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Staff Sgt. Robert Cruise, 413th Chem. Co. hugs his son Jackson with his wife Jennifer looking on at their welcome home ceremony at Newman Fitness Center July 20. The National Guard company based out of Florence, S.C. redeployed after serving 15 months in Iraq. For the story and more photos see page 2A.

Soldiers meet fresh challenges 1-3 ADA cased as 5-7 Cav. activates

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Staff Writer



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Lt. Col. Jody Petery (center), 5/7 Cav. commander, uncases the colors with the assistance of Col. (retired) John Long (left), president of the 5/7 Cav. Association.

future, he said. But for now, he continued, the Soldiers who fought with 1/3 ADA are to become the steadfast troopers of 5/7 Cav.

"Regardless of the colors they follow, these Soldiers are already heroes,"

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New commander steps in

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Staff Writer

The 3rd Military Police Battalion received a new commander in a change-of-command ceremony July 20 at Marne Garden.

The outgoing commander, Lt. Col. John M. Huey, a Tupelo, Miss. native, served with 3rd MP Bn. for two years. He served both as the commander of the battalion and as installation provost marshal of 3rd Infantry Division.

Huey's military awards include a

Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Overseas Ribbon, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and Order of the Marechaussee (silver).

From here, Huey said he will go on to serve with Central Command Headquarters.

"It's my first opportunity to work in a four-star headquarters, and it is a joint assignment, so I'm looking forward to

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'Soldiers First' colors passed 3rd SSB ready to continue race with new commander behind wheel

Pfc. Emily J. Danial
Staff Writer

Soldiers of the 3rd Soldier Support Battalion stood tall in formation Friday to send off Lt. Col. William H. Johnson, former 3rd SSB commander, and welcome Lt. Col. Pamela R. Charvat, new battalion commander, in a change of command ceremony at Cottrell Field.

Col. Brian Layer, Division Support Brigade commander, compared the term of command to the Indianapolis 500, and Johnson's departure to the crossing of the metaphoric finish line.

"Unlike the 500, a command is a long race," Layer said, "and you have to go the distance. Bill has."

Addressing Johnson, he said, "As you pull into Victory Lane, you'll have to forgive us for not waving the checkered

flag, because the race must go on with a new commander behind the wheel."

Arriving at 3rd SSB in Aug. 2002, Johnson led the battalion during the support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

"When I assumed command, it was commonly believed that the battalion would be deploying with the (3rd Infantry Division) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and we immediately began planning and preparing for that eventuality," Johnson said as he spoke to his Soldiers for the last time before departing Fort Stewart. "During OIF, you demonstrated your relevance and importance."

Johnson added, "You were the first and forward-most Soldiers providing

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Photos by Spc. Robert Adams

Sgt. Patricia Womack gets a hug from her husband Gannon and her son Alex at 413th Chem. Co.'s welcome home ceremony at Newman July 20.

Stewart welcomes home 413th Chem. Co.

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Staff Writer

Families and friends reunited with their loved ones of the 413th Chemical Company, a National Guard unit based out of Florence, S.C., during a welcome home ceremony held at Newman Fitness Center July 20.

The company landed at Hunter Army Airfield and rode on buses down to Newman to complete their 15-month deployment to Iraq.

Families started screaming and cheering when the company walked in formation through the side doors of Newman's basketball court.

"Seeing everyone here and having the chain of command meeting us as we got off the plane shows how professional and receptive the people of

Fort Stewart are," said Capt. William Edwards, 413th Chem. Co. commander.

Once the Soldiers were released, families, friends and Soldiers clashed in the middle of the Center's court to reacquaint with loved ones.

"I was so glad to see him come home," said Francis Demers, wife of Staff Sgt. Michael Demers. "I am behind him and the military 110 percent."

413th Chem. Soldiers provided force protection during their first year in Iraq. April 2004, the company began helping out with the Kellogg, Brown and Root convoy security mission, in which they provided security for KBR logistics trucks. The company also provided chemical decontamination and ran towers and check points.

"I can't tell you how proud I was of my Soldiers," Edwards said. "They accomplished a mission that was so critical."

"I loved the experience," said Spc. Broderick Brooks, 413th Chem. Co. "Coming home was the best moment of the deployment, but I had so many great moments over there that I can't recall all of them."

To top off the whole deployment, the company returned with every Soldier it deployed with.

"I'm so glad that they did it the way they did and that all the guys came back safe," Demeres said.

"Words can never tell how proud you are of your sons and daughters," said Wilton Brooks, father of Spc. Brooks. "I would love to meet all the parents of Soldiers that died over there to tell them how proud I am."



Spc. Joseph Overstreet, 413th Chem. Co. steps off the bus with company guidon in hand at Newman.



Womack holds Mackenzie Carpenter, a family friend, while becoming reacquainted with her family and friends.



The Cuttino family is one of many families and friends anticipating the company's arrival.



Capt. William Edwards, 413th Chem. Co. commander stands in front of his Soldiers before releasing them to see their loved ones and friends.



Pfc. Jacqueline Watson

Lt. Col. John M. Huey, outgoing 3rd MP Bn. commander, marches with the color guard to hand the unit colors off to the new battalion commander.

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the new challenge," he said. "My advice to Lt. Col. Mansberger is to do what I have tried to do. Take care of our families and accomplish the mission; stay mission- and Soldier-focused," Huey said.

The incoming commander, Lt. Col. Samuel P. Mansberger, most recently served as the physical security branch chief, operations division, at the office of the provost marshal general in the Pentagon.

Mansberger, a Huntington, Pa. native, earned several military awards and decorations, including a Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Parachutist and Army Staff Identification Badges, Ranger Tab, and Military Police Regiment Order of the Marechaussee (bronze).

Col. John M. Kidd gave the opening address at the ceremony. He noted that while other units answered the call of duty by deploying to Iraq, the military police battalions of the 3rd Inf. Div. are "always at war, protecting us from terrorism and lawlessness."

Commanding the 3rd MP Bn., he said, is a tough assignment, for

it encompasses a multiplicity of jobs. Not only this, but the 3rd is an "exceptionally fast-paced unit."

Huey enhanced the well-being and safety of the Soldiers of the 3rd, and instituted many facility improvements during his command, Kidd said.

"His service to the battalion, the division and the nation has increased the readiness of the division and the post," he added.

The 3rd MP's command is an assignment that Mansberger looks forward to with high expectations, Mansberger said.

"It is no easy task following on the heels of Lieutenant Colonel Huey. There is no finer officer I'd rather receive the ranks from. The 3rd will get 100 percent of me, my time, mind, and heart," he said.

"I have enjoyed every minute of it," said Huey of the past two years with the 3rd. "And I have had the privilege of serving under three outstanding leaders: General Webster, Colonel Burch, the chief of staff, and Colonel Kidd."

Huey added that he and Mansberger had the opportunity of serving together as small group leaders several years before, and attested to Mansberger's capability as a leader and his match for the position.

"I'm excited to be here and part of the Marne team. I am looking forward to meeting all the different moving parts within the battalion over the next couple weeks," Mansberger said.

"The 3rd has a great reputation, and I hope to help it continue in that reputation," he said.

After working in the Pentagon with Army staff officers, Mansberger said it was great to be back with Soldiers.

"There is really nothing like it," he said with a smile.

