and helping with reconstruction efforts. Plans have been made, Keane noted, to send those troops home and replace them with fresh ones.

"We've decided to go to a 12-month tour for the forces that are currently in Iraq and for those that would come into Iraq" with some exceptions, Keane explained, noting that remaining 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) soldiers now in Iraq would come home in September.

The U.S. Marines now serving in Iraq, the general continued, would also likely come home around that September timeframe. Keane noted the Army will send a Stryker brigade to Iraq, as well as some reserve units.

There are plans to augment troop strength in Iraq "by adding coalition forces," Rumsfeld pointed out, noting that 19 nations already have troops serving in Iraq.

Iraqi participation in security and peacekeeping operations will also be boosted over the coming months, the secretary noted.

Regarding the fate of Saddam Hussein's sons, Uday and Qusay, Rumsfeld acknowledged that both were killed Tuesday during a U.S. raid in Mosul, Iraq.

"The world is well rid of them," Rumsfeld said.

## Baathist opposition organized, coalition faces guerilla type campaign

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WASHINGTON — Coalition forces are facing organized opposition by Baathist remnants throughout Iraq, U.S. Army Gen. John Abizaid told reporters at the Pentagon July 16.

On the eve of his departure to the region, the new commander of Operation Iraqi Freedom and U.S. Central Command joined Larry Di Rita, acting assistant defense secretary for public affairs, at the podium to give an update on the security situation in Iraq.

The general said mid-level Baathist intelligence, Special Security Organization and Special Republican Guard people "have organized at the regional level in cellular structure and are conducting what I would describe as a classical guerrilla-type campaign against us. It's low-intensity conflict in our doctrinal terms, but it's war, however you describe it.

"We're seeing a cellular organization of six to eight people armed with (rocket-propelled grenades), machine guns, etc., attacking us, sometimes at times and places of their choosing, and at other times, we attack them at times and places of our choosing. They are receiving financial help from probably regional-level leaders."

Di Rita pointed out that the coalition's opponents have one objective, and that is to restore the regime of Saddam Hussein. The tactics they use will change, he stressed. At the moment, "they're using the tactics Gen. Abizaid has described."

"And for those who wish to discuss whether it's this type of war or that type of war, it's always better to keep in mind what they're after, and what they're after is to restore Saddam's

regime to power," he added.

Although the level of resistance isn't escalating in numbers of incidents, Abizaid said, the resistance is getting more organized. The Iraqis are learning and adapting to coalition tactics, techniques and procedures.

"At the tactical level, they're better coordinated," he said. "They're less amateurish, and their ability to use improvised explosive devices and combine the use of these explosive devices with some sort of tactical activity — say for example, attacking the quick reaction forces — is more sophisticated."

Coalition forces are also adapting to the Iraqi opposition's tactics, techniques and procedures. "We can handle the tactical problems that are presented," the general said. U.S. and coalition forces are doing a magnificent job dealing with the current situation, he added.

"War is a struggle of wills," Abizaid noted. "You look at the Arab press (and) they say, 'We drove the Americans out of Beirut. We drove them out of Somalia. We'll drive them out of Baghdad.' That's just not true. They're not driving us out of anywhere."

Just as U.S. and coalition forces take casualties, they also "cause casualties to be inflicted upon the enemy because we are at war," he said. Abizaid noted that as many Americans have died in offensive actions against enemy forces as have been killed in enemy attacks.

U.S. and coalition troops are doing a magnificent job in Iraq, Abizaid said, and he believes the current force level of about 148,000 American and 13,000 coalition troops is "about right."

"If the current situation gets worse," he added, "I won't hes-

itate to ask for more (troops)."

"It's not a matter of boots per square meter," the commander stressed. "If I could do one thing as a commander right now, I would focus my intelligence like a laser on where the problem is, which is mid-level Baathist leaders. We're trying to do that, and as we do that, we'll find that we have more success."

The goal in Iraq is to reduce the level of violence so that governance can move forward, Abizaid said, but progress toward this goal will most likely be met with more violence.

"You have to understand that there will be an increase in violence as we achieve political success," he said. Those "who have a stake in ensuring the defeat of the coalition realize that time is getting short" as Iraqis become more involved in governing themselves.

Local government throughout Iraq, particularly in the North and the South, is moving ahead in a "spectacular way," Abizaid said. "In the areas where we're having difficulties with the remnants of the regime, it's less secure and people that cooperate with us are at risk. We have to create an environment where those people do not feel at risk. That means we have to take our military activity to the enemy and we have to defeat these cells."

Di Rita noted that the Iraqi governing council that met for the first time this week in Baghdad is an important step toward Iraqi self-rule. On the down side, there are reports that a local mayor was killed July 16.

"There will continue to be targeting of our successes," Di Rita said. "We understand that. There will be more set backs along the way; we understand that. But we will not be deterred. Saddam Hussein's regime is gone, and it is not coming back."

# Korea - fifty years ago this week

## *Armistice finally ends active hostilities*

**Jim Caldwell**

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WASHINGTON — An uneasy peace settled on Korea after a truce was finally signed, 50 years ago this week.

**July 24, 1953** — The United Nations Command expected the truce would be signed today, but unforeseen snags developed. Maps of the line of demarcation and the DMZ had to be printed and then agreed upon by both sides. Work on the building where the signing ceremony is to be held isn't finished, and the communists insist on detailed plans for how the ceremony will be held. So the ceremony is rescheduled for July 27.

