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## Reduction to affect civilian jobs

### Directorate of Readiness to lose more than 100 by January 2003

**Spc. Jacob Boyer**  
Staff Writer

As many as 344 civilian employees at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will either lose their jobs or find themselves in new ones between now and January due to the Directorate of Readiness' reduction in force.

The RIF, which includes the elimination of 149 permanent and temporary jobs at both Stewart and Hunter, is necessary because of restructuring at DOR, said Lt. Col. John Lewis, the director of readiness.

Ninety-eight permanent and 30

temporary jobs at Fort Stewart will be terminated, and 15 permanent and six temporary jobs at Hunter will be lost.

The impact on jobs outside DOR is minimal, said Karen Bandera, personnel officer for the Civilian Personnel Action Center. Sixteen employees outside DOR will be affected.

"It's going to be a much smaller workforce," Lewis said. "It's a hard business deciding who has rights to those jobs."

In addition to separation, many employees will be changing jobs, either by reassignment or a change to a lower grade, Bandera said.

"What we do now is to try and find people jobs," she said. "Between now and January, we need to place as many as we can in new jobs."

There are several options for those whose jobs are being eliminated, Bandera said. Retirement, outplacement, cross-training and retraining are all available for those interested.

Those who are eligible and choose to retire can receive a bonus of up to \$25,000, depending on time in service, grade, and leftover leave, she said.

**Those interested in early retirement have until Friday to state their interest.**

Outplacement allows an employee to transfer to any position he is qualified for on any post, and gives him priority placement

for those jobs. Those affected can also be trained for new jobs, participate in work programs run by the State of Georgia and in some cases receive severance pay.

Col. Gerald J. Poltorak, garrison commander at Fort Stewart, has initiated a hiring freeze on post, Bandera said. This is to allow those affected by the RIF a chance to apply for any open positions and gives them priority over other applicants.

All wage-grade positions, positions GS-6 and below and WS-6 and below will be frozen, she said. Positions above those classifications, which typically require specialized experience, will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

"Col. Poltorak wants to make

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## Fort Stewart, Hunter to get construction funded

**Pfc. Katherine Robinson**  
Staff Writer

Hunter Army Airfield will receive \$26 million for the construction of Saber Hall, a new facility to house the Immediate Ready Company.

In addition, two other projects — \$1.58 million for a new Georgia Air National Guard Aviation Support Facility at Hunter and \$1.6 million for the planning and design of a new Headquarters Command and Control Complex at Fort Stewart — have been included in the House bill.

The Senate only has funding for Saber Hall, so members of both will meet in September to negotiate the final bill, according to Robyn Ridgley, Communications Director for Georgia's U.S. Representative Jack Kingston.

The bill must be completed and signed into law by the president by Sept. 30, the end of the fiscal year, in order for the projects to become a reality.

Currently the IRC at Hunter is working in a World War II-era hangar, stacked with M1A1 Abrams tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles and other equipment the IRC needs in order to deploy within 22 hours, according to Hunter Deputy Garrison Commander Ed Foerstel.

The new facility will include an indoor maintenance area, as well as a new taxi-way all the way around, making landing more efficient for some aircraft, and a rigging facility among other upgrades, Foerstel said.

"(The new facility) will enhance the ability to deploy the IRC," he said.

Having an indoor area in which to conduct maintenance will increase efficiency, according to IRC Platoon Leader 1st Lt. Christopher Johnson. "Overall deployability and maintenance will be enhanced."

"The main criteria for military construction projects these days is that they improve military readiness, or infrastructure," Kingston said. "The Saber Hall military construction project will do all three by upgrading an old World War II hangar and an oversized billeting and dining facility,

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*Spc. Laurie Kemp*

Linda Heifferon, Directorate of Community Activities and Services, looks at the wheel of a 10-ton recovery vehicle at the Family Readiness Group DEPEX July 24.

## Family readiness groups get sense of deployment

**Spc. Laurie Kemp**  
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Deploying can be a stressful time, especially for family members who don't have the advantage of seeing what it takes to deploy first hand — or know the Army lingo well enough to find comfort in the hours a soldier spends away from home before a deployment.

That is why Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Family Readiness Group members participated in the first-ever FRG Deployment Exercise July 24. The more than 30 FRG members spent seven hours learning about deployments and actually visiting the various deployment readiness sites.

The goal of the event was to provide spouses with peace of mind and "give them a complete, full picture of the deployment process — of what it takes to pack up a brigade and fly it

anywhere — equipment, men and supplies," said Susan Wilder, Mobilization and Deployment manager.

This offers peace of mind because "when their soldier is gone a lot the two weeks before the deployment, or when they are so busy trying to get things set up and ready to go, (this) will give them a clear understanding of what they are doing," Wilder said. "They are not sitting in the office answering emails, they are actually really working 12 to 14 hours a day."

Col. Gerald J. Poltorak, Fort Stewart garrison commander, said he sees first-hand how spouses deal with deployment, and in light of his experience, family reactions aren't always pleasant.

Poltorak said the goal was to ensure all spouses have information and knowledge so

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## A Btry, 41st FA tests skills in Kuwait

**Spc. Christen Coulon**  
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The 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery and A Battery, 41st Field Artillery, finished their three-week artillery Table 12 evaluation June 28.

The live fire exercise, which began June 10, tested the battalion's three artillery batteries on a myriad of field tasks at the platoon level.

The training was divided into three one-week evaluation periods for each battery with each platoon in the battery participating in one 40-hour continuous evaluation. C Battery began the training, followed the next week by A Btry.

The final week saw A Btry., 41st FA, which is attached to the 1/10th in Kuwait, end the table.

"Table 12 is a platoon evaluation," said Capt. Ralph T. Borja, commander, A Btry., 41st FA. "During the evaluation, there are a certain number of fire missions that each platoon must accomplish. They are timed and evaluated to see if they are meeting the standards for the fire mission. We are also looking to see how they react to chemical attacks, the enemy and the mission. We just want to see how they move, shoot and communicate."

During the long training event, the units had to fight not only the heat, but dehydration and fatigue. In order to combat these problems, the soldiers were supplied with coolers full of ice-cold water.

Despite the heat and lack of water, the platoons did very well Borja said.

"The key out here is motivation; they have all had a good train-up prior to coming to Kuwait," Borja said. "I think that the vast amount of training opportunities you get out here in Kuwait keep the soldiers motivated. There is a lot you can do out here that you just can't do (back home) because of range restrictions and surrounding communities."

Borja said their training mission allowed his unit to work better as a team and is an opportunity for junior soldiers to learn from the rest of the unit.

"As we have been here I have seen my soldiers get a lot better at their profession," Borja said. "I think they are all starting to realize how important their job is and what it means to the United States of America."



*Spc. Christen Coulon*

**Maj. Gen. Bufort C. Blount III, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield commanding general, talks to troops in Kuwait.**

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# Suicide:

## The silent battle that rages within

Spc. Robin M. Tenney

Staff Writer

Suicide is second only to automobile accidents as the cause of death for Fort Stewart soldiers, according to Lt. Col. William P. Corr, division surgeon. Furthermore, Winn Army Community Hospital admits about two to 43 soldiers per week for suicidal thoughts, Corr said.

"We see soldiers every day who have thoughts of suicide," said Dr. (Capt.) Adam Harris, Division Mental Health psychiatrist.

Suicide is an Army-wide epidemic. In the last 10 years, suicide has been the second leading cause of death in the Army, and 10 times more soldiers have committed suicide than have been killed by hostile fire, according to the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventative Medicine and the American Association of Suicidology.

Untreated depression is the leading cause of suicide, according to Corr. It is characterized by two weeks or more of a sad or depressed mood.

"More than 60 percent of all people who die by suicide suffer from major depression," according to 1998 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics data.

"Being down is a function of mood," Harris said. "With depression, other things happen such as loss of appetite and loss of interest."

"The biggest thing that gets our attention is anhedonia," Corr said. Anhedonia is defined as insensitiveness to pleasure. "An individual no longer experiences pleasure in things that used to bring him joy," he added.

Furthermore, an individual will express a feeling of hopelessness that nothing can be done to change the situation, Corr explained.

**Symptoms of major depression include:**

- Persistent sad or empty mood
- Feeling hopeless, worthless, pessimistic and/or guilty
- Substance abuse
- Fatigue or loss of interest in ordinary activities
- Disturbances in eating and sleeping patterns
- Thoughts of suicide, suicide plans or attempts
- Persistent physical symptoms or pains that do not respond to treatment

Not all people with depression will suffer from all these symptoms or to the same degree. If a person has four or more of these symptoms, if nothing can make them go away and if they last two or more weeks, a doctor or psychiatrist should be consulted.

"You can recover from depression," Harris said. "You can recover with the help of drugs, therapy or a combination of the two."

There are many reasons a soldier may contemplate suicide.

"Most of our soldiers come to mental health for stress-related mood problems. Most of them have significant social problems which encompass marital, financial or occupational difficulties," Harris explained. "Sometimes the problems can be overwhelming and soldiers may begin to contemplate suicide."

"Common reasons soldiers contemplate or attempt suicide include death of a loved one, the breakup of a relationship, infidelity in a marriage, occupational stress, loneliness, financial problems, legal problems or substance abuse problems," he added.

"People who commit suicide lose sight of options and don't see a tomorrow," said Johnny Cusimano, chair of Fort Stewart's Suicide Task Force.

"Suicide is preventable," Corr said.

In 2001, the Army developed a new suicide prevention campaign to train people about how to recognize the early signs of suicidal behavior and how to intervene.

The plan was initiated after a 26 percent increase in active-duty suicides between 1997 and 1999, said Lt. Col. Jerry Swanner, the Army Suicide Prevention Program manager at the Pentagon.

"Obviously, this caused great concern with the Army leadership," he said.

The new Army program focuses on developing life coping skills, encouraging help-seeking behavior, raising vigilance on suicide awareness and integrating and synchronizing unit and community programs.

Fort Stewart has comprehensive mental health services to include inpatient treatment at Winn.

Sessions with soldiers who are seen at Division Mental Health are kept confidential.

"Mental health records are separate from normal medical records," Harris said. "Only in certain situations is the information not confidential. This includes issues concerning the safety and welfare of the soldier as well as others."

In addition to mental health services, the division surgeon, chaplains, Army Community Services and Social Work Services all play a role in suicide prevention. Weekly meetings are held where these groups, along with representation from the hospital, track soldiers who have demonstrated a higher risk for suicide, according to Harris.

The Suicide Risk Management Team discusses the cases of soldiers recently hospitalized for suicide attempts or thoughts and check up on them, Corr said. Ways of increasing awareness at Fort Stewart is also discussed.

"Leadership can prevent suicide by awareness of early signs and prompt referral," Corr said.

Army Community Service offers periodic two-day classes for leaders on recognizing and preventing suicide.

"Suicide prevention requires a community effort," Harris said. "Leaders should strive to know their soldiers and the issues affecting them. Soldiers should keep a watchful eye on their peers for signs of emotional stress and encourage them to seek help for it."

Even if someone realizes he needs help with depression, help may not be sought due to the stigma attached to it.

"We must tear down these barriers that prevent our soldiers from receiving the professional mental help that some so desperately need," Swanner said.



"Seeking mental and emotional help should be encouraged rather than stigmatized," Harris said.

If you or someone you know is depressed and having suicidal thoughts, go to Division Mental Health, Building 620, or call 767-2620. Dependents can be seen at Winn Army Community Hospital Outpatient Psychiatry. If you need to see someone after work hours, go to the emergency room at Winn.

*Editor's note — Some information for this article was compiled from the article "Army to field new suicide prevention plan."*

**Suicide Helpcard**

Signs of **Suicide**

- appears depressed: sad, tearful, poor sleep, poor appetite, hopeless,
- threatens suicide
- talks about wanting to die
- shows changes in behavior, appearance, mood
- abuses drugs, alcohol
- experienced significant loss
- deliberately injures self
- giving away possessions
- recent breakup in a relationship

**What To Do**

Provide **AID**

**Ask:** Don't be afraid to ask "Are you thinking about hurting yourself?"

**Intervene:** immediately.

**Don't:** keep it a secret.

Follow the acronym **LIFE**

**Locate help:** Staff Duty Officer, chaplain, doctor, nurse, friend, family, crisis line, hospital emergency

**Inform:** Chain of Command of the situation

**Find:** Someone to stay with the person — Don't leave the person alone.

**Expedite:** Get help immediately. A suicidal person needs immediate attention by helpers

*Suicide Warning Signs*



- Confusion
- Financial Reversal or Loss of Social Status
- A Family History of Suicide
- Previous Suicide Attempts
- Feelings of Failure
- Talk About Death or Committing Suicide
- Lack of Roots or Social Relationships
- Overemphasizing a Lack of Suicidal Thoughts
- Withdrawal from Others and Outside Activities
- Recent Break-up of a Significant Relationship



# Mass casualty exercise tests emergency response teams

**Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke**

Hunter Public Affairs Office

At 9:30 a.m. on July 17 an Air Force C-130 Hercules, Flight 823 bound from Hunter Army Airfield to Fort Polk, La. is cleared for take-off. The aircraft, bearing a crew of five and 20 passengers, suddenly experiences an engine failure. The failure causes the aircraft to rapidly descend into the Sleepy Hollow training site, just southwest of the approach end of one of Hunter's runways. The Hunter Air Traffic Control tower receives a radio distress call from the pilot, "MAY DAY! MAY DAY! MAY DAY! Our number two engine is out!" Upon impact, the wings, tailgate and landing gear are torn from the aircraft's fuselage, throwing passengers from the wreckage.