The 3rd MP Bn. has excellent Soldiers and leaders, he continued, and Huey especially was a phenomenal leader for the unit.

"I'll pick up in his shoes and keep marching on. Those are sure to be big shoes to fill, but it's going to be a good journey," he said.

Many of Mansberger's family members came to see him accept the new assignment, including his parents who drove more than 11 hours to show their support.

"He really cares about people," said Ruth McGinnis, Mansberger's sister-in-law.

"He stops for anyone who needs help, no matter what their position and no matter what danger is involved," she said. "He is simply a good guy."

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Lane Down Range

The enemy may be closer than you think

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.
Staff Writer

In our Army, not everyone likes his job. Not everyone likes or agrees with everything their chain of command or co-workers say and do. But in our Army, the entity behind those people is much larger than the contributions they make every day to the Army.

In other words, you can ultimately change your surroundings if you are utterly depressed with them. The workplace and people in it are just a small part of a beautiful thing. We are the greatest Army in the world.

So many Soldiers I have met take great pride in being a part of the Army. Others are disgruntled, and I am not a person to judge whether they are right or wrong in their complaints.

But I do know that if you absolutely just hate a person you take care of the problem in his face, like an adult. If you have to come to

blows, you'll have that in life.

Usually it amounts to nothing, and you still have the problem at hand. The only difference afterwards is that now you are both in physical as well as mental pain.

But if you have a problem with someone, would you sneak up in the middle of the night and beat their poor puppy dog?

A dog is a symbol of loyalty and perseverance. They know no right or wrong. The dog only follows what he is told to do, and then does it with as much love for his master as he can.

So by defacing our beloved Rocky at Marne Garden in the middle of the night when no one was looking was an act of cowardice, basically going against all Army Values. A very



scared little person who did not have the courage to stand up to the people in his life that make him fearful snuck up like a weasel and kicked our mascot while he was sleeping.

If you know who this person is, would you trust this person in the middle of a firefight? Would this person be out front like a leader or would he hide like a coward, only striking when he was sure no one was looking. This goes beyond a simple act of adolescent vandalism, this was a person lashing out at the 3rd Infantry Division. They couldn't even do it while we were watching. So to all the Soldiers who are tried and true, watch out, someone who is angry with us may be lurking in the shadows waiting to stab you in the back.

Maybe some good will come out of this. By having to watch our backs against cowards who are lurking in the shadows waiting to strike and run away, we can prepare ourselves for the type of enemy we will surely face in Iraq.

Commentary

Choices and initiative make the Soldier

Pfc. Ricardo Branch
Staff Writer

What is the definition of a Soldier? Each day I wake up and rise up from bed getting ready for another interesting day on the fast paced Marne Express. Going about my daily routine and finishing P.T., I go to work. While at work, I try to do the best I can, sometimes, to my misfortune, not to the best of my ability.

Getting out of bed and going to work to your job doesn't necessarily mean you are a Soldier. I like to think the choices we make through out the day, be it getting up and not cutting off that person in that drive to work, or spending a little extra time on the paperwork before turn in, shows people the Soldier you are.

I am certainly not the best at making solid choices, but I try.

Maybe not in leaps and bounds to where it's apparent to my fellow Soldiers, but it is there.

Be it in small insignifi-

cant ways, — **Commentary** — I like 'fessing up to my actions when I make a mistake and not giving an excuse, to giving up a little free time to finish my work and help accomplish the mission.

The steps I take, and the choices I am faced with constantly say who I am as a Soldier and a person to others.

Being in the Army for a time now and looking back, I can say I've made some bad choices and messed up a lot, but you know what? I'm learning from them.

I like to think most people can't just enter the Army and be a perfect Soldier.

The process of becoming a Soldier for some may not be a quick one. You may fall down repeatedly, or be on an occasional high ledge, can do no wrong time in your tenure with the Army from the choice you made.

No one said you can be a



Soldier; you have to become one by making good choices. I may not be a shining example at the moment of a good Soldier, due to many flaws, but one day soon I will be.

Before a person are many decisions, which have two paths the outcomes can go each side of the fence, be it right or wrong.

While I attempt to do the right, sometimes, the choices I make are wrong. For the sake of a person's well being though, he shouldn't beat himself down for his mistakes, but try and learn from them.

You are bound to make mistakes, just listen and learn, and the next time you are faced with two paths, use what you've learned from previous mistakes to make the better, wiser choice.

You can complain and

fume to no end if you mess up, because you can't go back in time and change it, so you might as well grow from it.

Taking a little time, sometimes, to just think something through twice can go a long way in giving people the impression that you are someone to depend on.

Even if people never notice any attempt, try to do the right thing and make the right choice.

For your own personal benefit by striving to make positive choices, you can be the person that others will say that is the definition of a Soldier.

A person who wakes in the morning, makes good choices, and tries to take responsibility for his actions is learning from the mistakes he does make.

Your time in the Army will be well spent by thinking things through to make a better choice, then you'll be growing as a person and becoming an example for others to live by.

Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE

Readers respond to the question:

How do you feel about 3rd Inf. Div.'s upcoming redeployment to Iraq?

"I feel that we have a job to do and it's not done yet. It is a necessary step in the overall plan for Iraqi freedom."

Pfc. Michael Reilly
E Co., 2/7 Inf.



"I feel that we have been back the longest so it does other units good that we are returning to replace them."

Spc. Demarrion Ellison
B Co., 92nd Eng.



"I hope it's a safe trip."

Capt. Richard Fisher
3rd FSB



"I think it is too soon. Soldiers should have a longer break to stay with their families."

Master Sgt. Shelia Metcalf
MEDDAC



"It's hard on the families but the demand for Soldiers is high in the Middle East, so it is part of our job to return."

Pfc. Jeremiah Freitag
B Batt., 1/9 FA



"It's unfortunate that we have to go back so soon."

CW3 Monty Lewis
1/351st Avn.

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personnel, finance and postal support in Iraq, supporting not only the Marne Division, but all V Corps units in our area of operation.

"It is now two years later, and you again are planning and preparing to return to combat. The lessons learned, experiences gained, and your training will ensure your continued success," he continued.

Johnson concluded, "It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your commander. I will always treasure this experience and be thankful for the tremendous support you've given me."

Upon leaving Stewart, Johnson will assume the position of chief of the military awards branch of the adjutant general directorate in the U.S. Army Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Va.

His past assignments include chief of military personnel operations at Fort McCoy, Wis.; chief of personnel actions and of enlisted strength management in the 7th Infantry Division (Light) at Fort Ord, Calif.; chief of the promotions branch of the U.S. Army Personnel Command in Alexandria, Va.; and chief of the military personnel division of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Among Johnson's military awards and decorations are the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal and the

Army Staff Identification Badge.

His successor, Charvat, arrived at 3rd SSB after gaining experience through a number of assignments, including executive officer and chief of the Soldier support section in the 101st Personnel Service Company at Fort Campbell, Ky.; chief of the personnel service center in the 66th Military Intelligence Brigade at Munich, Germany; combat analyst in the Training and Doctrine Analyst Center at Fort Leavenworth, Ks.; executive officer of the 516th Personnel Service Battalion at Camp Coiner, South Korea; and chief of the design and development branch in the field systems division of the adjutant general directorate in the Human Resources Command in Alexandria, Va.