**July 24-29** — During the delay communist military forces attack U.N. forces all along the line of contact. The actions made no sense because most of the objectives were within the area that would become the demilitarized zone. The Reds would have to vacate it anyway.

All the fighting did was cause unnecessary casualties and needlessly kill people on both sides, and most of the attacks are repelled.

The 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division is on line in I Corps. It has outposts close to the Nevada complex of outposts that was the scene of bloody fighting in May.

Four Marines from the 2nd Bn. have already earned the Medal of Honor during the war. A fifth will earn it on July 25.

Sgt. Ambrosio Guillen is Noncommissioned Officer in charge of F Company's rapid reaction platoon. If the enemy attacks the outposts, his platoon will reinforce them.

The Chinese attack comes around 9 p.m.

Guillen pushes his platoon across the terrain between the main line of resistance and the outpost, yelling at them to ignore the mortar shells falling around them. When they reach the besieged outpost, Guillen places his men on line.

During the fighting, he exposes himself to direct the Marines' fire. Several times he moves across open ground to pull wounded Marines to safety and give them first aid.

The Chinese pull back and the fighting appears to be over. Then the Chinese come back, reinforced and fighting so fiercely that they break into bunkers and trenches.

Guillen gathers the Marines around him and they go down the trench to kill the Chinese. They run into them and exchange shots at close range, and bayonet against bayonet clangs add to the noise.

Guillen receives a fatal wound. A Marine tries to pull him to cover, and Guillen orders him to help get the enemy out of the outpost.

Savage close quarters fighting rages for about 15 minutes before the Marines oust the Chinese. However, the enemy continues the attack for about two more hours.

Guillen is almost gone by that time, and he dies from loss of blood before his men can get him to an aid station.

His posthumous Medal of Honor will be presented to his family Aug. 18, 1954.

**July 27** — Capt. Ralph S Parr, Apple Valley, Calif., shoots down a Russian-built IL-12 cargo plane south of the Yalu

River. It is Carr's twelfth air kill and the 984th and last communist plane shot down in the Korean War.

At 10:11 a.m. (July 26 in the United States) all officials have signed the truce. Fighting will officially end 12 hours later. Two copies each in English, Korean and Chinese are signed.

Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison signs for the U.N. truce talks delegation and Lt. Gen. Nam Il, North Korea, does the same for the communists. Later that day, Gen. Mark Clark, U.N. supreme commander, signs his copies in Tokyo. North Korea dictator Kim Il Sung and Gen. Peng The-huai, sign at their headquarters in Kaesong.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower delivers a speech carried by radio and television on the same day in the United States.

"We have won an armistice on a single battleground, not peace in the world, he says. We may not now relax our guard nor cease our quest. In this struggle we have seen the United Nations meet the challenge of aggression not with pathetic words of protest, but with deeds of decisive purpose."

The talks started July 10, 1951, and have been the longest in history. Only two members of the negotiating teams remain from the original — Nam and a fellow communist.

The main delegations met 159 times, liaison officers met 227 times and staff officers met 189.

The shortest meeting, 14 seconds, was held April 14, 1952.

Troops from both sides along the current contact line must pull back about 1 1/4 miles within 72 hours to create a demilitarized zone.

The truce makes for provisions of returning all prisoners who want to be repatriated within 90 days through a committee staffed with field grade officers from both sides.

South Korea President Syngman Rhee, although still unhappy with the truce, promises to support it.

**July 28** — A Fifth Air Force spokesman says that 823 of the Red planes shot down in dogfights were MiG jets. Allies lost 84 in dogfights, 58 of them F-86 Sabrejets.

The Military Armistice Commission holds its first meeting on July 28.

The commission selects Aug. 5 for each side to begin exchanging the prisoners who want to go home. The U.N. will return 69,000 North Koreans and 5,000 Chinese, but holds 14,500 Chinese and 7,800 North Koreans who refused repatriation.

The communists say they will return 12,763 Prisoners Of Wars, including 3,312 Americans. They also hold 8,186 South Koreans, 922 Britons, 228 Turks, 40 Filipinos, 22 Colombians, 15 Australians, 14 Canadians, 12 French, six South Africans, three Japanese, one Greek and one Belgian.

The United Nations will send prisoners back at a rate of 2,760 a day to the communists' 300 a day. The exchange must be completed within 88 days.

**July 29** — The Defense Department announces July 29 that the American casualty told in Korea as of July 24 stands at 140,546, with 22,350 dead. The spokesman says it will take months to compile exact figures for the entire war. The spokesman says the estimated communist killed and wounded at 1,350,000.

### **Afterwards**

The prisoner exchange — Operation Big Switch — was completed Sept. 6. On Sept. 23 the U.N. Command turned over the North Koreans and Chinese prisoners in its custody to the Neutral Nations Repatriation Committee. When the prisoners arrived at their holding compound, they saw Chinese and North Korean soldiers looking on and they rioted. They threw rocks and whatever they could use at the Reds.

The Indian guards were never targeted and they were able to restore order without seriously injuring the prisoners.

As had become the communist method of operation, Red repatriation delegates complained about the facilities in which they were to "explain" to the prisoners why they should return home. The explaining didn't begin until Oct. 15. Between then and Dec. 23, when the 90-day explanation period ended, the Reds held only 10 sessions with the anti-communist prisoners.

Out of the more than 22,000 non-repatriates, over 600 changed their minds and returned home. Thousands of prisoners refused to talk to the communist representatives.