This was the scenario presented to installation emergency response teams during a mass casualty exercise held July 17 at the Sleepy

Hollow training site on Hunter Army Airfield.

Although the crash scene, casualties, injured passengers, fires and threat of other hazards were simulated, the training event was as close as one could get to the real thing for the firefighters, military police and other emergency crews called to the site, according to Chief Warrant Officer 4 Ed Childers, Hunter safety officer. However, in addition to the military personnel tasked to respond, local area civilian emergency response teams also provided assistance.

"The scenario is set up to exhaust our tenant unit's capabilities, requiring them to call upon our civilian counterparts out in Savannah with the crash, fire, rescue and emergency medical service assets," Childers said. "It exercises emergency response efforts from our tenant units here on post. Today, what you see is the mass casualty or extended operations joint use with delayed assets from Savannah. They will move in and assist our personnel in putting out fires and evaluating casualties and moving them out of the crash site area."

An estimated 70 military and civilian per-

sonnel participated in the training event, to include the Hunter Fire Department, military police and airfield operations, Coast Guard, the Savannah and Southside Fire Departments, as well as Medstar and Southside EMS.

Although the crash drill exercise is held quarterly in accordance with Army regulation, civilian personnel are included only on an annual basis due to advance scheduling requirements, Childers said.

"One of the reasons that we like to involve mutual aid assets from Savannah is because it gives them a chance for both Army and civilian Crash Fire Rescue units to work together in the event that we have a large-scale accident out here — we're going to need their help," he explained. "Also, you can see with the heat, the bugs and everything else here in the South, it takes a toll on the firefighters and the EMS personnel out here. With assistance from outside folks it helps compensate manpower in an effort to get everything done at the crash site."

The exercise consisted of a variety of stages in which certain personnel had defined

responsibilities. Upon notification, the first responders are charged with initiating fire-fighting efforts and setting up a triage point. At that same time, Air Traffic Control activates the primary crash phone, which notifies additional fire, police and emergency personnel. In addition, controllers must keep air traffic diverted from the crash site.

"There are quite a few aircraft that come in and out of here and the possibility of this happening is good. So we need to be prepared all the time for a large-scale, as well as a small rotary wing type aircraft accident," Childers said.

After getting the casualties out of the crash site, emergency personnel must do a secondary assessment of the area to make sure there is no explosive or burning debris. They must also check to ensure there are no casualties left behind, Childers explained.

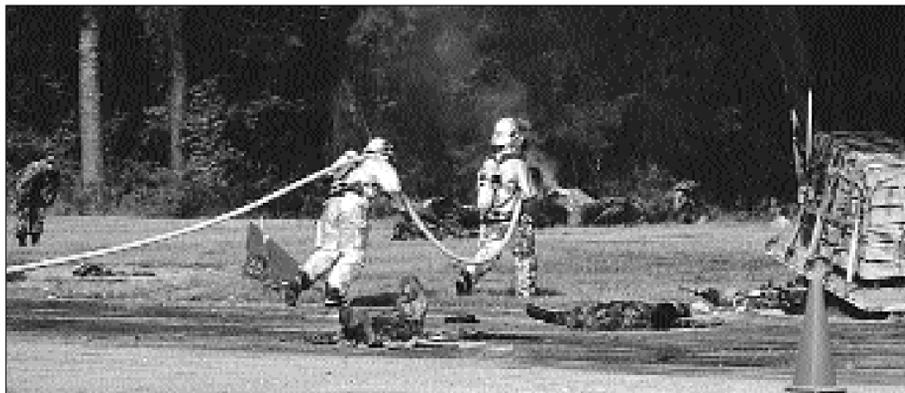
"They have to get an accurate headcount of the personnel that came off the aircraft, and they had a HAZMAT spill that had to be taken care of as well," he said. "Once everything is done, the fire chief determines that his operation is finished and at that time they can turn it over to the accident investigation board."

Overall, the exercise went smoothly, with very few problems, according to Childers.

"The crews are well-trained. They're capable of responding in three minutes upon notification of an aircraft going down. The scenario set up here was off the airfield, so it's going to take a little more assets, a little more coordination and a little more time to get out here. But overall, between our folks and the civilian aid personnel, it all went well," he said.

Jim Phillips, Savannah Fire Department special operations chief, echoed Childers' sentiments, saying that the event allowed both military and civilian personnel an opportunity to participate in a good training exercise.

"Everybody got here in a timely manner, and the command and control and communications have been nothing but outstanding," Childers said.



Sgt. Akilah Clarke

(Left) A firefighter carrying a simulated casualty hustles away from the simulated crash site. (Above) Firefighters lug a heavy water hose toward the crash scene, where debris and other materials were used to simulate an aircraft fire.

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For more information, call Larry Cutchens at 767-2697 or Sgt. Kline at 767-0329.



## National Child Passenger Safety Inspection

### Is your child's car seat safe?

A child safety seat inspection will be conducted by the Fort Stewart Safety Office in conjunction with the USAA Education Foundation, AAFES and DCAS on Aug. 9. The inspections will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Main Exchange at Fort Stewart.

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# VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

# We want to hear from you

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Commanders, platoon leaders, NCOs, junior enlisted soldiers, retirees, family members, Department of Defense civilian employees and neighbors.

The Frontline is a forum for Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.), Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield commanding general, to put out information that is beneficial to you and the community. The Frontline staff tries to balance pertinent local Fort



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This page is your opportunity to inform the CG about the issues important to you. This is not a page for politics, religion, whining or mud slinging.

Rather, it is your chance to let the rest of the 3rd Inf. Div. community know what concerns, praise or questions you have in an effort to make the Marne experience better for everyone.

I encourage you all to send letters to:  
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# Patio-puking must stop!

**Pfc. Natalie Schlotman**  
Staff Writer

*It's 9 a.m. on a Saturday morning, and you're prepared to spend the day at the beach. You eagerly walk out of your front door, beach gear in hand, expecting to be greeted by sunlight and fresh air. But, you are no more than three steps outside when your feet start sticking to the ground. Then you look down. Ahhhhh! You discover that you're standing in a huge puddle of dried puke. After a brief struggle to free your feet from the fermented vodka and pizza mix, you survey the rest of your patio. Bottles, cans, cigarette butts and ... more bottles, are scattered everywhere. So much for the thought of fresh air — or fresh anything!*

Anyone who lives in the barracks knows what I'm talking about.

It's not hard to fall into the "I hate the Army, all there is to do is drink" phase. A lot of soldiers do. All you

### Commentary

have to do is head to any barracks picnic table on a Saturday night and you will see them. Known as the 'weekend picnic table dwellers,' the soldiers will sit and share their, "it was 1 a.m. in (fill place here), and there I was (fill in alcohol-related activity here.)" stories. Anyone who has been in the Army has heard one of those stories.

Go back to that same table Sunday morning and you will find the remains of the table dwellers: broken bottles, tied up house pets, rotten hamburgers and shredded clothing. You get the picture.

There's nothing wrong with drinking on the weekends. But when people start blaming the Army or Fort Stewart for their CONSTANT guzzling, it gets

annoying. Any place on earth, not just Fort Stewart, is miserable if all you do is drink until you can't talk or see.

Instead of wasting your precious free time slurring out tales from your past, get out and do something else! Go to the beach, go camping or just get in your car with a road map and check out what's around you.

If your excuse for drinking on post and puking in the barracks bushes is, "I'm broke. The Army doesn't pay enough," then stop wasting your money on 40s and tequila and put some gas in your car! If you are carless, think of buying "less beer" and "more car."

Not only is constant drinking a waste of life, it's a waste of money. Even worse, getting too drunk, too often causes people to forget why they joined the Army in the first place.

My final point to all the people who say the Army makes them drink is this: stop wasting your time, stop wasting your money and get out and experience what's around you. And, most importantly, stop puking on my patio!

## Marne Voice

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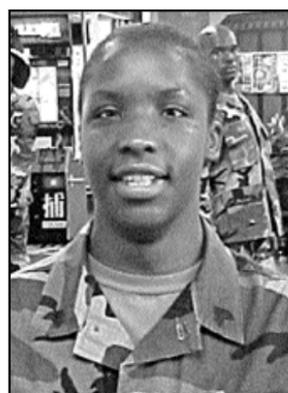
Readers respond to the question:

What do you do to lift your spirits when the going gets tough?



**"I go out dancing with my fiancée"**

Capt. Raul Rovira  
603rd ASB



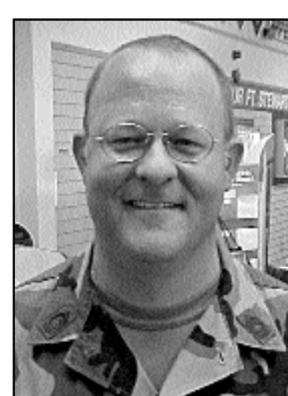
**"I always think to myself, 'this too shall pass.'"**

Sgt. April Curry  
HHC, 3rd Inf. Div.



**"I grab my best friend, and I sit down and I cross-stich. I cross-stich for military personnel, nameplates and rank and things."**

Melissa Flis  
Family Member



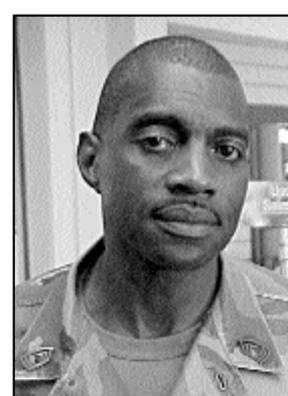
**"I remember something my grandfather always told me. 'No matter what shape you think you're in, somebody somewhere wishes they were in your shoes.'"**

Master Sgt. Burr Miller  
A Co., HQ CMD



**"I try to remember why I joined."**

Sgt. Bryan Rodrigues  
HHB, 1/3 ADA



**"You always have family to go home to. Leave your problems at work. Single soldiers can always go home to the barracks to get away from it all."**

Master Sgt. Wilson Ruth  
HHC, DISCOM



## Pvt. Murphy's Law



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# 100 Days of Summer

## Turn up the heat ... safely

**Pfc. Natalie Schlotman**

Associate Editor

The hearty aroma of a freshly cooked steak and the sweet smell of grilled vegetables ... Mmmmm, the scents of summer.

For many people, this season is a time to turn off the oven and fire up the grill. Whether a summer chef uses a charcoal or natural gas grill, it is important for him to remember some barbecue safety tips before whipping up his culinary creations.

### Storing a grill, propane

It's best to use and store grills outside on level ground, explained Ken Robinson, fire inspector at Hunter Army Airfield. He also suggested that owners keep their grills a good distance from house walls. "Use common sense when picking a grilling location," he said. "We all tend to get lazy, but a good rule of thumb is about 10 feet away from a house."

There are guidelines for summer chefs on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield when it comes to grill placement. Charcoal grills should not be used inside buildings, on wooden porches, on second-story patios or under carports, according to Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield

### Grilling Safety Reminders:



- Use and store grills outside on level ground.
- Never place a grill directly up against a house, keep at least 10 feet away.
- Never use an accelerant other than charcoal lighter fluid.
- Pour water over hot coals when finished.
- Always keep grills free of grease buildup.
- Always inspect and clean grills at least once a year.
- Never start a gas grill with the lid closed.
- For propane grills, flames should be mostly blue with yellow tips. If flames are mostly yellow, shut off grill immediately.
- Never lean over the top of a grill when lighting it.
- Avoid wearing loose clothing that may catch fire when barbecuing.

Regulation 420-11.

"Many people ask, 'Why are carports off-limits?' They are unsafe because that is where people park their cars, keep their lawn mowers and store their gasoline," Robinson pointed out.

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority Web site, [www.TSSA.com](http://www.TSSA.com), warns that operating a grill in an enclosed space could cause a build-up of carbon monoxide, an odorless and deadly poisonous gas.

Owners should avoid setting grills in a windy area or near combustible material, such as a wooden fence, a tree or a place where shrubs and dried leaves collect, according to the Safety Authority Web site.

Although decks are popular places to grill, the Safety Authority Web site suggests cooks should be aware that leaves, dry grasses and other flammable shrubs collect under them. If a smoldering match is dropped between a deck's boards, it may ignite the shrubs or the deck itself.

Grills aren't the only items that should be stored with care, according to the Safety Authority Web site. Never store extra propane cylinders under or near a grill. Excess heat may cause the cylinder to leak propane from its valve.

Never store propane, gas or any flammable liquids inside a house, Robinson added. Those materials should be stored in regulation containers away from furnaces, water heaters and fireplaces.

### Checking for leaks on a grill

Keeping a grill clean and free of grease buildup is a key preventative measure, according to the Safety Authority Web site. It is important to prevent grease from dripping onto hoses or cylinders. Grease build-up is a fire hazard, and once deposits catch fire, they can be difficult to put out with an extinguisher.

The Safety Authority Web site suggested that grills be inspected and cleaned at least once a year. If a grill has not been used for a long period of time, it should be inspected and cleaned before being used again.

When doing an inspection, the Safety Authority Web site suggests that owners check the flexible hose for cracks and damage, and check the venturi tubes, which are underneath most gas grills. Spiders and insects often build webs and nests inside the tubes, causing blockages and make the grill hard to start, or even more dangerous, forcing gas to find somewhere else to flow, according to the Safety Authority Web site. Owners should clean the inside of the tubes with a small, flexible brush. It is also important to replace all burners that are rusted or damaged. Most grills come with manufacturer's instructions for cleaning and servicing.