Charvat's military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (four oak leaf clusters), the Korea Defense Service Medal and the Air Assault Badge.

"We are serving in a time of change, amidst the most demanding requirements in our Army's history," she said as she spoke to 3rd SSB Soldiers for the first time as their commander.

"I look forward to upholding the outstanding reputation of the 3rd Soldier Support Battalion as we prepare to support our nation's interests ... I look forward to leading this professional organization."



Pfc. Jacqueline Watson

The 1/3 ADA color guard looks on as the unit's colors are prepared for casing. Command Sgt. Maj. (retired) Leroy Bradley (left), the 1/3 ADA Honorary Command Sergeant Major, assisted.

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McKnight said.

The uncasing of the colors was assisted by Col. (retired) John Long, president of the 5/7 Cav. Association.

Inactive since 1978, 5/7 Cav. was constituted in 1866 as E Company, 7th Cavalry. It was reorganized in 1943 as under both cavalry and infantry tables of organization, and reorganized again as completely infantry in 1945.

The unit was inactivated in 1957 in Japan, and was reactivated in 1966 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry. It was inactivated yet again in 1971, reactivated in 1975, and relieved once more in 1978.

The unit's decorations include

the Presidential Unit Citation, Valorous Unit Award, Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Chrysouon Aristion Andrias, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, and Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal.

"This is an honor for me and all the Soldiers of 5/7 Cav., and we appreciate all the veterans who attended the ceremony," said Capt. Scott C. McKenzie, Battalion adjutant of 5/7 Cav.

"We promise to uphold the honor and bravery of the troops who have rallied around these colors before us," McKnight said after 5/7 Cav. colors were uncased.

Speaking at the ceremony as a

special guest was Lt. Gen. James Vaught, former commander of the 24th Inf. Div., formerly of Stewart. Vaught gave a motivational speech to the Soldiers moving on to 5/7 Cav., a speech which drew a standing ovation at its close.

"The two things that make cavalrymen good at what they do," Vaught said, "are courage and confidence."

"Vision without action is day-dreaming; action without vision is a disaster," he said.

5/7 Cav. looks forward to the years ahead as infantry troopers, said Lt. Col. Jody L. Petery, 5/7 Cav. commander.

"We know we have big shoes to fill, and we welcome this challenge," he said.



Pvt. Dan Balda

Pfc. Albert Kenedy, B Company, 703rd Forward Support Battalion, finds cover while participating in a buddy live-fire exercise at Foxtrot Range.

"Maintainers" trains for war

Soldier says live-fire range exercise more realistic

Pvt. Dan Balda

Staff Writer

Soldiers of B Company, 703rd Forward Support Battalion, went to Foxtrot Range July 20 to finish a buddy live-fire exercise.

Soldiers had to identify a target with their weapon at the ready position, advance on the target while firing and then using the buddy system to fire at green pop-up targets, said Sgt Randy Hodge, a range safety officer during the exercise.

The training was in preparation for deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III.

"This training helps more than a normal range because it's more lifelike with the reaction time to the target," said

Spc. Jonathan Savary, a machinist from the unit.

"The Soldiers have been preparing for this range for at least a month," said Staff Sgt. Ricardo Burford, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the range. "This course is designed for Soldiers to get familiar with the buddy system and their weapons while firing at a pop-up target."

"We've been through a lot of classes, learned different combat moves and different positions to fire from," Savary said.

At the beginning of the 200-meter long course, participants fire at stationary paper targets. When they had used up that ammunition they received extra magazines from the range safety officers and proceeded to partner up

with the Soldier next to them. They then took turns laying down covering fire while their partner ran to the next objective, Hodge said.

Since the 18th, 250 members of the 703rd have successfully gone through the course.

"It's not so much qualifying as making sure the Soldiers are able to safely engage the target," Savary said.

"It's great training for Iraq because out in the desert, Soldiers won't have time to get down in the prone position before they fire," Hodge said.

"Having the Soldiers out here is better than having them firing from a foxhole," Burford said. "This way they can practicing firing and communicating with their buddy at the same time."

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Spring garden contest creates fun, competition

Nancy Gould

DMWR Public Affairs

It was hard to tell who was more excited about the Child Development Center's Spring Garden Contest — the center's 65 staff members, or the 220 children who stay there.

The center buzzed with excitement as judges gathered to inspect the 10 competing gardens on the hot June morning of the contest. Only one month earlier, the center's 10 classroom teachers planted their individual gardens, each with help from the small children they keep. Some teachers planted alone or with other staff members since their children were too young to help. But all the children, even the very young ones, visited their gardens daily with their teachers, watering and talking to the seeds and plants, and searching for signs of growth.

According to Rebecca Pringle, assistant center director, the spring garden is just one innovative, hands-on activity that children, ages six weeks to preschool, enjoy and participate in while their parents are at work.

Sharon Colmore, a curriculum specialist at the center, said the garden project teaches responsibility and is an excellent way young children learn to care for and nurture the things they love. She said that besides the many developmental skills they learn, the project is simply a lot of fun.

"Kids get excited about planting and watering seeds," Colmore added. "They



Nancy Gould

Josephine Richardson, the Family Childcare director at Fort Stewart who helped judge the contest, uses "play" food to teach children about various vegetables farmers grow.

are thrilled when they finally pop through the soil and they can see and touch the plants!"

"They are all winners too," Pringle said. "We made certificates for every child in all 10 classrooms."

The ten categories judged include, gardens that have the most produce; the most colorful plants; the largest flower garden; the most creativity; the most laid back theme, the best all around vegetables and flowers; the most cultivation; the best home grown corn; the most organized plants and the most awe.

Pringle said that pre-schoolers also learned other skills, including how to water gently and step carefully around plants; how to treat classmates considerately in the garden without tattling; and the importance of consistency in their garden's care.

If you would like your child to enjoy the instructional, fun projects the center offers, and want information about full time or hourly enrollment, contact Fort Stewart Child Development Center Director, Leah Cabey, 912-767-3179, or assistant director, Rebecca Pringle, 912-767-3202.



Nancy Gould

3-year-old Leila Olmed likes the pink flowers.



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Combined forces command Afghanistan statement

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Coalition supports the growth of the democratic political process in Afghanistan. The official field of over 20 presidential candidates serves as testament to the maturation of this process and will provide Afghans with an opportunity to shape their own future through free and fair elections.

The highly successful registration effort has sent a clear signal that the Afghan people support democratic choice and reject the violence and oppression of the past. Registration figures have already topped 8 million, 41.5 percent of which are female. We stand by the Afghan people as they look forward to choosing their leaders in the upcoming presidential and parliamentary elections.

In Kabul, the Coalition is assisting with rescue efforts at the Jamhuriat Hospital in Kabul, which collapsed Monday afternoon. Chinese construction workers were renovating the building at the time of the collapse, which left several dead and others injured or trapped beneath the rubble.

Army Colonel John O'Dowd of the Afghanistan Engineer District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Kabul said "We put together a team of military and private engineers from the Coalition, ISAF, Kellogg, Brown and Root (working on U.S. embassy construction) and CONTRAK International (working on ANA Pole e'Charki construction projects). In conjunction with the Afghan Ministries of Health and Interior, Afghan National Police and ANA, they are assisting with rescue and recovery efforts. The ANA and ANP are additionally providing security and assisting with manual labor."