After 120 days ended in early 1954, the anti-communist prisoners were released to U.N. control. All but 86 Chinese chose Formosa under the Chinese Nationalist government as their new homes. The others decided to settle in India and accompanied those troops when they went home. The North Koreans settled in South Korea.

When American prisoners are released, they tell tales about torture and other abuse from their communist captors. Many also accuse some fellow prisoners of collaborating with their captors to make life easier for themselves.

More than 500 ex-prisoners are investigated for helping the enemy, but only a few are convicted.

Americans' experiences in prisoner camps leads the Secretary of Defense to create a 10-member Advisory Committee on Prisoners of War to investigate the situation. Deliberations lead the committee to create a new code of conduct for American to help service members cope with a new phenomenon for POWs. President Eisenhower signs the new code on Aug. 17, 1955.

The Republic of Korea and each nation that contributed troops to the fighting under the U.N. Command, except South Africa delegations, along with those from China, the USSR and North Korea meet in Switzerland April 26, 1954, to reach a peace agreement formally ending the war.

Rigid demands from both sides make it impossible to arrive at a consensus. The conference ends in June without a formal end to the Korean War.

The Korean War was the first limited engagement fought by United States armed forces for a limited objective. But combat in a limited war is essentially the same for soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen who are under fire. Americans of the era repeated the valorous actions that their ancestors had on battlefields before them. That is borne out by the 131 Medals of Honor they earned, and the fact that 94 of them were presented posthumously.

## 3ID IN BRIEF

## Stewart

**Frank Cochran and Wilson**

The traffic signal at the above intersection was re-activated Tuesday. Motorists are urged to exercise caution when approaching intersection and be alert for the other driver.

**Main Gate**

Gate 1 has only one accessible inbound lane and one accessible out bound lane.

All inbound traffic entering through Main Gate is routed to a new four way stop located at where the NEW General Stewart Way intersects with Memorial Drive and proceeds to General Screven Way.

Construction will be on-going during this period. To alleviate the traffic flow 4th Street Gate (Gate 2/Troupe Gate) is open.

**Happy birthday ACS**

The public is invited to celebrate 38 years of ACS service to the military community. Celebrate at ACS Bldg. 470, Lindquist Ave., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. Free food, entertainment and games for all ages.

For more information, call 767-5064.

**"The Laughing Dragon"**

The Fort Stewart Library is presenting a puppet show at the Woodruff Theater, 11 a.m., July 31, entitled "The Laughing Dragon". This show is FREE and open to the public.

**Army Family Action Plan**

Training for facilitators, recorders and issue support staff Aug. 21, 9 a.m. to noon at Club Stewart. Youth AFAP conference Sept. 6 at 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Club Stewart. Delegate training Sept. 8, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Club

Stewart. AFAP conference Sept. 9, 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fort Stewart.

Contact Vicki Winginton at 767-5058 or Stacy Thompson at 767-5058 for more info.

**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.

**Childcare needed**

Military wives are needed to provide childcare in their homes. Free training and assistance offered through Youth Services' Family Childcare program. Why not consider this opportunity to make money?

For more information call 767-2311.

**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.

**Sunday Brunch**

Bring 20 or more people, or a church bulletin and get \$1 off. Half price for children 9 - 12 and children under age 8 eat free. Cartoon available for children.

For information call 368-2212.

## Hunter

**Happy Birthday ACS**

The public is invited to celebrate 38 years of ACS service to the military community. Celebrate at ACS Bldg. 1286, 171 Haley Ave, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 24. Prizes awarded at Noon Dance Contest, free food, entertainment and games for all ages.

For more information, call 352-5259.

**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 269-0277.

**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.

**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.

**Softball signups slated**

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.

**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.

**Morning road closure**

N. Perimeter Road from the 117th Tactical Control Squadron to the Stephen Douglas Street intersection will be closed to vehicular traffic from 6-7:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri. to support unit physical fitness programs. Individuals and formations must run on authorized running routes and adhere to post safety regulations.

Ask your unit first sergeant or contact the Hunter Safety Office for Hunter's physical training policies at 352-5814.

## Winn Army Community Hospital

**TRICARE class**

The next Explanation of Benefit TRICARE class will be held 10 to 11 a.m. Aug. 5 in the Tuttle library. The class will help explain how to read TRICARE statements. For more information, call 692-8724.

**3rd Thursday training**

Services at Winn and Tuttle will be limited today for staff training. Winn will be closed 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and will offer emergency care only during that time. Tuttle will be closed 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Expectant Mothers Group**

No Expectant Mothers Support Group will be held in July. The next meeting will be 9 a.m. Aug. 19 at Club Stewart. The group is open to all expectant mothers whose significant other is deployed. For more information, call 370-6779.

**Bereavement Support Group**

The next Bereavement Support Group meeting will be 7 to 8 p.m. July 8 in the chapel. The group is open to beneficiaries who have lost a loved one. For more information, call 370-6661.

**Exceptional family member**

The next Exceptional Family Member Program enrollment orientation will be 1:30 to 3 p.m. July 24 in Patriot Auditorium.

Meet other families and learn about other community support services. For more information, call 370-6505.

**"Take Care of Yourself" class**

The next "Take Care of Yourself" classes will be 11 a.m. to noon July 23 at Winn and 10 to 11 a.m. July 23 at Tuttle. The class

gives an overview of how to use the "Take Care of Yourself" book. Upon completing the class, you will receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from Winn or Tuttle. To register for the Winn class, call 370-5071. To register for the Tuttle class, call 368-3048.