Owners can check for gas leaks by inspecting all grill con-



nections, according to the Safety Authority Web site. After connecting a propane cylinder to a grill, owners should brush a 50 percent liquid soap and 50 percent water solution over all the grill connections. Be sure to turn the grill off and open the cylinder valve before putting the solution over the connections. If there is a leak, bubbles will form. If an owner finds a leak, he should close the cylinder valve and have the grill inspected by the fire department. After repairs are completed, repeat the leak test again to ensure there are no leaks remaining.

If there is a strong propane gas odor, Robinson said summer chefs should immediately shut off the gas supply and the burner control. If there are flames, chefs should extinguish them as quickly as possible before opening the grill lid, suggested the Safety Authority Web site. If the odor continues, contact the fire department to have the grill inspected.

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**HAVE A NICE DAY!**

# C Co., 2/7: Valorous Unit

## Marne soldiers honored for Gulf War actions west of Al-Basra, Iraq

**Spc. Jacob Boyer**

Staff Writer

C Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry received the Valorous Unit Award in a ceremony at the Fort Stewart Museum Friday afternoon, 11 years after its actions west of Al-Basra, Iraq.

"It's a very big deal," said Capt. James P. Dykes, S-1, 2/7 Inf. "The equivalent for this for a soldier would be the Silver Star."

On March 2, 1991, the company, which was attached to the 1st Brigade, 24th Infantry Division (Mech.), was clearing enemy positions in the vicinity of the Rumaylah Oil Fields when they were directed to move forward and make visual contact with a large enemy armored force moving across the Euphrates River and determine the force's intent, according to the unit's citation.

"It was a clear, cool morning," said Lt. Col. Richard Averna, the company commander at the time. "We were consolidating our positions in a demilitarized zone. As we were settling in, we ran into a dug-in Iraqi platoon. It all happened very fast."

The company was engaged by a battalion from the Hammurabi

Division of Iraq's Republican Guard. They received rocket-propelled grenade fire at close range from the dug-in platoon and demonstrated "uncommon valor, discipline and aggressive determination" in conducting a frontal assault and destroying the platoon's position, according to the citation.

"3rd Platoon engaged and were pinned down by anti-tank and mortar fire," Averna said.

"They counterattacked, and they did that very well. The NCOs and officers did the right thing," he added.

The Iraqis answered with an organized attack of 10 tanks and 15 infantry fighting vehicles. The company destroyed eight of the tanks and nine fighting vehicles in the ensuing battle and captured the remaining vehicles, according to the citation.

The company's actions "secured a vital intersection for the brigade, allowing follow-on forces to defeat the Hammurabi Division and complete the final destruction of the Republican Guard," as stated in the citation.

"You don't realize something until days or even months later," Averna said.

"The company distinguished itself as a good, solid team. This is a



Photo courtesy of Marne TV

### A destroyed Iraqi Armored Personnel Carrier smolders on a Desert Storm battlefield.

befitting recognition even though it is 10 years from the fight."

The award would probably have come sooner, but the paperwork, which was submitted at the end of the Gulf War, was lost said Beth Lee, an aide to Sen. Chuck Hagel. Hagel resubmitted it in 2000 at the request of retired Maj. Kim Stenson, the 2/7 S-3 at the time of the conflict

and the officer who originally submitted the paperwork.

"It was kind of a surprise for me," Averna said. "I didn't know about it until I got a letter in the mail."

The ceremony included current members of C Company, who accepted the award.

"There's an understanding that

today's soldiers get from our past," Averna said. "It's part of the tradition and history of these soldiers."

The award was not based on any individual actions, but more of a testament to the teamwork exhibited by C Company, Averna said.

"I feel the NCOs and junior officers, who I wish could be here, deserve recognition for keeping



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# CH-47 Chinook touches down unexpectedly

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(From left to right) Capt. Karl Krievins and Bennie Edenfield discuss the repairs on the CH-47 Chinook. The aircraft made a precautionary landing Monday behind Edenfield's home in Effingham County, Ga.

## Aircraft returns to Hunter after making precautionary landing in Springfield

**Sgt. Akila C. Clarke**  
Staff Writer

A CH-47 Chinook made a precautionary landing Tuesday afternoon and returned safely to Hunter Army Airfield.

The aircraft and its six-person crew, assigned to D Company, 159th Aviation Regiment, made

the precautionary landing a few miles east of Springfield, Ga., due to a hydraulic problem.

The aircraft was returning from Asheville, N.C., at the time of the incident.

The aircraft sustained no damage and the crew did not suffer any injuries, according to authorities.

Parts were delivered to the aircraft and maintenance crews were able to make repairs within a few hours.

The aircraft and its crew returned to Hunter shortly before 7 p.m.

D Company belongs to the 18th Aviation Brigade based at Fort Bragg, N.C.

# Fighting continues

## Five servicemembers wounded in Afghan ambush Saturday

**Gerry Gilmore**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Five servicemembers were wounded over the weekend in an ambush in Eastern Afghanistan, according to U.S. Central Command officials.

The five Americans came under enemy small arms fire Saturday during a reconnaissance mission about 12 kilometers east of Khowst. Initial reports indicated that two Afghanistan Militia Force soldiers died in the ambush.

The U.S. soldiers were trying to

confirm suspicious activity in the area noted by U.S. intelligence, said Army Maj. Gary Tallman, Combined Joint Task Force 180 spokesman in Afghanistan. Some of the wounded were taken to Bagram Air Base for medical treatment; others, more seriously wounded, were flown to Germany.

One soldier taken to Germany is still in serious condition, he said, while the other four are expected to return to duty after treatment.

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

## New Legislation to support Selective Service System

**Alyce T. Burton**  
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On July 11, Missouri joined Georgia and 23 other states to enact driver's license legislation supporting the Selective Service System registration requirement.

Virtually all 18-to-26-year-old males are required under federal law to register with the SSS. Certain exemptions exist, such as mental handicap and incarceration.

The intent of this legislation is to increase on-time registration in low compliance states, of which Georgia is included.

It is generally believed that the key to solving the SSS registration compliance problem in states is to link SSS registration to applying for a driver's license or state identification card, according to [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov).

In Georgia, when an 18-to-26-year-old goes to the Department of Motor Vehicles to obtain a license, the examiner asks him if he is registered. If he's not, he is required to give his name and social security number to the examiner, who will then give that information to the SSS.

Selective Service System Director Alfred Rascon stated the new law will serve to increase on-time registration.

For example, in May 2002, Delaware, which enacted driver's license legislation in August 2000, became the first state to reach nearly 100 percent registration compliance since the agency began compiling this data.

"More importantly, the Missouri law helps protect a young man's eligibility for many programs and benefits linked to Selective Service System registration."

Men must be registered with the SSS before they can receive state or federal student loans and grants, training programs underwritten by the U.S. Department of Labor, and federal jobs in the executive branch of the U.S. government, including jobs with the U.S. Postal Service.

Additionally, male immigrants who are in the U.S. who are 18-to-25-years old can be denied citizenship if they fail to register.

The SSS is charged with being ready to draft men for the service in a national emergency. While there hasn't been a draft since 1973, SSS registration has been ongoing since 1980.

Failure to register is a felony, punishable by five years in jail, a \$250,000 fine, or both.

*Editor's note — Spc. Mason T. Lowery, editor of The Frontline, contributed to this article.*

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# Civil soldier team rebuilds Herat City

489th and other non-governmental agencies assist refugees, bring stability to Afghanistan

**Staff Sgt. Rhonda M. Lawson**

28th Public Affairs Detachment

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — Combined Joint Task Force 180 Commander Lt. Gen. Dan McNeill met with one of the most powerful figures in Afghanistan when he visited Herat City July 24.

During the visit, Ishmael Kahn, governor of Herat Province, stressed the importance of coalition support in helping to rebuild Afghanistan.

"Afghanistan has been through a difficult war for the last 23 years," Kahn said. "We need help. Afghan people are dying because of a lack of water. Afghanistan needs all the help we can get."

Building schools was also a high priority.

"The first time I ever met Ishmael Kahn, he told me one of the most important things was to see that the children get educated," McNeill said.

The 489th Civil Affairs team, out of Knoxville, Tenn., has been working to do just that.

To date, the Herat team has helped rebuild about 15 schools with the help of a number of non-governmental agencies, including the local Afghan Transition Initiative.

"We've handed off nine schools to ATI already," said Sgt. Rodney Cox, a Civil Affairs specialist with the 489th.

The team has also donated a number of generators, as well as helped with irrigation and well projects. Additionally, the team helped Shelter for Life with work on the Moslec Refugee Camp, the largest refugee camp in the world, according to Cox.

"At one time, there were 400,000 refugees in this camp," Cox said.

"(Kahn) thinks there are a lot of refugees coming in and they're going to be disenchanted because there are not a lot of opportunities," McNeill said. "So he is looking for help to get the economy kick started."

"The only way to bring stability in Afghanistan is to create jobs and build the country again," Kahn said. "All of our friends promised to help Afghanistan, but a promise is not going to change Afghanistan's situation."

However, the Afghans aren't the only people feeling an economic crunch. Cox said the projects they and the area non-government organizations are working on are in danger of coming to a halt if more money isn't brought to the area.

"We only have three projects that we have not put to bed yet," he said.

"The funding has really started to dry up not only with us, but with some of the international organizations."

Help may be on the way, according to McNeill.

"There has been a crunch on money, but I'm told it's contained in the supplemental," he said. "I believe if Congress hasn't passed the supplement, they're close to passing it."

One project the 489th is currently involved in is a school in the Injeel District, which was in such disrepair that it had to be rebuilt from scratch.

The 18-room schoolhouse now has playground equipment, trees, a water tank and a three-meter wall around the entire school. The school is set for completion in the next two weeks.

"We used all of the people in the village as unskilled labor, so that puts the money back in their pocket," Cox said.

"We did the whole project for \$47,000. It will be the largest school in the Injeel District."

Herat, which lies about 70 miles

**"The only way to bring stability in Afghanistan is to create jobs and build the country again."**

**Ishmael Kahn**  
Governor, Herat Province, Afghanistan



Staff Sgt. Rhonda M. Lawson

**Combined Joint Task Force 180 Commander Lt. Gen. Dan McNeill shakes hands with Ishmael Kahn, governor of Herat Province, Afghanistan. McNeill met with Kahn July 24 to discuss the rebuilding of Afghanistan. Civil Affairs teams are currently building schools and wells in the city.**

from the Iranian border, is one of the most modern cities in the country, besides Kabul, according to Cox.

He added that the locals have even begun building their own homes with private funding outside of what Civil Affairs and the NGOs are doing.

"That, to us, is a really good indicator that the people are starting to feel a lot more comfortable about the future and what is to come for this region," he said.

"That gives us a lot of hope that

when we leave it's not going to fall apart."

Kahn explained that Herat is different from many of the other provinces in Afghanistan because there aren't as many warlords in the area.

"All of the Herat people are under one leadership," he said. "There's never going to be a fight between different provinces, or different people, or different ethnic groups."

"This area has been very stable," Cox said. "There's a lack of ethnic

tensions here that you see elsewhere in the country, there's less armed soldiers on the streets, and there's a presence of us and the British.

That helps stabilize the region and makes it a more permissible environment for the NGO community to do their job and for us to do our job."

Kahn also expressed his gratitude to McNeill for visiting.

"The general is a very famous, very intelligent person," he said. "We are very proud that he came to visit us."

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# Soldiers battle Oregon wildfires

**Master Sgt. Bob Haskell**

Special to The Frontline

SALEM, Ore. — More than 1,200 Oregon National Guard and active-duty soldiers from Fort Riley, Kan., have been pressed into duty to help combat wildfires, which have burned more than 200,000 acres in 18 locations across the state.

"This is as much a war as the war we are fighting in Afghanistan," said Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber, in the south-central town of Paisley July 22.

That is where 253 Guard soldiers, after a weekend of training, began mopping up high desert terrain charred by the Winter Fire, one of the largest to scorch the state since 1987.

The members of the 3rd Battalion, 116th Cavalry based in LaGrande, Ore., and the 1st Battalion, 82nd Cavalry from Bend, Ore., have been split into 10 crews to mop up hotspots so more experienced firefighters can work on the front lines.

In all, 655 Oregon National Guard troops were on state active duty by July 24, officials said.

Many are old hands at this wildfire business because Oregon troops have helped civilian authorities fight 13 fires during the past half-dozen years.

Meanwhile, some 550 soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery out of Fort Riley were expected to begin working the Monument Rock Fire in eastern Oregon July 25 after being trained by members of the National Interagency Fire Center.

The training was comparable to the basic fire-fighting course taught by the U.S. Forest Service, fire center officials explained.

It covered the use of hand tools, building fire lines, fire conditions, fire-fighting operations, fire safety, use of individual fire shelters and burnout procedures.

The weapons of choice are shovels and mattocks, wide-bladed pickaxes used for breaking up soil, rather than rifles and how-

itzers.

Fifty Guard soldiers are supporting that active-Army effort with a fleet of 20 cargo trucks as well as a wrecker and parts truck, officials said.

The Guard task force also includes 250 troops who are being trained this week in Portland and Bend. They went into the field on July 27 and 28.

"It kind of reminds me of poking through a minefield," Staff Sgt. Michael Wicks, 3-116th Cavalry, told a journalist

with the Salem, Ore., *Statesman Journal* after working one of the Winter Fire's burned over areas July 23.