ISAF, KBR and CONTRAK heavy equipment movers are removing debris to aid in the search for survivors. Rescue workers extracted a Chinese worker from the site Monday night. Workers are also using jack hammers to further clear debris and locate additional survivors. Engineers will demolish additional areas of the damaged building that are in danger of collapse. The Coalition regrets the loss of life and expresses its condolences to the workers and their families.

In Gazni, members of the Provincial Reconstruction Team delivered a large quantity of school supplies to village elders of the Nawabad region Tuesday. PRT commander Lt. Col. Steven J. Ford and representatives of the PRT's Civil Military Operations Center and Civil Affairs Team-A, met with local elders to present a truckload of school supplies and 1,500 desks to the Bakau School. This delivery continues to show the citizens of Ghazni Province that their government and the Coalition Forces are actively

supporting reconstruction efforts, and bringing humanitarian assistance to those areas that desperately need this help.

This donation also demonstrates the PRT's continued support of the Afghan government's emphasis on education. Following this meeting and delivery of school supplies, Ford met with Fatima Mushtaq and Dr. Jamal, members of the Constitutional Loya-Jurga. During this meeting, they discussed ways that the PRT can continue to support the reconstruction and humanitarian efforts in the area.

Office of security transition Soldier receives Purple Heart

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An Office of Security Transition Soldier was awarded the Purple Heart in a ceremony Tuesday for wounds received in a July 20 firefight near the town of Samarra, approximately 70 miles northwest of Baghdad.

The Soldier, Logistics Section, Action Non-Commissioned Officer, U. S. Army Staff Sgt. John A. Hansen, survived a small arms fire ambush while on a medical re-supply ground convoy mission destined for the Al Kasik Military Base in Northern Iraq.

Hansen was hit with a single round in the back which shattered upon impacting the protective body armor ceramic plate insert in his vest sending shrapnel from the fragmented projectile into his side, back and right arm. He was treated at Coalition medical facilities before being released for duty.

"It's an award you really don't want, but it's an honor because of its history," Hansen said. "I feel like I didn't deserve it because I was just doing my job out there," the 24-year Army Reserve veteran said.

The convoy was attacked after departing Baghdad International Airport. The force spotted two vehicles on both sides of the road—they were immediately engaged by the insurgent group. Moving through the ambush, Coalition forces engaged the enemy ultimately passing intact. No fatalities resulted from the action. The award was presented to Hansen by the Chief, Office of Security Transition, Lt. Gen. David H. Petraeus.

"This is the noblest of awards," Petraeus said during the ceremony.

The Purple Heart was established during America's Revolutionary War by Gen. George Washington. Originally called the "Badge of Military Merit," the award was given for "any singularly meritorious action." Today the award is generally given to members of the U.S. armed forces who receive wounds in any action against

an enemy of the United States.

Joint Iraqi operation uncovers insurgent weapons cache

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A joint Iraqi National Guard and Iraqi Police Service operation uncovered a large insurgent weapons cache, Saturday, near As Suwayrah, roughly 30 miles southeast of Baghdad, as Iraqi security forces continue to combat insurgents in the country.

The haul netted many weapons and ammunition, and included MIG-21 engines, 120mm BM-21 rockets, 60mm mortar rounds, land mines, 120mm artillery shells, mortar charges, mortar rounds, a truck and 5,000 boxes of 14.55mm rounds.

The weapons and munitions were delivered to local authorities for destruction.

Marines seize over 200 mortar rounds in Al Anbar truck search

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Marines from the 1st Marine Division interdicted a record number of mortar rounds Monday, successfully preventing the transit of lethal weapons that are employed daily in attacks against both Iraqi and Coalition Forces.

Marines of 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion stopped a KIA pick-up truck laden with bags of grain at a vehicle checkpoint Monday. Upon a thorough search of the vehicle's contents, they discovered 219 60 mm mortar rounds concealed in the bags.

This find is significant to the I Marine Expeditionary Force Area of Operations since roughly 40 percent of the indirect fire attacks within the Al Anbar Province are mortar related and are typically lower caliber rounds.

Besides recovering the mortar rounds, two men were detained in connection with the incident.

This find - considered to be the single largest cache of 60 mm mortar rounds since I MEF took control of the province in March - is part of an ongoing campaign to disarm Anti Iraqi Forces who stand in the way of a new democratic Iraq. Caches containing a wide variety of weaponry and ammunition are found and recovered daily throughout the country. The diligence of our Marines to continue to search for and safely destroy these arms directly contributes to our success in preventing further attacks against both Iraqi and Coalition Forces.

POLICE REPORTS



- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old male, 4th Bde.
 - **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of marijuana
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, 1st Bde.
 - **Charge:** Underage drinking
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Family member, 26-year-old male
 - **Charge:** Driving while license suspended
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 25-year-old female, DIV SPT Bde.
 - **Charge:** Disorderly conduct
 - **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Family member, 27-year-old female
 - **Charge:** Assault consummated by battery
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charge:** Assault consummated by battery
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 19-year-old male, 4th Bde.
 - **Charge:** Underage drinking
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 2, 28-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
 - **Charge:** Child neglect
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, 4th Bde.
 - **Charges:** Sodomy, carnal knowledge
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant 1st Class, 39-year-old male, 4th Bde.
 - **Charges:** Assault consummated by battery
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 19-year-old male, 4th Bde.
 - **Charges:** Giving false information to law enforcement, possession of alcohol by a minor
 - **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Private 2, 21-year-old male, 1st Bde.

- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, improper use of headlights
 - **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
 - **Charges:** Obstruction of justice, reckless driving, possession of alcohol by minor, failure to signal when turning or changing lanes
 - **Location:** Bloomingdale
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 18-year-old male, 1st Bde.
 - **Charges:** Driving under the influence, possession of open container while operating vehicle
 - **Location:** Pooler
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 19-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
 - **Charge:** Drinking underage
 - **Location:** Bloomingdale
- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male
 - **Charges:** Driving under the influence, failure to maintain lane
 - **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old male, 1st Bde.
 - **Charge:** Larceny of private funds
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 2, 29-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
 - **Charges:** Damage to government

- property, drunk and disorderly
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 35-year-old male, DIV SPT Bde.
 - **Charges:** Driving under the influence, following too closely, driving without license on person
 - **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, DIV SPT Bde.
 - **Charge:** Wrongful making, altering or tampering with military identification card
 - **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Private 2, 25-year-old male, 4th Bde.
 - **Charges:** Driving under the influence, driving on suspended license, speeding
 - **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charges:** Simple battery, cruelty to children
 - **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 4th Bde.
 - **Charge:** Concealed weapon violation
 - **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Specialist, 31-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
 - **Charges:** Driving while license sus-

- pending, driving on post suspension
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 19-year-old male, 4th Bde.
 - **Charge:** Communicating a threat
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
 - **Charges:** Drunk and disorderly, indecent expose, simple assault
 - **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old male, 1st Bde.
 - **Charge:** Carrying a concealed pistol/revolver, drunken driving, possession of open container while operating vehicle
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant 1st Class, 41-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charges:** Fraud involving quarters, larceny of government funds, forgery, false official statement
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Avn. Bde.
 - **Charges:** Carrying a concealed pistol, carrying a pistol without a license
 - **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Civilians, 19- and 48-year-old males
 - **Charges:** Damage to government property, weapons violations — possession of a weapon with altered or removed serial number, possession of high capacity magazine, unlawful possession of an automatic rifle, photographing and or sketching defense installations
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, DIV SPT Bde.
 - **Charges:** Disrespect to a non-commissioned officer, failure to obey a lawful order, indecent language
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 41-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charges:** Driving under the influence, driving while license revoked, speeding 64/45
 - **Location:** Richmond Hill
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
 - **Charge:** Excessive speed 72/45
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart



Ft. Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Everyone's Invited to Kids Day Saturday, July 31, Fort Stewart



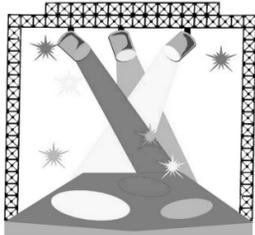
Bring your kids to School Age Services, Bldg. 6571, for a **FREE** carnival, 10 a.m. to Noon.