**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.

**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.

**Preventive Medicine Relocated**

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

**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.

# Early screenings now available

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 identification 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 available on a walk-in basis at the spon-

sor'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, 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.

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# POLICE REPORTS

- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 23-year-old male, 24th Support Group
  - **Charges:** Driving under the influence
  - **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Family Member, 35-year-old female
  - **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 74/55
  - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 39-year-old male, separate battalion
  - **Charges:** Improper backing
  - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 33-year-old female
  - **Charges:** Simple assault
  - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 21-year-old male
  - **Charges:** Larceny of private motor vehicle
  - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 22-year-old female
  - **Charges:** Aggravated assault, damage to government

- property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old male, separate battalion
  - **Charges:** Interfering with a 911 call
  - **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 39-year-old male, separate battalion
  - **Charges:** Improper backing
  - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 41-year-old male
  - **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
  - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Petty Officer 1st Class, 35-year-old male, separate battalion
  - **Charges:** Disorderly conduct, obstruction
  - **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Specialist, 26-year-old male, separate battalion
  - **Charges:** Improper backing, expired driving license

- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Civilian, 20-year-old male
  - **Charges:** Conspiracy, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, wrongful distribution of cocaine
  - **Location:** Allenhurst, Ga.
- **Subject:** Civilian, 53-year-old male
  - **Charges:** Conspiracy, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, wrongful distribution of cocaine
  - **Location:** Allenhurst, Ga.
- **Subject:** Civilian, 25-year-old male
  - **Charges:** Conspiracy, possession of cocaine, wrongful possession of cocaine
  - **Location:** Hinesville, Ga.
- **Subject:** Civilian, 20-year-old male
  - **Charges:** Possession of ecstasy with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, wrongful distribution of hallucinogens, wrongful distribution of marijuana
  - **Location:** Hinesville, Ga.
- **Subject:** Major, 42-year-old male, Headquarters

- Command
- **Charges:** Communicating a threat, rape, sodomy
  - **Location:** Cambridge, Mass.
- **Subject:** Private 2, 18-year-old male, separate battalion
  - **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
  - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Corporal, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
  - **Charges:** Failure to exercise due care
  - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 20-year-old male
  - **Charges:** Simple assault
  - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Family Member, 40-year-old male
  - **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
  - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 21-year-old male
  - **Charges:** Simple assault
  - **Location:** Fort Stewart

## LIFE &amp; TIMES

B SECTION

## On Post

## International Day Slated

Army Community Services is looking for volunteers to participate in this year's International Day Celebration slated Sept. 15. Participants may present information, displays and entertainment depicting their heritage, culture and history at the celebration. For more information contact Linda McKnight or Ethel Jemison at 767-5058.

## 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 in July. The cost is \$25 for youth and adults, \$15 for infants and toddlers.

Call 767-2312 to sign up for swimming lessons.

## 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.

## ACS Birthday Celebration

Army Community Service is celebrating its 38th birthday, July 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The party is located at the ACS building, 76 Lindquist Ave.

There will be free food, entertainment and games.

## Summer Reading Program

Parents with children ages two through 15 can sign their child up for the Fort Stewart Library's Summer Reading Program.

Participants will receive a book bag, bookmarks, reading log and activity sheets upon registration.

The program runs through Aug. 2. For more information, call 767-2828

## Matting and Framing Class

Learn to professionally mat and frame your treasures and personal prints.

Free classes are open to the public.

Pre-registration is required to order necessary supplies.

Classes begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until finished.

New mats and moldings available on special order. Prints available at great prices. Special introductory demonstrations and classes available for all types of groups — FRG, church groups, OSC, ESC and BOSS.

For more information, call RoseMary at 767-8609.

## Off Post

## Summerfest 2003

On August 9 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the Chamber is seeking participants for the BBQ cookoff, and food and craft vendors. Squeal about the summer fest to all your friends! Cash and prize for best barbecue, great food, live entertainment and kids games. There will also be a 5K road race/ fun run and walk. The race is at 9 a.m. and the fun run/walk is at 8:30 a.m.

For details, contact the Chamber at 368-4445.

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.



Kids at Hunter Army Airfield get wet 'n' wild with a new slide recently installed at the post pool. The Hunter pool is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pfc. Emily Danial

## Certifiably COOL

## Preparing soldiers for civilian employment

Robin Ellert

Education Center

GI to Jobs targets soldiers who want to compete in civilian career fields but do not want academic degrees. It prepares them for civilian employment by credentialing them with certificates or licenses that employer's desire. Eighty-four percent of the Army's Military Occupational Specialties match civilian jobs that are subject to licensure or certification. Ninety-seven percent of the enlisted population serves in those MOS's.

The Army Continuing Education System has launched its GI to Jobs Web site, called Credentialing Opportunities Online, COOL, at <https://www.cool.army.mil>.

The site explains how enlisted soldiers can meet civilian certifi-

cation and license requirements related to their military professions.

Many civilian jobs require credentials that guarantee individuals can meet professional and technical standards. Some occupations even restrict individuals from performing certain jobs without the required credentials.

Soldiers can use COOL to:

- Get background information about civilian licensure and certification.
- Identify licenses and certifications relevant to Army MOSs.
- Learn how to fill gaps between Army training and experience and civilian credentialing requirements, and
- Learn about resources that can help soldiers gain civilian job credentials.