The Guard is also supporting the mission with six helicopters, including four heavy-hauling Chinooks and a specially outfitted Firehawk, a Black Hawk with a water tank, said Lt. Col. Timothy Kelly, the state's Army Guard aviation officer.

A dozen other Oregon Black Hawks are on

duty elsewhere because of the War on Terrorism, Kelly said.

Overall, the Oregon Guard's ability to help civilian authorities deal with this year's wildfires has not been affected by the war and other commitments outside of the state, said Col. Douglas Pritt, the state's Army Guard chief of staff.

The 529 citizen-soldiers in the 1st Battalion, 186th Infantry currently on peace-keeping duty in the Sinai would have been called up for wildfire duty because they come from the southern part of the state where most of the fires are burning, Pritt explained. But other citizen-soldiers are available to help out, he added.

Lt. Col. James Weaver, the state's wildfire task force commander, said the war worked to Oregon's advantage, "in a perverse sort of way," because the state's emergency operations center has been functioning full-time since last September's terrorist attacks.

"We have a stable corps of people already there," Weaver said. "All we had to do was switch missions. We can do our thing like we've always done. We just have to shuffle things around."

## Grill

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### Light 'er up!

Never start a gas grill with the lid closed, advised the Safety Authority Web site. The propane or natural gas may accumulate inside, and when ignited, could blow the lid off.

Summer chefs should never lean over the top of a grill as they are lighting it. Chefs should also avoid wearing loose clothing that might catch fire if flames suddenly flare up. If someone catches fire, they should immediately stop, drop and roll to smother the flames, according to the Fort Stewart Fire Department.

It is important to remember that all surfaces of a grill can get hot, as stated on the Safety Authority website. Owners should be careful not to touch grill surfaces, and make sure children stay away from the grill.

### Use only lighter fluid

Owners should never use a flammable liquid other than lighter fluid to start a charcoal grill, Robinson said. "Accelerants such as gasoline or paint thinner are not designed to start grills," he said. They burn explosively and release toxins that can taint food,

according to the Safety Authority Web site.

Robinson said that people still use accelerants, despite the hazards.

"People get carried away when they can't see the fire flashing and dancing inside the grill. They think the charcoal is not burning, so they dump on gasoline. Obviously, that's not a good idea," he explained. "Accelerants should never be used, but unfortunately, it still happens."

Robinson said that instead of using accelerants, summer chefs should use only lighter fluid and follow the directions on the back of the container. "After you douse the coals, it's best to wait 10 to 15 minutes before lighting them. This will prevent flashover," he said. A flashover is a sudden, explosive flash of flames.

When using a lighter fluid, cooks should place the container far away from the grill before attempting to light it, as stated on the Safety Authority Web site. Chefs should handle the lighter fluid carefully to avoid spilling on the ground or themselves.

If using a match to light the grill, chefs should always light the match before turning on the gas. This, according to the Safety Authority website, will prevent excessive gas build-up. If the grill is equipped with an electronic igniter, always follow the direc-

tions on the control panel.

Chefs should always pay attention to the color of the flames, Robinson noted. "Both propane and natural gas flames should be mostly blue with yellow tips," he said. "If flames are mostly yellow, that means the propane is not mixing properly."

Do not use a grill if the flames are not the right color. Instead, have the grill inspected by the fire department, Robinson said.

### Cooling off

Disposing of coals doesn't mean just throwing them in the trash, Robinson said. "When cooking is complete, people need to pour water on the coals or cover the barbecue with a non-combustible cover to prevent sparks from spreading," he said, adding that improper hot-coal disposal can easily cause a fire.

### Bottom line

Following these simple tips, according to Robinson, can make summer grilling a sure-fire way to safely cook meals.

The bottom line is: if you are feeling unsure about the odor or the color of the flames in your grill, be on the safe side and call the fire department, he said.

The Fort Stewart fire inspection team can be reached at 767-7007, and the

Hunter team can be reached at 352-5600/5075.



Defense secretary explores military's future at ...

# Millennium Challenge 2002

**Jim Garamone**

American Forces Press Service

SUFFOLK, Va. — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld got a glimpse of how the military of tomorrow will work during a tour of the Millennium Challenge 2002 experiment Monday.

Rumsfeld said he was pleased with the way the experiment is progressing.

Millennium Challenge 2002 is the largest joint experiment in U.S. history. More than 13,500 troops from all services are participating. The experiment also has the largest computer simulation "federation" ever put together.

"This exercise will test the forces and equipment that will help us judge and define both near-term and future capabilities," he said during a press conference.

"It will not only test the effectiveness of the force, but also the progress we have made thus far in transforming (the military) to produce the combat capability necessary to meet the threats and the challenges of the 21st century."

The U.S. Joint Forces Command is running the experiment. The command has been leading the transformation effort, Rumsfeld said.



Jim Garamone

**Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and Norwegian Minister of Defense Kristin Krohn Devold hold a press conference at the Joint Forces Command's Millennium Challenge 2002 experiment in Suffolk, Va., Monday.**

Millennium Challenge will test a number of concepts. The most important of these is effects-based operations, a concept where the entire power of the United States is concentrated against an enemy.

As the United States has done in Operation Enduring Freedom, an effects-based operation would con-

centrate military, diplomatic, financial, law enforcement and other assets against a foe.

The experiment tests concepts used in asymmetrical warfare. In most cases, asymmetrical warfare is what the enemy can do. But Rumsfeld pointed out that the United States has asymmetrical

advantages of its own. Experiments like Millennium Challenge allow the United States to define the doctrine needed to fight the conflicts of the 21st century, man the forces appropriately, test the technologies that seem most helpful and then continue the processes.

"Transformation is not a destination," said one Joint Forces Command official. "We'll stop transforming only if the bad guys stop morphing, and that doesn't look like it's going to happen anytime soon."

Joint Forces Command has already provided many concepts being used in Operation Enduring Freedom. Rumsfeld said the command envisioned many processes being used today in the war on terrorism.

"That's why experiments like Millennium Challenge are so important to future battlefield successes," he said.

"It will help us create a force that is not only interoperable, responsive, agile and lethal, but one that is capable of capitalizing on the information revolution and the advanced technologies that are available today."

Rumsfeld said one important aspect is for servicemembers to

think "joint."

He said Millennium Challenge is taking thousands of people across the services and placing them in a situation "where they are required to connect with each other, talk to each other, to be interoperable, to be joint, to think joint and to focus on goals that are not service-centric but nation-centric."

He said one of the most difficult jobs in the Defense Department is to get the services to make decisions jointly.

In the past, working in a joint environment meant the services taking separate pieces of the action — the Navy stays on the water; the Army on land; the Air Force handles bombardment in this area; and the Marines engage in another area.

"Those days are gone," Rumsfeld said. He said combatant commanders don't care who provides the combat power, just that the targets get hit.

Rumsfeld said the U.S. military has to find ways to get more people thinking about joint matters earlier.

"We cannot allow each service to come up with their own weapon systems that have not been thought through in the context of how we're going to use them on the battlefield," he said.

## Assignment online program reaches 100K milestone

PERSCOM Public Affairs Office

WASHINGTON — More than 100,000 soldiers have now posted assignment preference information on the Assignment Satisfaction Key, a web-based application that allows soldiers to submit preference information directly to their assignment managers through the Total Army Personnel Database.

"ASK is one of the first Army-wide personnel transformation initiatives," said Col. Jeff Redmann, deputy director of the Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate. "The volume of use of this new service to soldiers and the initial feedback from them indicates we are answering a need and providing personnel e-service to the field."

The Internet tool has assisted assignment

managers in making their job more efficient by reducing paperwork and eliminating requests for unrealistic assignments, Redmann said.

Only realistic location options are provided through ASK, giving EPMD assignment managers the ability to match Army readiness requirements with a soldiers' preference. "I like (ASK) because it's reality," said Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Shaffer, motor sergeant for the U.S. Army Recruiting Command in Jacksonville, Fla.

Shaffer submitted his preference in April, via ASK, for an overseas assignment in Germany. Within two weeks of submission, he received a call from his assignment manager fulfilling his request.

"(ASK) isn't like the 'Dream Sheet'. I

don't know how many different locations I tried before and never got," Shaffer said.

ASK's availability and convenience is what attracts most soldiers, said Sgt. Maj. Lee Deardorff, NCOIC for the electric maintenance facility at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Soldiers can change their assignment preference anytime without having to submit new paperwork, Deardorff said.

Deardorff selected his preferences using ASK in January. His branch manager called two months later to notify him of his orders to Germany. "I had no hopes of being assigned to Germany," Deardorff said. "I've been trying to get there for 16 years."

ASK cannot guarantee 100 percent success, but it represents a fundamental change in assignment management that allows the

soldier to be a continuous participant at their convenience, Redmann explained.

"Our commitment to soldiers is to consider their assignment preferences and, where possible, assign them to a preferred location," Redmann said.

Soldiers must have an Army Knowledge Online account to log onto ASK. ASK requires soldiers to select six locations — three stateside and three other preferences outside of the continental United States.

Soldiers may also volunteer for assignment locations. By doing so, they are telling their assignment manager that if a requirement exists at one of their locations, they would like to move.

ASK can be accessed online at [www.perscomonline.army.mil](http://www.perscomonline.army.mil).

# DoD out for blood

## Army seeks eligible blood donors

Lyn Kukral

Office, Army  
Surgeon General Public Affairs

Department of Defense blood donor centers are asking eligible Army blood donors to give blood this summer to ensure adequate DoD supplies and to assist civilian blood collection agencies experiencing unusually severe blood shortages.

Fort Stewart soldiers can contact the Red Cross at 767-2197, and Hunter soldiers can call 352-5410 for more information on donating blood.

"The next few months will be tough for us to keep the blood supply at optimal levels," said Army Col. Mike Fitzpatrick, Armed Services Blood Program director. "Summer is the time when most military personnel move to new duty stations. Add to that summer vacations, and you get an increased need for blood donations."

"We encourage military blood donors to give blood through the Armed Services Blood Program, which is supporting civilian requests for blood products in the current shortage," said Navy Cmdr. Rebecca Sparks, deputy director, ASBP.

"In military communities where our program does not have blood collection facilities, we urge soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines to support blood drives in their local communities," Sparks added.

Winn Army Community Hospital has an agreement with the American Red Cross to hold blood drives on Fort Stewart and as a result Winn receives blood support from them.

The inventory of blood that Winn maintains in the lab is from the American Red Cross. Many units on Fort Stewart sponsor Red Cross blood drives in addition to Winn. Any organization that would like to schedule a Red Cross blood drive can contact Shante

Davis at 912-651-5218.

Unlike civilian agencies, the Armed Services Blood Program, which provides blood products for many military hospitals and military readiness purposes, is not experiencing a blood shortage.

ASBP officials attribute the fact that they have a sufficient amount of blood on hand to meet military needs to two factors. First, DOD's current needs are much smaller than those of civilian agencies.

DoD collects about one percent of the blood collected from Americans. Second, military personnel donate blood at about twice the rate that civilians do. About 10 percent of eligible military donors donate; civilian blood collection agencies estimate that less than five percent of the eligible U.S. population donates.

However, a disproportionate number of DOD donors are deferred from giving blood under standards implemented last fall by the Food and Drug Administration, which regulates blood products in the United States.

The standards were instituted as a precautionary measure against exposure to the human form of mad cow disease.

About 18 percent of active-duty military personnel cannot donate blood because of duty assignments in the United Kingdom and Europe, according to Sparks. Because of concerns about exposure to the human form of mad cow disease, the FDA restricted donations from people who lived or traveled in these places during specified timeframes.

DOD issued a policy based on that of the FDA, which defers military personnel and family members who meet any of the following criteria:

- \* Traveled or resided in the United Kingdom from 1980 through 1996 for a cumulative period of three months or more.

- \* Traveled or resided in Europe

from 1980 through 1996 for a cumulative period of six months or more.

- \* Traveled or resided in Europe from 1980 to the present for a cumulative period of five years or more.

- \* Received a blood transfusion in the United Kingdom since 1980.

- \* Received a bovine insulin product produced in the United Kingdom since 1980.

The deferral policy also affects military retirees and their family members who meet any of the above criteria.

DoD blood officials have begun a campaign to make personnel aware of the need to donate blood on a continuing basis using DoD's internal media. DoD also has added blood recruiting and collection personnel at its collection facilities, and encouraged commanders to support blood collection efforts.

Anyone can call the lab at Winn Army Community Hospital to find out when the next Red Cross blood drive is scheduled.

Their telephone number is 370-6741 or 370-6522. For information on blood deferral policies and on risks associated with travel or assignment in the United Kingdom and Europe, visit the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine website at <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/madcowdisease>.

For more information on where to donate, or what criteria a donor must meet, call:

Fort Stewart Red Cross  
767- 2197  
Hunter Red Cross  
352-5410

# TRICARE For Life eligibility update deadline extended

TRICARE Public Affairs

The Department of Defense announced that the deadline for beneficiaries to update their eligibility in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and remain eligible for TRICARE For Life is extended until Sept. 1. After Sept. 1, claims for beneficiaries who are not shown as eligible in DEERS will be denied and will no longer be sent electronically from Medicare to TRICARE for payment. These beneficiaries will be responsible for paying for services that Medicare does not cover.

Claims received for beneficiaries with expired eligibility will continue to be denied until their eligibility information is updated.

By law, DoD must recoup (take back) payments made for ineligible persons.