Enjoy food, music, arts and crafts, face painting, lots of give-aways and more!

Call 767-5662 for information.

At 6 p.m., CYS features
"Star Search 2004"
at the Fort Stewart Youth Center.

Enjoy the **FREE** program and the **Tae Kwon Do** demonstration during intermission.



Activities are open to everyone, active duty military and civilians.

Sign up for Star Search.
Call 767-4491 prior to the event.

HAAF

All kids swim **FREE** at Hunter Pool, Noon to 3 p.m. Open to everyone of all ages, including parents!

Bring your lawn chairs and plan to stay for the **FREE** carnival featuring food, games rides, prizes, dunking booth, big slide, music and more!



Call 352-5708 for additional information.

3ID IN BRIEF

Stewart

Brittin Elementary open house
Parents and students are welcome to visit school and meet teachers 3 to 5 p.m., Aug. 4. Private organizations that wish to set up a table, may contact Principal Tillman at 368-3324. Registration starts Monday. It is, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information contact our registrar, Ms. Lampkin, at 368-3324/7514 or 767-8179/8182.

DUI nomination
The Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) is now accepting nominations for the Sept. 2004 DUI Free Awards Program. Request all units eligible to self nominate for their DUI Free Award no later than Aug. 9 (no exceptions). To nominate your unit, ASAP will need the name of the unit being nominated (spelled out exactly how you will like to see it on the certificate), the last accountable date a DUI was given to your unit, which award it will be (1st, 2nd, or 3rd),

and the POC and telephone number for the unit.

AFAP issues
Planners for the next Army Family Action Plan conference are gathering issues to discuss at this year's conference, Sept. 22 to 23 and the Youth AFAP, Aug. 21. If you have an idea or concern, contact AFAP program manager, Vicki Wiginton before Aug. 1. If you want to work as a delegate, facilitator, recorder or volunteer at the conference, contact at 767-5058 or 352-6816.

Combined Federal Campaign
The CFC is scheduled Sept. to Oct. A point of contact for units/directorates should be forwarded to Miguel.cruz@stewart.army.mil

Indebtedness claim
Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of Spc. Andrew L. Tuazon, 293D MP Co., Fort Stewart, Ga., contact 1st Lt. Braden Stai at 767-2186.

Hunter

School health screenings
School Health Screenings will be held Saturday at Tuttle Health Clinic on Hunter from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m (with an Aug. 7 make-up date).
For more information, contact Michael Sutton at 352-5454.

Town Meeting
Hunter will be holding its quarterly town hall meeting Aug. 3, 7 p.m. at the ACS building. All members of the community interested in learning more about what's going on at Hunter, or have any concerns to address with the garrison commander, are encouraged to attend.

Sand Gnats
The Savannah Sand Gnats' Hunter Army Airfield Night is scheduled for Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. at Grayson Stadium. For \$5, all military ID cardholders will receive a general admission ticket, a bag of chips, a hot dog and one soda or three beers

(age 21 and up).

Veterinary facility
The Hunter Veterinary Treatment Facility is open Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The facility is located at building 1030 on North Perimeter Road. Call 767-4194 for appointments or more information.

Thrift Shop
The Hunter Thrift Shop is open on Wednesday, Friday and the first Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with consignments accepted from military identification card holders from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It has a great assortment of bargains.
All proceeds are returned to the Hunter Community in scholarships, grants to units, and through other military organizations. Donations are accepted and volunteers are always welcome.
For more information call at 352-0376.

Winn /Tuttle

TRICARE Center
The Fort Stewart TRICARE Service Center moved. It is located at 740 General Stewart Way, Suite 109, in Hinesville.
The Health Benefits Office will remain co-located with Winn. For more information, call the TSC at 368-3048.

Patient Affairs Relocated
The Patient Affairs Branch has relocated to building 301, co-located with the Health Benefits Office. The phone numbers have remained the same. For more information, call 370-6893.

Baby Training
Baby Basic Training offers fathers-to-be the chance to ask questions and practice taking care of their child through hands-on training. The class, facilitated by a man for men, will cover topics that include how to change diapers, bathe and hold an infant to what to expect during pregnancy, labor

and delivery.
The class will be held 1 to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 4 in the Social Work Services building. For more information, call 370-6779.

Tobacco Cessation
Tobacco Cessation classes at Winn will be held 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Thursday from Aug. 5 to Aug. 26 or 6 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday from Aug. 3 to Aug. 24. Tuttle's class will be held 1 to 3 p.m. every Wednesday from Aug. 4 to Aug. 25. To register at Winn, call 370-5071. To register at Tuttle, call 1-800-652-9221.

Tuttle School Health Screenings
School Health Screenings will be available by appointment Aug. 7 at Tuttle Army Health Clinic and Aug. 21 at Winn. Call 1-800-652-9221 or 370-6633 to schedule an appointment. However, all screening services at Winn are available on an individual basis

Marne TV

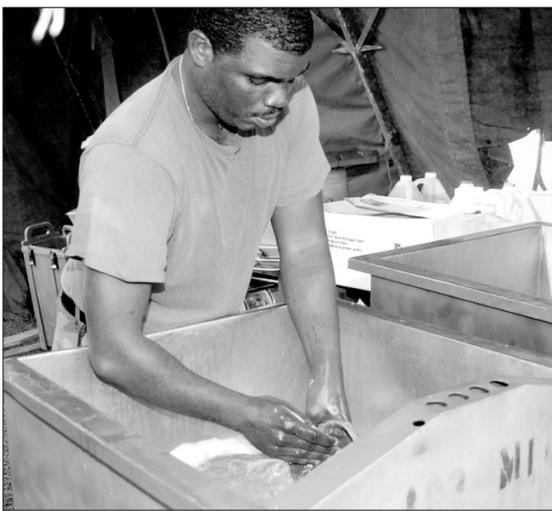
July 2004 Schedule

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

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

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

Prepared meals keep Soldiers full in the field



Pfc. Ricardo Branch

Spc. Jarrod Marshall, HHSC 3rd Inf. Div., cleans off some of the kitchenware from dinner at the CPX at Wright Army Airfield July 25.

Pfc. Ricardo Branch

Staff Writer

When Soldiers are in the field or deployed, eating meals ready to eat can become a chore when it's the only available food to eat versus a cooked meal.

The supply section of Headquarters and Headquarters Support Command, 3rd Special Troops Battalion, worked to cook meals out for the 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers and units participating in the command post exercise July 25 through 29 on Wright Army Airfield at Fort Stewart.