Licenses are granted by federal,

state or local governmental agencies. They are usually mandatory, as state and federal laws or regulations define the occupational standards. Nongovernmental agencies, associations and private sector companies may grant certifications.

Standards are often set by professional associations or by industry. Users of the COOL Web site should first review "Credentialing Basics" to understand the different types of credentialing before conducting a credential search for any MOS.

The "Costs and Resources" link outlines estimated costs and follows with resources to help defray those costs.

There are generally two types of fees associated with obtaining a credential: those payable to the credentialing board and those for supplemental training that might

be needed to qualify for the credential.

While credentialing boards may require different types of documentation to validate education, training and experience gained through the military, soldiers seeking credentials or licensure should have the following:

- A transcript from the Army/American Council of Education (ACE) Registry Transcript System, or
- Verification of Military Experience and Training (DD Form 2586), and
- Certificate of Release of Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214).

*If you have questions, please call your local Education Center or see your education counselor. Remember, it is critical to train for certainty, but even more critical to educate for uncertainty.*

## 'Shades of Green' reopening delayed

## CFSC Public Affairs

Army News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. — The renovated Armed Forces Recreation Center "Shades of Green" at Walt Disney World Resort will open its doors to guests March 1, 2004, instead of Dec. 15 as originally planned.

Unexpected construction delays have caused officials to move the opening date back 76 days, according to Peter F. Isaacs, chief operating officer at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center. He said When Shades of Green does reopen, there will be 586 new or renovated rooms, 500 new covered parking spaces and 7,500 square feet for special events.

"When we were on schedule, we began accepting guest reservations in December of last year," said Isaacs. "We sincerely regret the inconvenience this causes our customers and want to give them as much advance notice as possible. We are in the process of notifying those who have reservations and offering them other options."

Shades of Green General Manager Jim McCrindle personally signed more than 2,200 letters to guests already booked at Shades of Green, informing them of the delay. "We're genuinely sorry for the delay, but it was unavoidable," he said.

Guests who already hold reservations are offered three options:

- Keep the same vacation dates for 2004 at the same room rates guaranteed in 2003.
- Keep their vacation dates for 2003 at a comparable Disney Resort at the same room rates plus the applicable state tax of 11 percent.
- Cancel the existing reservation and receive a full refund.

The renovation and expansion project that began in April 2002 was driven by high demand

that kept the original 288 rooms at or near 100 percent occupancy. The hotel is financially self-sufficient, and no taxpayer dollars are used in the operations or for the new construction.

Among the new rooms are 10 additional six- and eight-person suites. More rooms also conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"We had handicapped-accessible rooms before, but now we will have bona fide ADA-designed and equipped rooms with wider bathroom doors and roll-in showers," said McCrindle.

Existing rooms are completely made over with new carpet, paint, curtains, and bedding. All rooms, except the suites, are the same size and are equipped with ironing boards, refrigerators, and new televisions with wireless keyboards. Guests will be able to play games and order attraction tickets online as well as access the Internet for a nominal fee to check e-mail.

There will be a ballroom, meeting rooms, and four eateries. Existing restaurants were completely remodeled and a northern Italian-theme "trattoria" is being added.

The current room rates of \$66 for E-1 through E-5 will only go up \$4 to \$70. Other rates are computed on a sliding scale based on rank.

The Armed Forces Recreation Center is open to DOD ID-card holders in all branches of military service: active-duty and reserve components, DOD civilians, both military and civilian DOD retirees, and their families.

"The information about our new opening date and reservations is on our Web site," said McCrindle, adding "The best way to make a reservation is to use the web site as the phones tend to be overloaded."

The Web site is [www.shadesofgreen.org](http://www.shadesofgreen.org) or call toll free 1-888-593-2242.



Construction at Shades of Green, Armed Forces Recreation Center, Disney World®, June 28, 2003

Courtesy Photo

# “Why do they call it that?”



Courtesy Photo

The P-38 Lockheed “Lightning” was one of the heroes of World War II. At Hunter, there are names after aircraft such as the P-38 Lightning. It was hailed by American pilots and revered by German and Japanese pilots. The P-38 was among the few Allied airplanes that could match the maneuverability of the Japanese Mitsubishi Zero and the speed of the German Messerschmitt.

# The story behind the names

1st Lt. Amy Phillips

Hunter Deputy PAO

The fearless bark of a phantom dog, the roar of a vintage aircraft thundering above the sky, the last battle cry of a soldier on the battlefield ... some things you might see or hear on post if you have a keen sense of history and a vivid imagination. There is a story behind the names of almost every street, housing, training area and parade field than anyone drives by every day.

Here are some of the stories behind the names.

Fort Stewart is named after Liberty County native Brig. Gen. Daniel Stewart, great grandfather of President Theodore Roosevelt and Hunter Army Airfield is named after Savannah native Maj. Gen. Frank O’Driscoll Hunter, a World War I ace pilot. Hunter was the most highly decorated aviator on active duty during his time in the military.

Another decorated person in the same war was not a person but a dog! His name was Chip and he was a sentry dog assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division in World War I. He was the first such dog sent overseas arriving in Sicily with the division. Chip is credited for single-handedly seizing one German soldier and forcing four others to surrender. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star but the Army later rescinded them. His company made up for it by unofficially awarding him appropriate battle stars and campaign ribbons. Chip would serve with the division throughout the war and was returned to his original owner in 1945. Chip was a real Marne dog and the road to the MP Dog Kennel at Wright Army Airfield proudly bares his name.