Since the initial Aug. 1 deadline for updating expired eligibility was set, DoD has received health care claims for more than 40,000 TRICARE For Life beneficiaries with expired eligibility, of which almost 19,000 have updated their eligibility.

Approximately 4,000 lost their TRICARE eligibility due to certain events such as divorce from a military retiree, remarriage of a widow, or death.

Nearly 17,000 beneficiaries, however, have not responded to mailings from DoD urging them to update their eligibility in DEERS so they may use TRICARE For Life.

In March, DoD launched a campaign to reach this "hard-to-find" population and inform them of their new TRICARE For Life benefits and

what they needed to do to ensure their eligibility was up to date. The Defense Manpower Data Center, who oversees DEERS, mailed individual letters to beneficiaries and explained how to update their eligibility information and expired unformed services identification cards.

"We urge beneficiaries to contact DMDC and update their eligibility in DEERS so they may continue to take advantage of this incredible benefit. We want to ensure that they have every opportunity to update their eligibility and use TRICARE For Life," explained Dr. William Winkenwelder, the assistant secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, on the deadline extension. DoD will take advantage of the additional time and send more individual letters to beneficiaries who have not updated their eligibility information in DEERS.

TRICARE For Life beneficiaries who need to update or re-verify eligibility, or beneficiaries who have received an Explanation of Benefits stating that they need to update their eligibility, should contact the nearest ID card facility for assistance.

The Web site developed to help beneficiaries locate the three nearest ID card facilities is [www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/).

Beneficiaries also may call the DoD Benefits Reverification Telephone Center at 1-800-361-2620.

The ID Card Section at Fort Stewart's Welcome Center, Building 251 is open Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri. from 9 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. and Thurs. from 9 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. Call 767-4909/1029/2277 for more information.

For more information about TRICARE For Life, see the TRICARE Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil/tfl](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tfl) or call the Worldwide TRICARE Information Center toll-free at 1-888-363-5433. In addition, the Health Benefits Branch, Building T-301, at Winn has information. Or, call the branch at 370-6015. There is also a health benefits advisor at Tuttle Army Health Clinic which can be reached at 352-5062.

**HAVE A NICE DAY!**

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sure people are impacted as compassionately as possible," Lewis said. "It's a process where if any job becomes available that they can fill, it's filled by these employees. Hopefully, with a combination of the hiring freeze, normal attrition and retirement, we can minimize the impact on the workforce."

A priority placement program briefing will be held for employees at Fort Stewart Aug. 19 at 2 p.m. in Woodruff Theater. Program registration will follow Aug. 21 at 2 p.m. in Building S1190. Employees at Hunter can attend the briefing Aug. 20 at 9 a.m. in the DCAS Ballroom in Building 1286. Registration will be held at 1:30 p.m. on the same day.

"The next six or seven months will be difficult for employees on post," Bandera said. "They're going to have a pretty tough time. The mock RIF gave us results, and established a basepoint. We want to move toward nobody being impacted. Reaching that will be very difficult, but we're going to give it a shot."

The RIF is the result of restructuring that came out of a four-year competition between DOR and a civilian contractor. In order to be competitive with the civilian sector in fulfilling its mission, DOR had to restructure its management, and consolidate some branches.

The dual demands of restructuring and fulfilling its mission will be difficult for DOR, Lewis said.

"Between now and Jan. 25, as we're transforming from the current DOR structure to the new one, nothing stops. We still have our day-to-day mission," Lewis said. "We have to restructure and downsize simultaneously. That's the real challenge. It's easily said, but very difficult to implement."

Poltorak's goal is to implement the RIF without anyone being negatively affected, Lewis said.

"We don't want to negatively impact these people who have done the government's work all these years," he said. "If we work together and work smart, humanely and compassionately, we may reach that goal. We're one big family, and we've got to stick together."

*Editor's note — This article is the fourth in a series on the Directorate of Readiness contract.*

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which are badly in need of renovation."

The National Guard Aviation Support Facility will replace a temporary tent facility the Guard has operated out of since their previous facility was demolished, he added. He said the new facility will enhance the Georgia Air National Guard's readiness.

"The command and control complex at Fort Stewart will replace 14 scattered and dilapidated World II wooden structures ... with one building," Kingston went on. "The new facility will be far more efficient and cost-effective than 14 separate facilities and will enhance the Third Infantry Division's readiness and contribute to the Army's Installation Transformation process."



Spc. Laurie Kemp

**Diane Bell, Social Work Services (left), explains the role of SWS during a time of Division deployment to Anita Blount and Karen Twitty during the DEPEX.**

## DEPEX

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that they are better able to cope with the situation.

"Information and knowledge are power," he said. "The more information and knowledge, the less stress on family members, especially the young family members who don't know how to relieve stress from the situation."

Poltorak also said abuse of pets and children can increase during a deployment because the families sometimes don't know where to go for information. His aspiration is that the FRG leaders who attended the DEPEX share what they learned with their other FRG members so no one ever feels alone.

The group started their morning at the Army Community Services Building where they learned about the role of ACS during a deployment and got a 'Deployment 101' briefing from Fred Rawcliffe, senior deployment specialist.

His briefing was broken down into something spouses could relate to, "How do you deploy as a family for vacation or PCS?"

Rawcliffe broke pre-positioned deployments, such as deployments to the National Training Center, into family vacations and organic deployments, real-world, with a permanent change of station move.

But, to add some real perspective to what it is like for a division to deploy, he compared moving Nashville, Tenn.,

to the Operation Desert Storm deployment Fort Stewart went through.

"Picture the city of Nashville, with all of its attachments and infrastructures — water, power, food, transportation, housing, etc., not to include the armaments the Army needs. Take all of that and move it to the desert, and that is the equivalent of what was done for Desert Storm," Rawcliffe said.

After the ACS briefings, the visual tour began at each stop where the FRG leaders received a quick briefing about the function of each particular point. It started at the Rail Marshalling Area, then to the Ammunition Supply Point, the Immediate Readiness Company and then the Departure and Arrival Airfield Control Group at Hunter.

From the commanding general's wife to a new Army spouse, none of them had ever encountered anything like this DEPEX.

In the 30 years Anita Blount, the commanding general's wife, has been associated with the Army, she said this was a first. "It really demystified the deployment process," she said. "I think this will help the ladies — help them understand deployments so they can relay the information to the other members of their FRGs."

As for Chrystie Palomo, representing the Headquarters, Headquarters Command, Division Support Command FRG, all of this is a first.

"I hope to learn exactly what all of this is since I'm starting from square one," she said. By the end of the day, Palomo said she felt comforted, especially after seeing the DAACG, where her husband could spend several hours before deploying.

"I really enjoyed learning what my husband has to do to deploy — it is not just hop on a bus and 'see you later,'" she said. "This (event) was beyond my expectations."

As a spouse and rear detachment commander for 1st Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery, 1st Lt. Charlene Grieder felt the event was helpful to spouses.

"This gives spouses the opportunity to see what guys do before they deploy, but it really cuts down on stress for family members by providing information," she said. "This unveils everything, it is not just an acronym anymore."

According to Cathy Sterling, the event's purpose was to provide information. "Education gives us greater knowledge, understanding and the ability to teach others in our units so that as Army spouses, we can all be more understanding, supportive, patient and in tune with our soldiers."

Perhaps 1st Brigade FRG representative Pat Theriault said it best — "the Army talk was translated and a sense of sanity instituted."

## POLICE REPORTS

- **Subject:** Private first class, 25-year-old female, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Self injury with intent to avoid service
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old female, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Civilian, 25-year-old female
- **Charges:** No license on person, driving on a suspended drivers license
- **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

- **Subject:** Private first class, 22-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident, failure to give aide, failure to obtain a GA drivers license within 30 days
- **Location:** Savannah

- **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Larceny of private property, false official statement, obstruction of justice
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Following too closely
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 40-year-old male
- **Charges:** Speeding 53/40, open container, driving while license suspended, criminal trespass
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Aggravated assault
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 20-year-old female
- **Charges:** Damage to private property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 2, 25-year-old female, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old female, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Failure to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Speeding 66/45
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private first class, 19-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 26-year-old female
- **Charges:** Speeding 76/55
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Laying drag, failure to obey a lawful order, underage drinking, driving while on post suspension, driving under the influence
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Speeding, driving under the influence
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Private, 24-year-old male, Division Support command
- **Charges:** Pre-trial confinement
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 26-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Assault
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Larceny of private property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Receiving stolen property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private first class, 20-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Receiving stolen property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 52-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private first class, 21-year-old male, Engineer Brigade
- **Charges:** Five counts deposit account fraud
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Disorderly conduct, disrespect to a non-commissioned officer
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private first class, 21-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** No driver's license on person, failure to appear
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 38-year-old male
- **Charges:** Speeding 52/30
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 30-year-old male, Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Following too closely
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 28-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Failure to stop at a posted stop sign, driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 25-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Laying drag, driving under the influence
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Private 2, 20-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, failure to exercise due care, no proof of insurance, no driver's license
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Sergeant, 34-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving while license revoked
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 19-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** No driver's license on person, driving under the influence, consumption of alcohol by a minor
- **Location:** Hinesville

- **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 37-year-old female
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, hit and run
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 29-year-old male
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, possession of open container
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Civilian, 17-year-old male
- **Charges:** Possession of open container, consumption of alcohol by person under 21
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Theft by receiving stolen property, no proof of insurance, operating vehicle without tag or decal, altered license plate
- **Location:** Savannah

- **Subject:** Private first class, 36-year-old female, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private first class, 22-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private first class, 21-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Unlawful enlistment, wrongful use of cocaine, wrongful possession of cocaine
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, Division Artillery
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine, wrongful possession of cocaine
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private first class, 19-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Excessive speed, invalid drivers license, wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 24 Corps Support Group
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Speeding 39/30, driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

# 3ID IN BRIEF

## Stewart

### Patriot's Day

The Veterans Council of Chatham County takes great pride in presenting what will be an annual celebration of Patriot's Day.

The celebration will be held at 6 p.m., Sept. 11, at Grayson Stadium, Savannah. There will be several local dignitaries present, as well as representatives of the local and county police and fire departments, all branches of the armed forces, veteran's groups, guest speakers, choir singing, color guards and bands playing patriotic songs. The ceremony is free and open to the public.

### Guardfist II

The Guardfist II call for fire facility located in Building 1805 is offering night land navigation classes. Soldiers will receive hands-on training on navigating from point to point during the hours of darkness. This training is especially geared toward soldiers who will be attending PLDC. The facility also offers classes in map reading as well as call for fire. For more information, call Randy Scales, facility manager, at 767-6467/6384.

### Officer Candidate School

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield soldiers interested in applying for Officer Candidate School must turn in their packets by Aug. 21 to the Personnel Actions Section, Room 236, B Company, 3rd Soldier Support Battalion, Building 621.

The uniform for the local board is Class A with all awards and decorations. OCS packets must be complete with all necessary documentation prior to submission to the 3rd SSB.

Incomplete packets will not be accepted. NOTE: The 3rd SSB is currently in the process of moving packets turned in prior to Saturday.

The Fort Stewart local OCS board will be conducted on Sept. 4 at 8 a.m. in the Club Stewart Headlight Room.

The next Headquarters Department of the Army OCS Selection Board will be conducted at PERSCOM Oct. 7 through 11. For information, call Sgt. Clatyon at 767-1452 or Sgt. 1st Class Clark at 767-5817.

### Golf Tournament

The Society of the Third Infantry Division presents the Marne Association Golf Tournament Four-Man Scramble at Taylors Creek Golf Course, Aug. 21. There are two shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Entry fees include greens fee, cart, range balls and lunch. 3ID Society members pay \$27.50 and non-members pay \$37.50. You can bring your own team. A \$20 cash fee is required for team registration by Aug. 19. There is a limited number of teams for this event. To register or

for more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Wise at 767-0019 or [wise-jf@stewart.army.mil](mailto:wise-jf@stewart.army.mil), 1st Lt. Thomas at 767-2791, [thomasba@stewart.army.mil](mailto:thomasba@stewart.army.mil).

### Retiree representative

Jake Umholtz has been appointed as the retiree representative to the Club Stewart Council. In an effort to properly represent the Retiree Community, please advise the military retirees within your directorate of his appointment, and pass to them an invitation to advise him of their concerns and ideas to improve the club system which includes services and activities available. For more information, call 370-7525 or e-mail [jake.umholtz@stewart.army.mil](mailto:jake.umholtz@stewart.army.mil).

### American Red Cross

The Fort Stewart station of the American Red Cross is located in Building 623 off Wilson Avenue. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, call Sonja Gasque, station chairman, at 767-2197/4750. After-hours emergency message service available at (877) 272-7337. Volunteers are always needed.

### Post orientation

Army Community Services Family Member Post Orientation/Tour is held the first Thursday of every month from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The meeting place is the Marne Soldiers' Center, Building 251 or the Fort Stewart Guest House no later than 1:15 p.m. Free child care is available.

For more information, call ACS at 767-5058/1030.

### Thrift Shop volunteers

The Fort Stewart Thrift Shop is in need of volunteers to help run the business. Volunteers help take care of customers and consignments. Without the necessary volunteers, the Thrift Shop will be unable to take as many consignments.

Thrift Shop hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays. If you are interested in volunteering, visit or call the Thrift Shop at 876-2667. Ask for Irene or Wendy.

### Life Skills class

As part of the installation's Operational Stress Control Program, Division Mental Health is offering Life Skills Training for soldiers, noncommissioned officers and junior officers.