"The Soldiers out here training are working hard, so it is important to get them a good hot meal," said Spc. Jarrod Marshall, HHSC, 3rd STB, food service specialist. "We give them a hot meal for every breakfast and dinner."

"You can still eat an MRE but getting a cooked meal in you makes you feel better and can make you work harder to get your training done,"

Marshall said.

Getting a hot cooked meal in the field is great it can help improve a person's attitude instead of eating MREs the entire time in the field, said Spc. Herbert L. Finley, HHSC, 3rd STB.

The supply section is up before most people even rise from their sleeping bags at 3 a.m. in the morning getting the morning meal prepared for the Soldiers beginning the duty day.

Marshall said that they are up really early in the morning to prepare meals like steak and eggs on time for breakfast.

Lunch time at the CPX consists of the Soldiers eating the MREs brought in the field for them.

"While the Soldiers are eating their MREs for lunch, we're already preparing the dinner meal for the Soldiers," Marshall said. "A dinner meals we prepare is something like ribs, chicken and corn."

Being in the CPX gives the supply

section the opportunity to see how their role will be in a combat situation.

"Out here it's training for deployments like Iraq, but the training can give us the chance to see how our surroundings will help us feed the Soldiers in combat," Marshall said.

Marshall said that the location of the mess tent is important.

"You need to be in a good location to get the job done."

In any given day the mess tent can feed a large amount of people.

"We can have about 300 people come by to get a meal," Marshall said.

"We have a crew of 14 people preparing the food and five people that run the mess tent," Marshall said. "It's a good crew. We're working hard to get the job done."

"It's a good feeling at the end of the day when we're finished getting the meals out to the Soldiers because that means we did a good job and that's what really matters the most."

Army moves up fielding of Future Combat Systems

Gary Sheffick

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army plans to accelerate the fielding of some Future Combat Systems such as armed robotic vehicles, unattended ground sensors and unattended munitions.

The Army is taking advantage of leaps and bounds in wireless technology to "spiral" FCS development, said Lt. Gen. Joseph L. Yakovac, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology. He said spiraling allows for a more flexible approach to system development, to add technology as it emerges.

"The Army evolves by putting future ideas forward as they become available," Yakovac said.

Army leaders also plan to field sooner, to more of the force, an automation network known as the "System of Systems Common Operating Environment."

"We are basically building the Internet you use every day and moving it into battle space," Yakovac said. He added that it's a big challenge to make that network secure, yet accessible by all

Soldiers and integrated with all systems.

Future Combat System technology will be inserted into the brigade-sized units of action the Army is establishing, said Brig. Gen. Charles Cartwright, program manager for the FCS UAs. He said one of the UAs will be selected as an "experimental unit" to test all the new FCS technology in 2008. A projected 32 of the 43 UAs will be fielded with some FCS capabilities by 2014, he said.

Over the life of the FCS program (2025 plus), 15 selected UAs will become FCS Units of Action, Cartwright said. These units will be fielded with all 18 of the Future Combat Systems, he said, and they will have extraordinary capabilities.

The rest of the modular UAs are still slated to receive the network and some of the FCS developments. For instance, the Non-Line of Sight Launch System, or "rockets in a box," as Yakovac called them, are intended to be fielded widely. This pod of missiles can be aimed and fired from miles away.

The unmanned sensors and robotic vehicles are also intended for wide dissemination, officials

said. In fact, they said a small unmanned robotic vehicle is already being used today in Iraq and Afghanistan to detect mines.

In order to fund the development of the five new systems, the rate of purchase for the eight manned FCS vehicles will be slowed down slightly, officials said. But research and development for all the FCS vehicles will continue on schedule, Yakovac said.

A "demonstrator" version of the first manned FCS vehicle, the Non-Line of Sight Cannon, is now being tested at Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz. The NLOS Cannon vehicle has a 155mm weapon and weighs less than 24 tons.

It's light, but can handle recoil, said Daniel Pierson, who works for the assistant secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology).

The current NLOS Cannon vehicle runs on rubber tracks, but Yakovac stressed that the decision has not yet been made whether the manned FCS vehicles will be tracked or wheeled.

"We're looking to combine the best of both (wheeled and tracked capabilities) in these vehicles," Yakovac said.

Another change announced this week is that all manned vehicles will receive active protective systems. Yakovac said that decision stems from lessons learned in Iraq.

"In a 360-degree fight, everything needs protection," Yakovac said, even support vehicles.

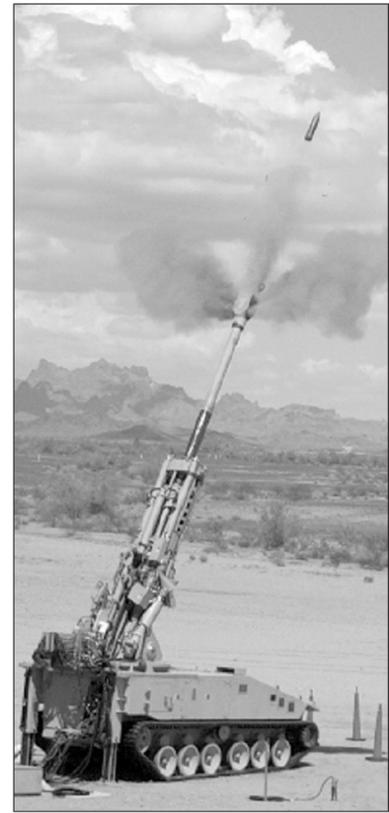
"A lot of capability can be brought to a vehicle by software," Yakovac said. For instance, he said the FCS vehicles will have digital command and control, automatic target acquisition, the Joint Tactical Radio System, and the Warfighter Information System - Tactical, known as WIN-T, and more.

Officials plan to field the first FCS vehicles in 2008 and spiral the development to most of the Army by 2025.

When talking about FCS, Yakovac often refers to "18 systems plus one." The one is the "network," he explained.

The Soldier is going to be "a node in the network," Yakovac said.

"The guy in the middle is the Soldier..." he said "and if we don't do all that we can to make his life better, then we have failed."



Courtesy photo

A demonstration of the NLOS cannon fires its 155mm projectile at Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz.

Hometown News boosts morale and provides facts

Pvt. Dan Balda

Staff Writer

The Hometown News Release Program is available to ensure proper attention and public news coverage of individual achievements and activities of members of their units or commands.

The mission of the hometown news is three-fold. The first mission is to inform the American public of accomplishments and activities of individual service members. The second is to present a factual, positive image of Army and Air Force people, programs, readiness and activities. The third and final job of the program is to enhance recruiting and retention through reinforcement of individual pride and morale, said Susan Phillips, the program's coordinator for Fort Stewart according to Department of the Army Pamphlet 360-3.

There are two types of hometown news releases. The first type is the standard news release. These are brief items about individual service members. These can cover such topics as promotions, decorations, awards and basic training graduation. The second type of release is a special feature story. These are more in depth articles about events and activities in which Soldiers are involved, according to DA PAM 360-3.

Hometown news is a valuable tool for commanders to obtain publicity for the many positive accomplishments of Soldiers in their units. There is a strong interest by civilian newspaper editors in stories about

military personnel from their hometowns, according to the DA PAM 360-3. It also offers the military one of the most efficient ways to present a positive image to the public. It increases troop morale, promotes family and community pride, sustains public awareness of the positive aspects of the military and helps the Army's recruiting efforts.