Aside from the aforementioned dog, most places on post are named after distinguished elected officials such as Button Gwinnett and Lachlan McIntosh (Gwinnett Court and McIntosh Place on Fort Stewart) who incidentally killed Gwinnett in a duel; generals such as Brig. Gen. Dean Flewellyn Winn (Winn Army Community Hospital, Fort Stewart, and Clinic, Hunter) and Maj. Gen. Roscoe Barnett Woodruff (Woodruff Theater); simple local folks like Remer Glisson who ran a general store and mill at the pond that bares his name (Glisson Mill Pond, Fort Stewart); and those that honor our bravest soldiers that paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Soldiers like Pvt. Harold H. Moon, Jr. who was killed in action in World War II at the Philippine Islands in 1944, and Cpl. Mitchell Red Cloud Jr., who was killed in action in the Korean War in 1950. Both soldiers were with the 24th Infantry Division, the division that resided at Fort Stewart before the 3rd Inf. Div. moved to Georgia from Germany in 1996.

Moon was wounded in his foxhole on the battlefield but relentlessly continued to fire at the enemy and daringly exposed himself to hostile fire to exhort and inspire his remaining fellow soldiers. Surrounded and badly outnumbered, Moon calmly emptied his magazine into the advancing horde of enemy soldiers, killing 18 and repulsing the attack. In a final display of bravery, he stood up to throw a grenade at a machine gun that had opened fire on the right flank. He was hit and instantly killed. The Moon Theater (Fort Stewart) is in remembrance of this hero.

Red Cloud distinguished himself by being the first to detect incoming enemy and giving the alarm as the enemy charged from less than 100 feet in front of him. He immediately and fearlessly shot at the enemy, killing many and checking their assault, which allowed his company time to consolidate its defense. Severely wounded, he refused to be moved to a safer location by his comrades and continued to fire at the enemy until he was finally fatally wounded. Maybe this fearless soldier’s action might inspire you to shoot as well as he did the next time you are at the Red Cloud Range (Fort Stewart).

At Fort Stewart, there are many names for



Photo from Ft. Stewart Museum archives

(Above) Frank O’Driscoll Hunter, a 1st Lt. in this photo, posed with a SPAD VII aircraft. Hunter Army Airfield is named after him.



Photo from U.S. Air Force Website

The B-17 Flying Fortress is one of the most famous airplanes ever built. “Hell’s Angels” and the “Memphis Belle” are just two of the B-17s that were pulled from the front line to conduct war bond tours in the United States.

places the 24th Division deployed to, such as Romblon Island in the Philippines, Biak Island off the coast of New Guinea, Camp Graves in Australia, Chohan City in Korea, and Sicily, Italy.

At Hunter, there are names after aircraft such as the P-38 Lightning and the B-17 Flying Fortress. The P-38 was also known as the “Fork-tailed Devil” for its effectiveness as a fighter aircraft, a reconnaissance aircraft and even an excellent strike/attack aircraft. The P-38 was known as the most versatile aircraft used in World War II and played a crucial role in the South Pacific campaigns against Japanese ships and planes. The B-17 was a long-range bomber aircraft that was used in World War II with a 6,000-pound bomb load capacity.

And then there are names that are just functional, like Perimeter Road at Hunter that goes around the installation, obvious ones like Victory Division Road for the 24th Inf. Div., and many others with unknown origins, like Lott’s Island, Berrien Drive, and McFarland Avenue.

Now that you know the historical background of some of the names around post, you might ask whoever gets to actually pick the names to be used? Do soldiers pick a random name from a hat? Is there a scientific formula or does one open up a history book and randomly points to a name perhaps?

Post historians in cooperation with the Directorates of Information Management and Public Works are responsible for recommending names to the command whenever a street, building, or area needs to be named.

“I must admit it is an empowering feeling for a museum guy. There are so many things in our society that get named because of wealth or political prominence, it does your

heart good when you get to make an otherwise unknown person or event part of the landscape. Sometimes these are very small but very important facets of history that would be completely lost. It is a serious matter, but some of the stories are more light hearted than tragic. Such as Chips Road and Pony Soldier Avenue,” said Walter Meeks III, Fort Stewart museum curator.

The museum staff had a chance at immense empowerment in the mid-1990s. Fort Stewart had to rename many streets on post when Liberty County adopted the 911 system and realized that installation had duplicate street names from those in the county. Roger Durham, curator at the time, worked jointly with DOIM, DPW, Hinesville and Liberty County officials to eliminate duplicate street names and facilitate the implementation of a joint and comprehensive 911 address program for all of Liberty County. Streets were often renamed on Fort Stewart because it was much easier to make changes to an address where no one lived. Having a distinct address allows the post to be properly serviced by emergency agencies.

“At Fort Stewart, I did something perhaps a little controversial. No- where else in the area did you find streets named for any of General Sherman’s men. Although Sherman’s March is still debated ... I felt that they were still members of the U.S. Army, and should be memorialized on post ... Thus, I named streets for General Oliver Howard, as well as Sherman, but also for some of the men whose names were unknown, like Capt. Duncan who commanded Sherman’s headquarters scouts. These were handpicked men who often operated behind enemy lines, and frequently in enemy uniforms, to gather information,” said Durham.