The objectives are to help people develop skills relating to dealing with difficult people, achieving goals, listening skills, differences between self-talk and reality, and passive, aggressive and assertive communication. For more information, call 767-2545.

## Hunter

### Tuttle school screening

The Tuttle Army Health Clinic will hold a school health screening Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. Screenings will consist of hearing tests, vision tests, dental exams and immunizations and are given by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-652-9221. The service is provided for military family members entering Georgia schools for the first time. Please bring only the child or children being screened.

### National Kid's Day

National Kid's Day will be celebrated Saturday at the Army Community Services Center, Building 1286. A variety of children's activities, face painting, food and static displays will be on hand. There will also be information booths representing Morale, Welfare and Recreation, local schools, housing and many other service agents. For more information, call Terri McMillan at 352-6075.

### Human Resources degree

MBA and Masters in Human Resources Management degrees are available.

The Hunter Army Education Center is sponsoring Webster University. Courses will be offered at Hunter Aug 12. Start earning your degree today by calling your Army Education Counselor, 352-6130 or go to [www.webster.edu](http://www.webster.edu).

### Troops to Teachers

Troops to Teachers is a cooperative program between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense that provides referral and placement assistance to men and women who have served the nation as members of the Armed Forces and are now seeking a second career as teachers in public schools.

The Georgia Troops to Teachers program manager will be at the Fort Stewart Main Education Center, Building 130 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Aug. 21.

For more information, call 767-8331.

### Financial Aid Workshop

Need money for school? Hunter Education Center is holding a financial aid workshop Aug. 21 at 3 p.m. in Building 1290. Don't let lack of funds get in the way of your goals. For more information, call 352-6130.

### Army Concert Tour

Live in concert - STYX featuring Dishwalla and Cowboy Mouth at the Savannah Civic Center, Aug. 23. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now: \$25 in

advance and \$30 at the door. Hunter personnel, purchase your tickets at Hunter Lanes and Savannah Civic Center outlets.

### Women's Equality Day

The 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) will celebrate Women's Equality Day Aug. 26, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Club Stewart. Contact your Equal Opportunity Advisor for lunch tickets.

### Automotive service exams

The Automotive Service Exam is here again. Servicemembers must register for the ASE by Sept. 5 for both Fort Stewart and Hunter sites. There is absolutely no late registration, so make sure you leave plenty of time to sign up. There is a \$28 registration fee for each soldier, but three tests are free once the registration has been paid. Call 767-8331 or 352-6130 for more information.

### Chapter counseling

The Staff Judge Advocate is changing the hours for Chapter counseling.

The new hours are: Article 15 counseling - Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 a.m.; Chapter/Elimination counseling - Mondays and Wednesdays at 1 p.m.; Courts-martial (all levels) - Monday through Wednesday and Friday by appointment only; Suspect Rights advice - Monday through Wednesday and Friday, appointments or walk-ins accepted.

### Hunter Outdoor Recreation

All facilities at Lott's Island Recreation Area are now open to the general public, to include campground, picnic areas and shelters, the tackle shop, boat hoist, and private berthing for boats. For more information, call 767-5722.

### Hunter Recycling Center

The Hunter Recycling Center is temporarily closed. Housing residents are encouraged to place cardboard that is to be recycled in or next to their recycling bin.

### Academic testing

The Hunter and Fort Stewart Education Centers offer a variety of tests. Testing is scheduled at Fort Stewart each Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. At Hunter, the testing times are Monday and Friday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tests for college credit and distance learning exams can be scheduled at most testing sessions.

The SAT is not available in July and August each year, so plan accordingly. Call 767-8331 (Fort Stewart) or 352-6130 (Hunter) for more information.

## Winn

### Family Practice hours

Winn Army Community Hospital Commander Col. James Leech changed the hours of the Family Practice Clinic due to a high no-show and last-minute cancellation rate in the evenings and on the weekends. He did this upon the recommendation of the clinic chief who studied the situation carefully during the past several months. Leech feels that the demand for extended hours simply does not justify the commitment of these valuable resources at this time, but stands ready to re-evaluate the decision and consider re-establishing the extended hours if patient demand dictates, he said.

The old hours were 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and the new hours, as of Aug. 1, are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Tricare moves

Winn patients can now have all their health benefits and Tricare questions answered in one place. The Tricare Service Center is open for business in Building T-301, the old Behavioral Health Building, behind the hospital and adjacent to the Outpatient Clinic entrance at Winn.

The Tricare Service Center telephone number remained the same, 368-3048. They joined the Health Benefits Branch, already in that building.

If you have any questions for the Health Benefits Branch, call 370-6230.

### School health screenings

Children entering Georgia's school system for the first time must have the Georgia Certificate of Eye, Ear and Dental Screening Form, and the Georgia Certificate of Immunization completed. The Winn staff wants to help you get a head start preparing for the next school year. Have these required forms completed by visiting Winn's E-E-N-T and Immunization Clinic, and the sponsor's assigned dental clinic. Call clinics with questions, 370-6837/6965.

Winn holds a comprehensive school health screening on Aug. 3 starting at 8 a.m.

You can call 767-6633 to register your child for an appointment that day if your child still needs a screening.

### Obstetrics registration

Obstetrics registration classes are held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, except the third Thursday of each month, at the Well Women's Center, Room 417, fourth floor, Winn.

If you have had a positive preg-

nancy test, call 370-5620 to register for the class. Patients are scheduled to attend the class during or after their eighth week of pregnancy. At the registration class, an appointment for your first OB visit/physical will be made. This appointment should be scheduled by the 12th week of pregnancy. For more information or to register for the class, call 370-5620.

### Prenatal/child birth class

This four-session class begins the first Tuesday of every month. Classes are held from 6 to 8 p.m. for four consecutive Tuesdays in the dining facility, Winn, first floor. Expectant parents are encouraged to sign up to attend the class by the beginning of their third trimester 28 to 32 weeks.

To register for the class, call the Winn appointment line, 767-6633, and choose the obstetrics/gynecology selection.

If you have questions, you can send an e-mail to [mary.gambrel@se.amedd.army.mil](mailto:mary.gambrel@se.amedd.army.mil).

### Labor and delivery tour

Group tours of labor and delivery are held for expectant parents at various times during the month. This tour acquaints expectant parents with the surroundings of the labor and delivery area.

Expectant mothers, who are in their 32nd week, and their partners, are encouraged to take the tour. Tours begin in the waiting area of labor and delivery on the fourth floor, Winn. Tours are Aug. 1 and 15.

To register for the tour, call the Winn Appointment Line, 767-6633, and choose the obstetrics and gynecology selection.

For questions about the tour you can send an e-mail to [mary.gambrel@se.amedd.army.mil](mailto:mary.gambrel@se.amedd.army.mil).

### Protestant services

Healing Services are Weekly "Protestant Worship Services" every Tuesday from 11:30 am - 12:15 p.m. in the Winn Army Community hospital Chapel on the 2nd floor.

These services are open to all and provide an opportunity to hear teaching on a variety of subjects, and receive personal prayer from Chaplain Harris.

Using God's Gifts on Tuesday; Spiritual Direction as Imagination on August 13; Spiritual Direction as Contemplation on August 20 and Companionship as Joy in Sacrifice on August 27.

For details call the Department of Ministry and Pastoral Care at 370-6661/6183, or e-mail [kenneth.harris7@se.amedd.army.mil](mailto:kenneth.harris7@se.amedd.army.mil)

# SPORTS & FITNESS

B SECTION

## On Post

### Golf Tournament

The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) will hold the Marne Association Golf Tournament, a four-man scramble, at Taylors Creek Golf Course Aug. 21. There will be a shotgun start at 8 a.m. and another at 1 p.m. Entry fees will include greens fees, cart, range balls and lunch. 3rd Inf. Div. Society members will pay \$27.50 and non-members will pay \$37.50. Membership will be available at the tournament for \$10. A \$20 cash fee is required for team registration, which is due by Aug. 19. There are a limited number of team slots for this event. To register or for more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Wise at 767-0019 or [wisejf@stewart.army.mil](mailto:wisejf@stewart.army.mil), or 1st Lt. Tomas at 767-2791 or [thomasba@stewart.army.mil](mailto:thomasba@stewart.army.mil).

### Youth golf lessons

There is only one session left! Lessons are open to ages seven to 18. The session will be held Aug. 5 and 6 at the Hunter Golf Course, and includes lessons on chipping, putting, the driving range, and rules and etiquette of golf. The fee is \$15. To sign up, stop by the Youth Center, Building 6052.

### Marne tournaments

A 9-pin, no-tap tournament will be held the first Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes.

Sign up starts at 6:30 p.m. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Cash prizes will be awarded. The tournament is sponsored by the Fort Stewart Women's Bowling Association.

For more information, call 767-4866. A scotch doubles tournament is held the third Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per couple. Cash prizes will be awarded.

### Boating program

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-2 will offer the Boating Skill and SeamanShip Educational Program.

Classes will be held at the Coast Guard Air Station located on Hunter Army Airfield. Classes will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday and Thursday nights for three weeks. A final test is required. An optional class on piloting is also offered. Cost for materials is \$25.

The Basic Coastal Navigation program will be offered beginning Sept. 17. The class will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays for 10 weeks. Cost for materials is \$35.

For more information, call Kent Shockey at 897-7656, Dick Luettich at 598-9375 or Bill Jackson at 356-3536.

### Taylors Creek Golf

Taylors 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.

## Off Post

### Football tickets

The Jacksonville Jaguars of the National Football League are offering season tickets to active duty military and their families for half-price.

The tickets allow families to purchase a seat for ten games for as little as \$10 each month. With the E-Z Pay program, families can make 12 monthly payments with no money down.

This program will be offered until August 15. Anyone interested can obtain the forms at [www.jaguars.com](http://www.jaguars.com). Completed forms can be returned to the MWR office on post.

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.



Derek Tassin, B Co., 75th Ranger Bn., runs toward the plate as Mark Deboe, A Btry., 1/9 FA, prepares to tag him.

Photos by Pfc. Katherine Robinson

# Champs fight for title

## Battle Kings forfeit 2 games, Rangers take interpost softball championship

### Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

The C Co., 75th Ranger Battalion intramural softball team won the Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield championship after losing the only game played, 19-18, to A Battery, 1st Battalion 9th Field Artillery July 22 at the Fort Stewart Sports Complex.

Due to extenuating circumstances, the Battle Kings were only allowed to play one game of the best-of-three series. They got two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning to secure the win, but were forced to forfeit the series' remaining two games, giving the Rangers the championship.

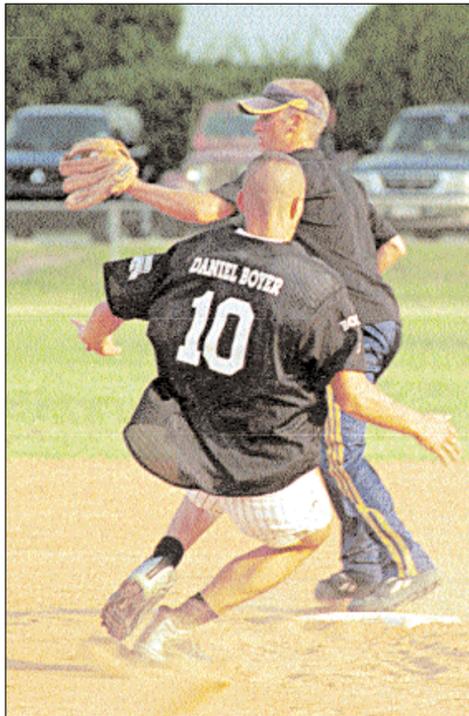
"There were a multitude of events that led us to that (the forfeits)," said Capt. James Schwartz, commander of A Btry., 1/9 FA. "We had guys in the field and an upcoming deployment. Sometimes you've got to make the hard call."

The Rangers took a 4-1 lead into the bottom of the second inning, and got two quick outs. But 1/9's offense broke the game open after that. With James Fulcher on first, Michael Bubar got a single to set the table for Bobby Brown, who was walked on to load the bases. Catcher Mark Deboe singled in two runs, Fred Styles hit another single, followed by a Carlos Parker triple that gave 1/9 a 5-4 lead. Joseph Henry knocked Parker in with a single.

Following that, Ranger pitcher Brian Boyer walked three straight batters to bring Henry home before Aaron Griffin flew out to end the rally with 1/9 up 8-4.

Dustin Layne knocked in David Cannon in the third for the Rangers' only run of the inning.

1/9 continued its assault in the bottom of the frame. Boyer walked Terry Blunt and gave up a single to Bubar. Brown loaded the bases on an error by Ranger shortstop Brett Johnson. Deboe hit a two-run single, which was followed by an



Daniel Boyer, B Co., 75th Ranger Bn., slides into second while Michael Bubar waits for the throw.

RBI single from Styles. Parker hit Styles home to make it 12-5.

The Rangers tried to keep pace in the fourth. Jesse Yandell and Derek Tassin got things started with a single and a double, respectively. Boyer brought Yandell home but was put out at first, and Karl Myers knocked Tassin in but was

also thrown out. Dan Boyer took first on an error by Brown, the Battle Kings' third baseman. Thomas Williams brought him home with a single and was brought home himself by Johnson to close the gap to 12-9, and momentum had swung their way.

The Rangers finished the fourth with a three-up, three-down performance in the bottom of the inning. 1/9 batters Griffin, Blunt and Bubar all flew out.