Hometown news was originally established as the Amy Hometown News Center in Kansas, Missouri in 1951. It was combined with a similar Air Force function in Oct., 1980 at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. It was established to provide the most economical production and distribution of information about the Army and Air Force members to their hometown news media,.

Thousands of newspapers, radio stations, and television stations throughout the United States and its' possessions have requested these releases. In some areas, hometown news releases represent the major source of information about Soldiers and Airmen's activities.

Civilian employees are also eligible for the hometown news program when the story is of exceptional significance and the individual has living relatives who reside more than 50 miles from the unit.

The Public Affairs Office is available to provide assistance to units with their hometown news releases. Please contact Susan Phillips in Bldg 600B or call 767-5457.

ASK THE JUDGE

Facts About an Article 15

Capt. Jacob Lilly

Special to The Frontline

Q: I have been late to PT a few times and my section chief told me I was going to get an Article 15. What does that mean?

A: The term "Article 15" is a shorthand description for non-judicial punishment. Nonjudicial punishment is authorized by Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice. A commander may impose non-judicial punishment for minor offenses which violate the UCMJ. Nonjudicial punishment is imposed to correct, educate, and reform offenders whom the commander determines will not respond to lesser forms of corrective action. Nonjudicial punishment enhances military efficiency by disposing of minor offenses more quickly than a trial by court-martial. The Soldier benefits from this manner of disposition because the Soldier faces a lower punishment and the Soldier's service record will not contain a court-martial conviction.

Q: If I get an Article 15, what's the worst thing that can happen to me?

A: It depends on your rank and the rank of the imposing commander. Summarized proceedings, usually imposed by the company, battery, or troop commander, put the Soldier at risk of being reprimanded, restricted to quarters and required to perform extra duty for 14 days. The Soldier cannot be reduced in grade or lose any pay. Formal company-level proceedings put the Soldier at risk of being reduced one grade (if an E-6 or lower), restricted to quarters, required to perform extra duty for 14 days, and lose 7 days pay. Field grade-level proceedings

put the Soldier at risk of being reduced one or more grades (E-1 to E-4), one grade (E-5 and up), required to perform extra duty, restricted to quarters for up to 45 days, and lose 1/2 of one month's pay for two months. If extra duty is not imposed, a Soldier can be restricted to quarters for up to 60 days.

Q: What happens at the hearing?

A: Being told that you will be getting an Article 15 does not automatically mean that punishment will be imposed. An Article 15 hearing is a nonadversarial proceeding where the Commander reviews the evidence and then makes a final determination as to whether the Soldier committed the alleged offenses. If the Commander determines an offense was committed, then the officer may impose punishment within the limits defined above.

Q: What are my rights?

A: 1) For formal proceedings, all Soldiers are given the opportunity to consult with the Trial Defense Service. TDS is composed of attorneys who are only engaged in the practice of defending Soldiers. In addition to reviewing Article 15's, TDS also advises Soldiers on involuntary separations from the service (chapters), and represents Soldiers at courts-martial.

2) Soldiers have the right to refuse to agree to disposition of the offenses by nonjudicial means. The Soldier can demand trial by court-martial. This is an important decision, because the level of punishment is greatly increased at a court-martial. The Soldier should be given a reasonable time to decide whether to accept nonjudicial punishment.

3) Soldiers have the right to present evidence and witnesses

in defense, mitigation and extenuation at the Article 15 hearing.

4) Soldiers can request an open hearing, that is, a hearing at which spectators may be present.

5) Soldiers can be accompanied by a spokesperson at the hearing. Ordinarily, military lawyers (TDS) do not appear at Article 15 hearings.

6) Soldiers have the right to examine all of the evidence.

7) Following the hearing, the Soldier can appeal.

Q: What exactly are my appellate rights?

A: All Soldiers who are punished under Article 15 have the right to have their case reviewed by the next superior commander in the chain of command. If a Soldier elects to appeal, he has 5 days to submit appellate matters. Should a Soldier fail to submit appellate matters within 5 days, the appeal is forwarded without additional information. Normally, the appeal should be acted on within 5 calendar days. If it is not, and the Soldier requests, the performance of punishments involving the deprivation of liberty (such as restriction) will be interrupted while the appeal is pending. Other punishments will continue.

Q: If I am found guilty, when does the punishment begin?

A: Unsuspended punishments begin on the date the punishment is imposed, unless the commander imposing the punishment indicates otherwise. A commander can delay the imposition of punishment for a good reason. For example, if a Soldier is hospitalized, placed on quarters, on leave, on a brief field problem, or on temporary duty, punishment can be delayed.

Crime prevention tips to keep home safe

Provost Marshal Office

Special to The Frontline

House Crime Prevention Tips

- Clearly display your house number for emergency personnel to locate your home quickly.
- Keep emergency numbers accessible.
- Lock all windows when leaving and at night.
- Install motion sensors or photoelectric lights outside.
- Install a monitored security alarm system.
- Trim plants and tree limbs close to your house.
- Plant prickly shrubs under windows.
- Do not leave keys outdoors (or hide under doormat).
- If keys are lost, change all locks.
- Do not advertise a garage sale as a "moving sale".
- Repair window glass and door or window locks.

Personal Safety Tips

- Do not let strangers in to use the bathroom or phone.
- Stamp "Do Not Duplicate" on your keys.
- Keep house keys on a separate key ring.
- Lend keys only to trusted people.
- When parking in a commercial garage, leave only the ignition key with the attendant and remove your garage door opener.
- If living alone, use your first initial in telephone directory and on your mailbox

or buzzer.

- Insure your possessions.
- Mark your valuable items. Engrave your driver's license or initials and date of birth on items without serial numbers.
- Store valuables in inconspicuous hiding places.
- Do not keep jewelry in your bedroom or in the cookie jar.
- Keep emergency (and neighbors') telephone numbers handy.
- Do not keep large sums of money in your house.
- Do not answer telephone inquiries or respond to mail questionnaires about your type of home, alarm system, or daytime occupancy.

Door and Window Tips

- Change door locks when moving into a new location.
- Install a wide-angle peephole. Use it before opening the door.
- Install quality exterior doors (solid wood, steel reinforced).
- Install door locks with pick-resistant cylinders of heavy-duty deadbolt locks.
- Replace exterior door hinges with interior hinges or change hinges to the non-removable type.
- Replace a standard strike plate with an

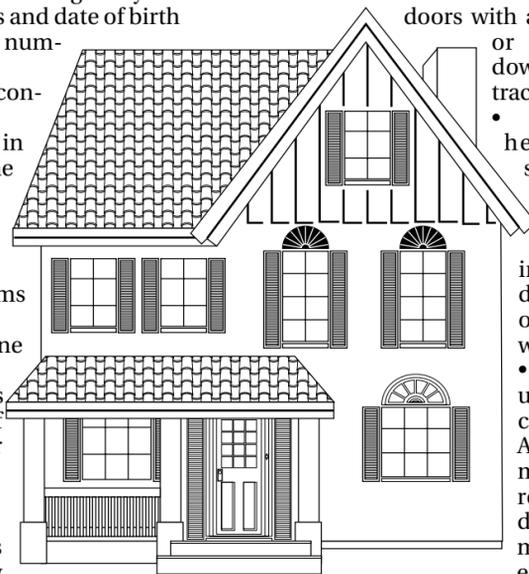
extended strike plate, using hardened screws 2"-3" long.