One of Durham’s handiworks at Hunter is



Courtesy Photo

Cpl. Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. was awarded the Medal of honor for bravery in the face of the enemy. Red Cloud Range Complex is named after him.

Georgia Hussars Street, which is named after a troop of mounted rangers formed by Gen. Oglethorpe in 1736 to patrol and protect the Colony of Georgia from the Spaniards and Indians. Durham is now a historian employed by the National Park Service.

“The one that I still chuckle over, was a request for the road to the Fort Stewart landfill ... in keeping with my theme for using names of Sherman’s men, I needed a special name. I ended up naming it for Brig. Gen. Hugh Judson Kilpatrick. He commanded Sherman’s cavalry, and his men were responsible for a good deal of the destruction that was visited upon the residents of Liberty County during Sherman’s operations there ... Sherman thought Kilpatrick was “a hell of a damn fool” but said that was just the kind of man he needed to command his cavalry on his march to the sea. I thought the road to the Fort Stewart dump was a suitable way to remember Kilpatrick. The command group bought off on that recommendation, and the road to the dump is “Kilpatrick Road” today,” said Durham.

If you want to know more about the history of the two installations, go to the Fort Stewart/ Hunter website [www.stewart.army.mil](http://www.stewart.army.mil) or better yet, visit the Fort Stewart Museum and you will be able to actually see relics from the past and maybe even get the answer to your “always wanted to know” question from a knowledgeable museum staff.

# — CHAPLAIN'S CORNER —

## Waiting on God

**Chaplain (Maj.) Timothy Bonner**  
751st Maintenance Battalion

Waiting is one of the hardest things in the world. When we were children we did not want to wait for Christmas to arrive. We went to bed early so we could get up early and open our presents. As adults we don't like to wait either. We get irritated if we have to stand in line a long time or wait at a traffic signal. We live in a society that offers instant food products so we don't have to wait to eat.

**Is it any wonder we don't like to wait on God?**  
God seems so slow sometimes. We pray, and we don't get an answer, or don't get the answer we want. God will give the answer of "wait" to some prayers because it isn't His time to answer them. Waiting can be good for us. It strengthens our faith and forces us to trust God.

**Isaiah 40:31 encourages us to wait:** "... but those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Many of us are waiting on God to send loved ones home. We are waiting on the

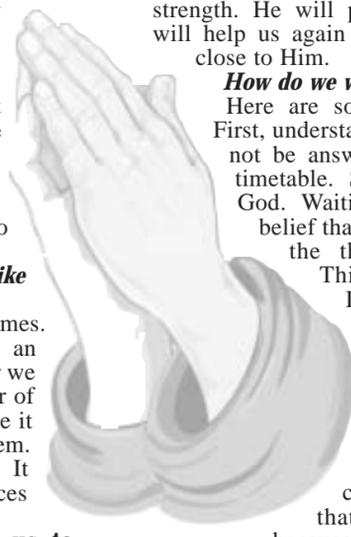
violence in Iraq and the Middle East to end. We are waiting to get a job. The list goes on and on.

**How can waiting become productive?**  
By trusting in the Lord. He will give us strength. He will provide endurance. He will help us again and again if we draw close to Him.

**How do we wait on God?**  
Here are some practical pointers. First, understand that all prayers may not be answered according to our timetable. Second, have hope in God. Waiting means we have a belief that God will bring to pass the thing that we desire. Third, have persistence. Don't give up on God. He wants to give us good gifts according to His will.

Waiting is hard for us because it places the burden on God. We have to give up control. It reminds us that God's way is best because otherwise we would choose not to wait and settle for second-best.

**Remember Psalm 27:14 if you are going through difficulty in your life:** "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He will strengthen your heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."



## Pet of the Week

**Q**ueequeg is a one-year-old tabby-cat. He loves to chase mice and harpoon fish when he isn't sleeping. Queequeg is perfect for families with or without children.  
If anyone is 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.

# Worship Opportunities

### Fort Stewart

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

### Hunter Army Airfield

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

# SPORTS & FITNESS

## On Post

### Sports clinics

The following clinics are available in July.

• **Basketball clinic** will be held at Post Gym for ages 7 to 14 at 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., July 14 to 18.

• **Cheerleading clinic** will also be held at Post Gym for ages 6 to 12, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., July 14 to 18.

• **Soccer clinic** will be held at the Youth Sports Complex for ages 7 to 12 at 5:30 to 7 p.m., July 21 to 31.

For more information call 352-5708 or 352-6075.

### Basketball courts opened

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

### Karate-Goju-Ryu Classes

Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays for people five years old and up at the Fort Stewart Youth Center. The fee is \$30 per person. Beginners 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Advanced, teens and adults 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. No classes on Federal Holidays.

### 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.

### Driving Range

The putting green is being enlarged from 4,800 sq. ft. to 14,000 sq. ft. The teeing area and short game practice facility is also being enlarged and renovated. The projected opening date is September 1.

### Operation Star

All ages needed for future stars. If you are a dancer, singer, band member, cheerleader, break dancers, steppers, rappers and other organization are invited and welcome.

For more information please call 767-4491/4493.

### Bowlers' Association

Bowl with the pros 6 p.m., Aug. 1. The fee is \$5 for junior bowlers, \$10 for adult bowlers, active military is free. Watch the pros on Aug. 2 and 3 for free. Call 767-4866 to sign up or for information.

## Off Post

### Beach Challenge

On Aug. 9. Bear Foot Sports presents the first-ever multi-sport, team-only Beach Challenge, pitting teams of four athletes against one another in head-to-head competitions on the beach and in the water.