Ryan Lozier led off for the Rangers in the fifth, getting on after an error by the pitcher. Layne brought him home with a double. Bryan Haggerty followed with a single, and the rally was on. Tassin came up with two runners on and brought one home with a single. Myers brought another home two batters later with another single. Dan Boyer brought one home on a fielder's choice. Williams brought two more runs in with a double. Johnson hit a two-run double himself. Cannon hit an inside-the-park homer on an out-field error before Sharonnie Hartsfield, pitching in relief of Henry, ended the carnage by getting Lozier to fly out to left-center. The Rangers' 9-run outburst put them in control of the game, 18-12, but 1/9 was not done yet.

Brown led off in the bottom of the inning with a single. Deboe flew out, allowing Brown to advance. Styles, amid taunting from the 75th fans, fouled off one pitch then ripped a two-run homer to left center. Two batters later, Hartsfield got a single. He got home after Kuhl hit a single and the Rangers' defense threw a few wild balls, allowing Robert Kuhl to advance to third. Boyer got Michael Thaxton to fly out to right center to end the inning with the Rangers ahead 18-15.

Hartsfield retired all three batters in the Ranger sixth, striking out Yandell to end the inning.

Fulcher led off the bottom of the sixth with a

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## Set 'em up, knock 'em down

### Spc. Robin M. Tenney

Staff Writer

"We're going to take it," said a confident Lawrence Moran, commander of the 133rd Military Police Company, during the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Intramural Bowling Tournament July 22 and 23 at Marne Lanes.

True to his words, the 133rd MP Co. knocked down the competition, winning by nearly 150 pins.

The Medical Department Activities team came out strong

finishing six pins ahead of the 133rd team in the first game. However, they were unable to hold on to the lead.

The winning Hunter team had little worry — the 603rd Aviation Support Bn. beat the second-place team by 300 pins.

The tournament was a two-day event with teams bowling three games each. The team with the highest score from Stewart and Hunter were awarded the first place trophy. The lowest score from each game was thrown out in figuring the score.

John Springer, 133rd MP Co., was awarded the high series, high game and total pins trophies for Fort Stewart. Robert Ogier, A Co., 603rd ASB, also swept all three categories for Hunter.

The event not only fostered good sportsmanship, but was an exercise in teambuilding.

"Events like this help build morale and motivation," said Ervin James, A Co., 3rd Forward Support Battalion first sergeant. "It's good for teambuilding."

"It builds esprit de corps," said Michelle Hart, A Co., 3rd FSB.

### Tournament results

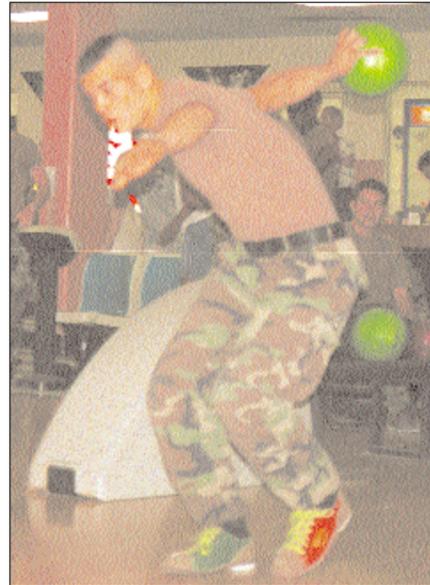
#### Fort Stewart

Team	Score
133rd MP Co.	3,922
MEDDAC	3,776
HHC 3/7 Inf. #2	3,526
B Co., 703rd MSB	3,521
A Co., 1/41 FA	3,502
A Co., 3rd FSB #1	3,472
HHC 3/7 Inf. #1	3,423
A Co., 2/7 Inf.	3,419

179th MP Det.	3,290
A Co., 10th Eng.	3,254
A Co., 3rd FSB #2	3,015
C Co., 2/7 Inf.	2,823

#### Hunter

Team	Score
A Co., 603rd ASB	3,807
110 QM	3,434
K Co., 159th	3,511



Ben Brindley, C Co., 2/7 Inf., brings the ball back before sending it down the lane.

Spc. Robin A. Tenney

# Marne Scoreboard

## Softball

### 2002 Fort Stewart/HAAF Intramural Softball League

Tournament Box Scores

Fort Stewart/HAAF Championship July 22

A Btry. 1/9 FA 19, C Co. 75th Rangers 18

RANGERS			BATTLE KINGS		
abr	h	bi	abr	h	bi
Williams	3	3	3	4	4
Johnson	3	1	1	5	2
Cannon	3	2	1	2	1
Lozier	2	1	1	2	0
Layne	4	1	2	3	0
Haggerty	4	2	2	4	2
Yandell	4	2	2	4	1
Tassin	2	3	2	3	1
BBoyer	1	0	0	3	2
Myers	4	1	2	2	2
DBoyer	1	2	1	4	2
Nicholson	1	0	0	2	2
Moseley	1	0	0		
Leonard	1	0	1		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Rangers</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Battle Kings</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

Two out when winning run scored.

LOB-Rangers 4, Battle Kings 8. 2B - Williams 2, Johnson, Lozier, Layne, Haggerty, Tassin, Fulcher.

3B - Parker. HR - Styles, Griffin

IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Rangers	7	20	19	12	5
Battle Kings	2	4	4	3	0
Henry	2	4	4	3	0
Hartsfield	5	14	14	9	0
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Fort Stewart Championship July 19

A Btry. 1/9 FA 11, C Co. HHC 2/7 Inf. 4

2/7 Infantry

RANGERS			BATTLE KINGS		
abr	h	bi	abr	h	bi
Stevens	4	0	0	2	1
Stalam	3	1	3	4	2
Ward	1	1	0	4	2
McConnell	3	0	2	4	2
Nunley	3	0	0	3	0
Roberts	3	0	1	2	0
Reid	2	0	0	2	0
Gaines	3	1	1	3	1
Taylor	3	1	0	3	1

Fort Stewart Championship July 18

B Btry. 1/9 FA 3, A Btry. 1/41 FA 1

SUMMARY: At the Fort Stewart Sports Complex

Arrendondo	2	0	1	0	Brown	3	2	2	0
Henderson	3	0	1	2	Deboe	3	1	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>

2/7 Infantry 100 001 2-4  
 Battle Kings 402 203 x-11  
 LOB-2/7 Inf. 8, Battle Kings 7. 2B - McConnell, Henry, Fulcher. 3B - Henderson.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
2/7 Infantry	7	18	11	9	0
Battle Kings	7	9	4	2	1
Henry	7	9	4	2	1
T-50					

Hunter AAF Championship July 19

C Co. 75th Rangers 13, A Co. 603rd ASB 11

603rd ASB			RANGERS		
abr	h	bi	abr	h	bi
Colon	3	0	0	3	0
Barnes	4	1	2	3	1
Caballero	3	3	2	2	1
Schultz	4	2	4	3	2
Tadlock	3	1	2	3	2
Horsley	2	0	0	1	2
Griswold	3	0	1	3	3
Deloach	2	1	0	1	0
Benton	3	1	2	1	0
Rhyno	2	1	1	3	1
Moran	3	1	2	2	0
Williams	3	0	0	0	0
Johnson	3	1	2	0	0
Cannon	2	1	1	0	0
Layne	3	2	2	0	0
Lozier	3	2	3	0	0
Haggerty	1	2	0	0	0
Yandell	3	3	3	0	0
DBoyer	1	0	0	0	0
Moseley	1	0	0	0	0
Wells	3	1	2	0	0
Crouch	2	0	0	0	0
Tassin	1	0	0	0	0
BBoyer	1	1	1	0	0
Myers	1	0	1	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>603rd ASB</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Rangers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>

LOB-603rd ASB 6, Battle Kings 3. 2B - Schultz 2, Tadlock, Layne. 3B - Layne, Lozier. HR - Yandell.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
603rd ASB	7	15	13	11	0
Rhyno	7	15	13	11	0
Rangers	7	16	11	8	1
DBoyer	7	16	11	8	1
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2002 Fort Stewart Intramural Flag Football

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## Soccer

### 2002 Fort Stewart Intramural Softball League

Fort Stewart Championship July 18

B Btry. 1/9 FA 3, A Btry. 1/41 FA 1

SUMMARY: At the Fort Stewart Sports Complex

1/9 0 3 - 3  
 1/41 0 1 - 1  
 First half -- no scoring  
 Second half -- 1, 1/9, Castma (Childress), 30th minute. 2, 1/9, Eastburn (penalty kick), 35th minute. 3, 1/9, Castma, 40th minute. 4, 1/41, Ramirez, 42nd minute.  
 Penalty kicks -- 1/9 1 (Eastburn G); 1/41 1 (Ramirez NG)  
 Yellow Cards -- 1/41, Juarez, 32nd minute; Yllanes, 35th minute.

## Intramurals

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## See next week's Frontline for Fort Stewart/HAAF bowling results.

# JAKE'S BODY SHOP

## Morning roundup: How to jump-start your day with a healthy cereal

The ideal breakfast couldn't be simpler: a bowl of whole-grain cereal with skim milk and some fruit.

The milk and fruit are easy to find, but choosing a healthy cereal can be tricky.

Should you pick wheat, oats, corn, rice or some grain you have never heard of? Do you want your cereal unsweetened or sweetened? What about vitamin-fortified?

Here's a guide to help you decide.

### Words to watch for

Whole grain cereals are great for you. Studies have shown that those who eat diets rich in whole grains have lower rates of colon cancer. Whole grains have more vitamins and minerals than refined cereals.

### Go with fiber

Get at least three or four grams of fiber per serving. Some types of fiber (such as the insoluble fiber in wheat bran) help prevent constipation, diverticulosis and may protect against cancer.

A high-fiber cereal makes it easier to get the 20 or 30 grams of fiber the National Cancer Institute recommends you eat every day. (Most of us eat only about 11 grams of fiber a day). You'll find soluble fiber in cereals made with oats, bran or psyllium.

### Keep the sugar low

Many cereal makers provide sugar numbers under "Carbohydrate Information." Since fruit contains natural sugars, fruit-added cereals generally have more sugar. A

cereal that has more than five grams of sugar in a one-ounce serving should be avoided.

### Don't forget the vitamins

Many manufacturers fortify their cereals by adding a sprinkling of vitamins and minerals. This is okay, but don't let it be the only factor you use when choosing a cereal. Most cereals with a little milk added are more healthy than simply grabbing a pastry. You can get additional vitamins by eating healthy foods throughout the day.

### Hold the salt

Some cereals have only about ten milligrams of sodium, while others have more than 250 milligrams. If you eat lighter cereals (such as flakes), even the saltiest ones with up to 300 milligrams per ounce are okay.

But a bowl of dense cereal, such as granola, can weigh over three ounces. This could mean more than 600 milligrams of sodium, which is too much for breakfast.

Start your day off right by eating a healthy breakfast cereal. Use these tips to choose the cereal that is right for you.

## Keys to eating healthy cereal

1. Look for cereals that list rolled oats, oat-bran or whole wheat as ingredients.
2. Avoid buying cereal that has more than five grams of sugar per one ounce serving.
3. Add fresh fruit to your cereal for variety.
4. Use skim or one-percent-fat milk.

Got Scores? Contact The Frontline staff at 767-3440.

## Look Before You Leap...

Observe swimming safety, year-round!



**"The only Marine base Sam had seen was made of plastic."**

All Sam wanted to do was visit Parris Island, the South Carolina Marine base where his dad was once a drill instructor. But after touring the barracks and eating in the chow hall, Sam became the 15th Honorary U.S. Marine — thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

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# Nice guys finish first

**Spc. Jacob Boyer**  
Staff Writer

A lot of people are saying the professional sports world needs better role models, and who could really blame them? With basketball stars getting arrested for domestic disputes, football players finding themselves in prison for murder and boxers biting ears and threatening to consume children, it sometimes seems that the athletes many look up to live by a different moral code. But this weekend proved that sometimes, the good guys get a chance to shine. Forget, for a minute, Philadelphia 76er Allen Iverson's legal woes. Forget Carolina Panther Rae Carruth's appeal on his murder conviction. And forget, hopefully forever, Mike Tyson's blind rage outside the ring and lack of it inside. Let's forget these bums and instead focus on three men who could be considered heroes. All three made good this weekend in a kaleidoscope of sports.

Ozzie Smith, the baseball player who didn't know how to frown, was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Bill Elliott,

thought by many to be the nicest guy in Winston Cup racing, won his record fifth race at Pocono Speedway. Lance Armstrong, the inspirational athlete of the new millennium, won his fourth Tour de France. This was certainly a weekend to recognize sports' nice guys. So what lessons can athletic ne'er-dowells learn from these men?

**Lesson One:** Smile and the world smiles with you.

Beyond the fact that he revolutionized the shortstop position back in the 80s, it made you feel good to see Ozzie Smith on a baseball diamond. Never mind that he won 13 consecutive Gold Gloves, and forget that he still holds six career fielding marks for shortstops. Smith's ready smile and repeated backflips showed us that baseball was a game, and it was meant to be fun. Too many seem to lose sight of that. Smith made one of the game's most difficult positions seem effortless and truly deserves to be enshrined.

**Lesson Two:** If the fans like you, riding out the tough times isn't so hard.

I'll start with the truth: I have never been much of a Bill Elliott fan. When he was in

## Commentary

his prime setting speed records, winning a Winston Cup and winning at more super-speedways in one season than anyone before or since, I didn't much care for him as a driver. I was more of a Dale Earnhardt fan. But the man did have his fans, and "Awesome Bill from Dawsonville" didn't just win them over with his racing prowess.