- Secure sliding glass doors with a steel rod or wooden dowel in the track.

• Install heavy-duty screws and a keyed locking device in a sliding door frame or sliding windows.

• Do not use door chains. A floor-mounted retractable doorstop is more effective.

- Install a heavy-duty "hook and eye" on the upper part of a storm door
- Replace sheet or plate glass with tempered or safety laminated glass.
- Install key locks or window pegs on window sashes.
- Firmly secure air conditioners to the windows.
- Install metal grates or grills on cellar and ground level windows.



Vacation

- Create an occupied, lived-in appearance in your home when you're away.
- Transfer valuables to a safe deposit vault.
- Turn your telephone ringer down.
- Do not leave notes on your door or messages on your answering machine indicating the time you will return.
- Move valuable items away from windows.
- Place a "neighborhood watch" sticker on your door or window.
- Do not put your home address on luggage tags. Use a business address.
- Leave your vehicle or have a neighbor's vehicle parked in your driveway. Have it moved periodically.
- Lock all windows, screens, storm windows, sheds, and gates.
- Leave shades and blinds partially open. The house will look "lived in" and it will also allow your neighbor and police to check inside.
- Put lights and a radio on automatic timers. If power goes out, have a neighbor re-set timers.
- Make arrangements for someone to collect your mail and deliveries, mow the lawn.
- Set self-timers on lights in various rooms.
- Have your neighbor put some trash out in your section on trash day.
- Continue with snow removal. Have neighbor make tracks in the snow to show normal activity around your house.



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Loria Grant accepts a gift from Kimberley Webster during Grant's welcome to the Enlisted Spouses' Club July 20 at Club Stewart.

Grant 'brings sunshine' to peers, says Brooks

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Staff Writer

It doesn't matter whether people have known Loria Grant for a few months, a few years or their whole lives; everyone who crosses her path seems to have something good to say about the new Fort Stewart Enlisted Spouses' Club advisor.

"Her personality is like sunshine," said Latrell Brooks, ESC vice-president. "Whenever she comes around, you know you're going to laugh ... she's past nice."

Brooks, who said she's been acquainted with Grant since December 2003, has very much the same opinion of her as Janet Curry, a friend of Grant's since 1994.

"Loria is an incredible lady," Curry said. "To me, there's not a better person."

Grant and her husband, Command Sgt. Major William Grant, have four daughters.

According to those who know her, she is what some might call a "multi-tasker," balancing out church, home, family and responsibilities to the military community with apparent effortlessness.

"She does a lot, but she can handle it," said Grant's daughter, Willietta, 14.

"Everything she does, she puts 100 percent into it."

"I remember when I was small, if I was doing homework and my handwriting was messed up, she'd erase everything and I'd have to do it all over," she added.

Although in some such an aim for perfection could lead to an overbearing nature, those who have come to know Grant say she is quite the opposite.

"Loria's very sweet, outgoing and also easygoing," Brooks said,

"(She is) a gracious, kind lady," according to Henri Garcia, ESC president.

In addition to planning one of her daughters' wedding, Grant is also actively involved in her church, and has just taken on the added responsibility of advisor to the Stewart ESC.

One might ask "How does such a busy woman fit anything else in?"

But Grant manages to do just that.

In what free time she has, Grant said, she enjoys gardening, watching black-and-white movies on a rainy day, and spending time with her family.

"Her family — her husband and her daughters — are her hobbies," Curry said. "She believes strongly in God ... she's a very committed, faithful woman."

CSM Grant: Come talk to me

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Soldiers who attended the recent Assumption of Responsibility Ceremony at Club Stewart for Command Sgt. Maj. William M. Grant, 3rd Infantry Division command sergeant major, were handed a program on entering the building. Some of the information found in the program detailed the various assignments Grant has served in during his 26 years in the Army and his sizable collection of awards and ribbons. What was not found in the program or in the speeches was the friendly personality exhibited by Grant.

"I'm approachable, I have a good mental attitude, and I love to get out on the ranges and talk to Soldiers," Grant said.

A first impression of Grant would lead one to think that he is a friendly man, with an easy smile and one who will look you in the eye while talking to you. That assumption would be correct. What you would not guess while talking to him is that he enjoys playing board games when spending time with his wife and four daughters, ages 11, 15, 24 and 25. He spends as much time as possible with his daughters. Last week, his 15-year-old daughter cooked dinner, and they sat around the table discussing what was going on in each other's lives.

"Families should get together and talk more," Grant said. "I try to deal with my Soldiers in much the same way I deal with my daughters. When something happens you can't go overboard, you have to wait to get all of the information pertaining to the story. That way you can deal with the situation easier."

He does not ask much from his Soldiers above what they should expect from a com-

mand sergeant major. He respects Soldiers that take responsibility for their actions and finish the mission at hand at a high standard.

Grant also believes that Soldiers should know, embrace and quote the Soldier's Creed in their daily service for their country. More importantly, he would not ask something of a Soldier that he would not do himself. He asks that Soldiers be spiritually, mentally and physically fit.

Spiritual fitness has been very important for Grant throughout his life. When he was previously stationed at Stewart he attended Live Oak Church of God. In the years in-between stints at Stewart, Grant kept in touch with his friends at the church. When he assumed responsibility for the Division, he invited them to attend his ceremony at Club Stewart.

"The church has maintained the same leadership and kept a solid congregation as well," Grant said. "They have maintained the same unity and energy throughout the years, and we should strive to maintain the same unity and energy in our units here at Stewart."

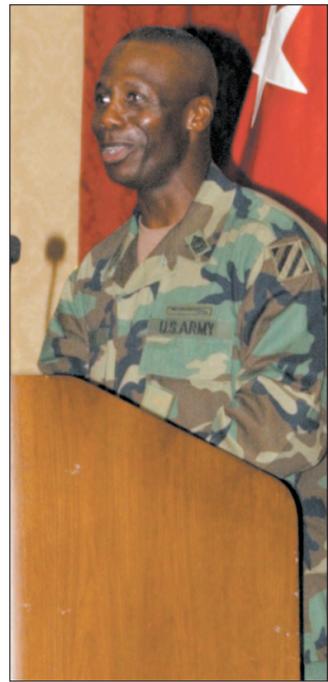
Grant maintains his physical fitness by playing basketball, running and taking part in combatives whenever possible.

Before he joined the Army he excelled at running the 330 meter low hurdles. He was invited to run in the South Carolina state championships because of his prowess on the track.

"It was a great opportunity to be recognized for all the hard work I had put into running," Grant said.

Grant is also very perceptive of Soldier's problems and he tries to help them whenever the situation calls for it.

"I want the Soldiers to know that I am here to help them do



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

the hard right thing instead of the easy wrong thing," Grant said.

When Grant was the sergeant major of the 1st brigade he faced all kinds of Soldier-related issues from marital problems to organizational problems.

"I'd give a little bit of advice but a lot of times that's what chaplains are there for," Grant said. "Sometimes Soldiers just like to talk, so I'd take notes on what they were saying and then do my best to help them sort out the issue. Even though I've changed offices, I still encourage Soldiers to come talk to me."