For more information call Bear Foot Sports at 843-379-3440.

### Sand Gnats Salute Military

Aug. 2, Sand Gnat players will salute our military by wearing camouflage jerseys and a wreath laid in memory of the fallen 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) soldiers. At the end of the game jersey will be auctioned off to benefit the American Heart Association. The first pitch will be thrown by a mother a 3rd Inf. Div. fallen soldier.

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.

# Tia wins fifth championship



### Tim Hippias

Army News Service

FORT MYER, Va. (Army News Service, July 15, 2003) – It seems nobody in the U.S. Army can figure the chess strategy of Sgt. Rudy Tia Jr., who recently became the first five-time winner of the All-Army Chess Championship.

Tia, 38, of Fort Hood, Texas, won his fifth overall and fourth consecutive championship June 21-26 in Army-wide competition at Fort Myer, Va. Sgt. Michael Fletcher, the only other four-time winner of the event, owned the All-Army crown from 1979-1982.

"I was trying to get him this year," said Davidson, who lost to Tia in the first round. "I thought I had him beat last year, but I just missed my winning move. This year, I was trying to get my revenge, but he's tough."

Only by defending against opponent's threats can chess players successfully exercise their own strategies.

Once they figure out what their opponent is plotting, attempts are made to nip those plans in the bud.

"He has a strong, solid game and he doesn't beat himself," Davidson, 36, of Fort Myers, Fla., continued of Tia. "The small things you overlook, he never seems to overlook. He can pretty much run the table on anybody."

Davidson deployed to Uzbekistan last December and originally was scheduled to come home this month. Having been extended until September, he was allowed two weeks leave to return to the States.

"I told them I didn't care about the leave, to just make sure I could make this tournament," said Davidson, who has half the members of his unit playing chess. "I even hosted a chess tournament over there for soldiers, so they supported me wholeheartedly on this."

Staff Sgt. Vidal Carvajal, Jr., of Camp Stanton, Korea, was humbled by finishing 12th in the 43rd annual, six-day, round-robin tournament.

"I thought I was good until I got here," said Carvajal, 44, a native of Fort Sill, Okla. "I've lost more games in this tournament than I have in the last two years. I play a lot, but I don't have the chance to play this caliber of chess players."

Sgt. Rudy Tia, Jr., of Fort Hood, Texas, contemplates his next move en route to winning his fifth All-Army Chess Championship at Fort Myer, Va., June 26.

Tim Hippias

# Marines qualify for tan belt

### Spc. Casandra Bolton

Staff Writer, 372nd MPAD

The instructor gave the movement "frontward roll!" And instantly, without a blink of an eye, all of the marines one by one, enlisted and officers tucked their shoulders and rolled forward.

Fighting with their hands, knives, weapons and basically anything they can get their hands on is what the Marines are learning in their martial art training.

Ten marine reservists with the 8th Tank Battalion from Rochester, N.Y., qualified for their tan belts Sunday at Donavon Field. Their qualification is part of the new standard that the Marine Corps is incorporating.

All of the marines are required to be qualified with the tan belt by Oct. 1st.

During the training process the marines were assigned a partner and practiced the many different moves they learned from their instructor.

The marines were trained and tested by Marine Sgt. Curtis N. Beck, green belt martial arts instructor.

"The idea is to train the marines to fight when they are tired," said Beck. "It teaches them to get out alive."

The marines trained from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and then again for another hour in the evening.

They kept each other motivated while training and testing on the martial arts.

During the testing, there was a marine medic on hand to ensure if someone was hurt he could assist them.

One of the participating marines, Lance Cpl. Bradley Priebe, administration specialist in the 8th Tank Bn. was ecstatic about the training.

"The training is a little different from hand-to-hand combat, but it was fun," said Priebe.

During the testing portion of the course, Beck lined everyone side by side in one line and yelled out a command. One by one they would complete the task as Beck walked down the line to inspect them.

The testing lasted approximately 30-45 minutes. After the training Beck offered remedial for anyone who was lacking on a certain move, just to make sure they understood

and could perform the move.

Tan belt is the first step in the martial arts program. The next steps are gray, green, brown and black.

"It is important that they know how to fight with anything that is not already a weapon," said Beck.

The course is as hard as you make it, according to Beck.

At the end of the testing the

marines were awarded their tan belts that replaced their OD green belts. All of them shared words of congrats and expressed their places of pain.

As the medic packed up and prepared to leave, one of the marines told him with a chuckle, "We'll see you in a little bit at sick call."



Spc. Dan Wiltshire

Marine Sgt. Curtis N. Beck, green belt martial arts instructor looks on as the marines perform movements during their testing.

## Marine Scoreboard

### Aerobics

#### Newman Fitness Center Aerobics schedule

**Mondays**  
Latino Rhythm 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.  
Busy Feet Workout 9 to 10 a.m.  
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesdays**  
Butts and Guts 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.  
Basic Training Workout 9 to 10 a.m.  
Cardio-Stepping 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays**  
Caliente 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.  
Cardio Kick-boxing 9 to 10 a.m.  
Step-kicking 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday**  
Basic Training Workout 9 to 10 a.m.  
4:30 to 5:30

**Fridays**  
"Master C" Workout 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.  
"Killer Friday" 9 to 10 a.m.  
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**Saturdays**  
"Pick Your Poison" 9 to 10 a.m.

#### 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

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