He was a genuinely nice guy who really appreciated his fans. Then, in the 90s, he experimented with self-ownership, and endured a long dry spell, going winless for seven years. He's enjoyed something of a resurgence since going to Ray Evernham's Dodge team in 2001, and his win at Pocono is the second in the past year. But through it all, he's had one heck of a fan following.

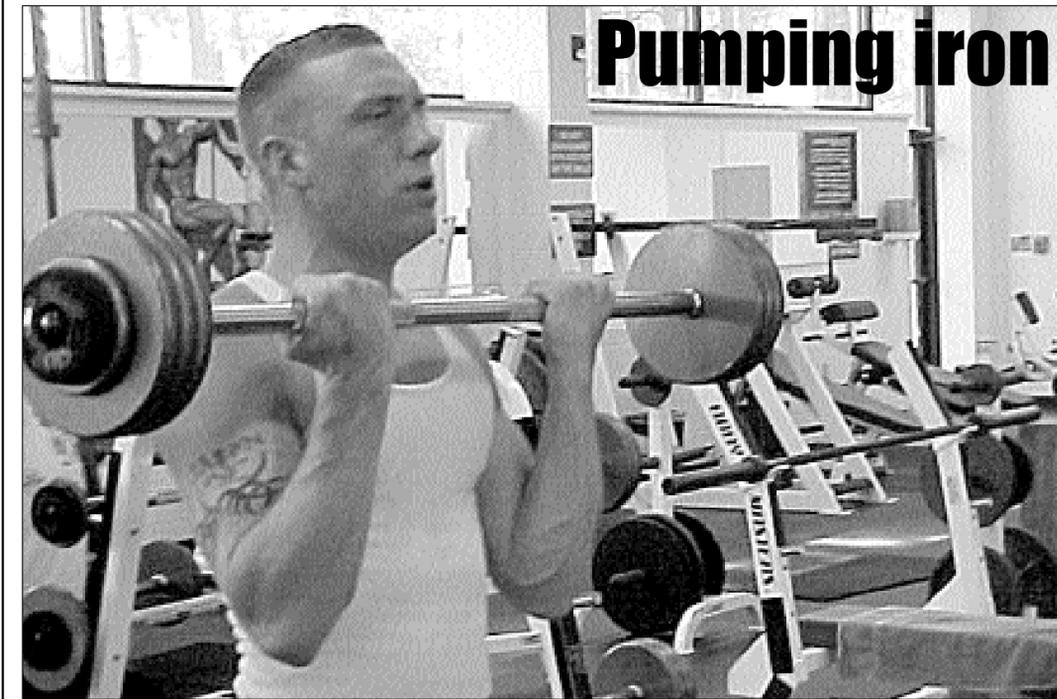
**Lesson Three:** Don't let illness and



doubters get in your way.

Most of us have heard the Lance Armstrong story a thousand times in the past three years. A decent bicycle racer, Armstrong fell ill to testicular cancer, which spread to his lungs and brain nearly six years ago. He eventually beat the disease, and came back to become only the second American to win the Tour de France in 1999. And in 2000. And in 2001. Now, he's won his fourth, and stands poised to tie three others for the most wins if he succeeds again in 2003. All of this while he's dogged by rumors and reports that he uses banned substances, the whole time passing every drug test he's taken. He has overcome much adversity, and looks to put his name in the record books before it's all over.

Sure, the negative news we hear about athletes can sometimes make us wonder if many are even worth cheering for. But there are 50 athletes who do the right thing for each and every one of those who would do the other thing. It is always nice, though, to be reminded of them when they do well on the field as well as off.



## Pumping iron

**Jason Piechacianski, 1st Battalion, 178th Infantry Regiment, Illinois National Guard, spends his down time toning his muscles in the weight room at Newman Physical Fitness Center Wednesday. The center also has a swimming pool, racquetball and basketball courts and more.**

*Pfc. Natalie Schlotman*

## Rangers

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double, bringing up Griffin, who brought both of them home on a home run. Boyer retired three of the next four batters to end the inning with the Rangers up 18-17.

Ira Mosely flew out to start the seventh. Lee Crouch and Myers hit a pair of singles, and Crouch was put out on a fielder's choice. Hartsfield got Johnson to hit into another fielder's choice to end the inning and keep it 18-17 Rangers.

Parker and Hartsfield both got on in the bottom of the frame, but Styles and Kuhl both flew out, leaving 1/9 down by one with two outs. Thaxton brought Parker home to tie the game, and Fulcher ended the game with a single, scoring Hartsfield and giving the first game to the Battle Kings.

Unfortunately, it was the only win the undefeated team would get. "It really was a hard call," said Schwartz. "But we're soldiers first, and we had a good week with some outstanding training."

"We wish we could have won the title another way," said Brian Boyer. "We'd never played with fences at Hunter and we thought we had a good shot in the next two games. It's a shame it had to end like this."

Henry, the Battle Kings' captain and first sergeant, was proud of his team's accomplishments this season.

"These guys worked hard," he said. "They should keep their heads high."

## LIFE &amp; TIMES

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## On Post

## Stewart school delayed

Due to the ongoing renovation project at Brittin Elementary School, the start date for the 2002-03 school year has been postponed. Tentative return date for students is Aug. 19; teachers and educational aides return Aug. 12.

## Officer's Spouse's Club

The Fort Stewart Officer's Spouse's Club cordially invites you to the Fall Sign Up from 7 to 9 p.m., Aug. 15, at Club Stewart. There will be information from vendors, food and fellowship.

Information tables are available for private military and non-military vendors. Tables are for information only; no sales are allowed. The fee is \$10 for profit organizations and free for non-profit organizations.

For more information, call Kimberly Mullen, 727-9909 or Heather Knapp, 877-0193.

## Styx concert

Tickets are now on sale for the Aug. 23 Styx concert. Prices are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the concert for the public. Today, tickets are \$20 for soldiers, retirees, National Guard soldiers, reservists and their family members. Tickets are on sale at Marne Lanes, Stewart Lanes, Sports USA, Leisure Activities Center and Hunter Lanes. Prize give-aways, plus the first 50 who buy tickets get a free Army Concert Tour t-shirt plus the chance to win one of 12 backstage passes (per installation). For more information, go to [www.fortstewartmwr.com](http://www.fortstewartmwr.com).

## Children's activities

Army Community Services offers storytime every Monday at 10 a.m. in Building 470. Preschool crafts are available every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at ACS. Every Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. is playmate time at Youth Services. The third Thursday of each month is a field trip. For more information, call 767-5059.

## Teen Programs

Enroll your child in Middle School Teen Club programs by visiting Central Registration at Building 443, or call 767-2312 for more information.

## MWR offers paperbacks

For all commanders and first sergeants — if your unit is being deployed there are free new paperback books available to take with you. For more information, call 767-2181/0805.

## Off Post

## Pet first aid course

The Savannah Chapter of the Red Cross is offering a Pet First Aid Course from 8 a.m. to noon, Aug. 10, at the Richmond Hill Library. The fee is \$25 and includes course fee and book. For more information and to register, call 651-5320.

## Cannon demonstrations

Historic Fort James Jackson in Savannah is having live cannon firing demonstrations daily, at 11 a.m., 2 and 4 p.m., through Aug. 15. Everyone is invited to learn more about Georgia's oldest standing fortification. There are military, senior and student discounts. Children 5 and under are admitted free.

## Museum

Journey through an adventure of sights and sounds with exhibits, aircraft and artifacts at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

For more information, call 748-8888.

To publish a brief in *The Frontline*, call 767-3440 or fax us at 767-5979. Deadline for briefs is Monday at noon.

## Redlegs, Raiders ready to learn

Pfc. Katherine Robinson

Staff Writer

The 1st Brigade and Division Artillery Army Learning Center reopened July 23 ready to serve after two years of construction.

Col. Gerald J. Poltorak, garrison commander, welcomed the facility with a speech, and helped cut the ribbon along with 1st Bde. Commander Col. William F. Grimsley; DIVARTY Commander Col. Thomas G. Torrance; Directorate of Community Activities and Services Director Bo Boram; and Education Services officer Carolyn Darsey.

The 9,500-square-foot building received renovations including a new computer lab, a new break area for the soldiers, and two classrooms. The entrance was also moved to the front, and the building was divided to serve DIVARTY and 1st Bde. soldiers separately.

The temporary learning center was located in a trailer near the



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Col. Thomas G. Torrance, DIVARTY commander (left); Carolyn Darsey, Education Services officer; Col. Gerald J. Poltorak, garrison commander; Bo Boram, Directorate of Community Activities and Services director; and Col. William F. Grimsley, 1st Bde. commander, cut the ribbon together at the 1st Bde. and DIVARTY Army Learning Center July 23.

units it served during the construction.

"This new facility is a welcome addition to Fort Stewart," Darsey

said. "It serves our soldiers with a moderate environment to visit for education assistance and to use for both military and civilian academic

training."

The renovation of the building is a part of the Installation Strategic Plan, a program geared toward improving quality of life and training support, according to Poltorak.

The facility is proof that leaders care and work very hard to improve quality of life, Poltorak said. "When we know what the standard is and we don't have the resources to provide those facilities to our soldiers, it's very frustrating ... I know what the standard is for soldiers and they deserve the best."

"It's beautiful," said Sgt. Frederick Stoner, a soldier with A Company, 123rd Signal Battalion, who attends leadership classes in the facility. He said while the old building was efficient, the new one is more pleasant and provides a better learning environment.

There are eight individual Army Learning Centers on Fort Stewart serving the different units.

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Desmond Clarke, 9 (foreground) and 10-year-old Shareece DeLeon prepare to exchange fire in a water-gun maze at the Army Community Services 37th Birthday Celebration Friday behind the ACS building. The celebration also included a children's play palace and a talent competition.

## Kids invited to celebrate

Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

Hunter Public Affairs Office

Kids of all ages are invited to participate in Hunter Army Airfield's first National Kid's Day celebration, scheduled to be held Saturday at the Army Community Services center, Building 1286.

Sponsored by the Directorate of Community Activities and Services and the Boys and Girls Club, the event will feature free games and rides for children of all ages, a static helicopter and military vehicle display.

Additionally, children are encouraged to bring their bikes and helmets to participate in the bike rodeo, hosted by the installation's military police.

But the event seeks to do more than just entertain kids for a few hours, according to Terri McMillan, Hunter Youth Services director. A variety of informative and educational materials for parents will be available during the festival.

"This is a national event held each year in August to promote family togetherness so parents can have something to do with their children that involves the whole community," McMillan explained. "We are having a community expo so parents can get information on the community while keeping the children entertained with games and activities. It's just for everyone to come out and have a good time."

In addition to the variety of activities available, a number of family readiness groups will be on hand to provide an assortment of snacks for those who may work up an appetite, McMillan said.

Although this is the first time Hunter has participated in National Kid's Day, it will be a regularly scheduled event, according to McMillan.

"The Boys and Girls Club gives us the information on the event and we supply what we want to do," she said. "So it's actually a community effort. A lot of units and individuals on post are involved in this — the garrison commander, the 559th Quartermaster Battalion, Aviation Brigade, 260th

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## Bowling sleuth solves mystery

SpC. Robin M. Tenney

Staff Writer

*It's a rainy Wednesday night. The veteran detective sits in his dimly lit office. The evidence of the unsolved case lay scattered about his desk — crumpled pieces of paper, photographs from his late-night surveillance, overflowing ashtrays, empty whiskey bottles and a Colt .45. He has been working tirelessly for weeks, and is perilously close to piecing the clues together.*

Recently, a Fort Stewart soldier was able to use clues to solve a mystery.

SpC. Nathaniel Davis, A Battery, 1st Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery, successfully put five obscure clues together and identified the Mystery Trip destination in the Army's Mystery Bowl promotion.

Davis and his family will now enjoy a vacation package at the Wyndham Palms Resort & Country Club in Kissimmee, Fla.,

courtesy of [www.GovArmy.com](http://www.GovArmy.com) and Wyndham Resorts.

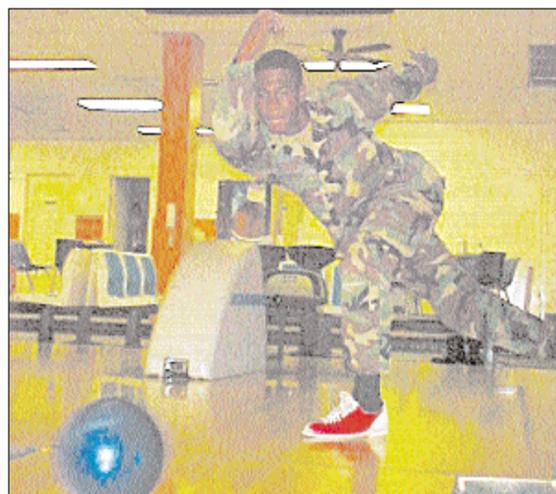
The online Mystery Trip contest was one part of this summer's Mystery Bowl promotion, still on-going at 96 Army Bowling Centers.

Hundreds of bowling patrons around the world logged on to try and guess the trip destination using clues such as a tower of stones furnished by governors, a prime minister and a U.S. president; meteors, stalagmites, petrified wood from 20 countries; a cowboy, but not a cowboy; and one sweet location with heavenly connections.

"I was really surprised," Davis said. "I didn't think it would be that easy."

According to Davis, he used a search engine on the Internet to figure out the mystery.

"I started reading the information on Kissimmee and I could see where the other

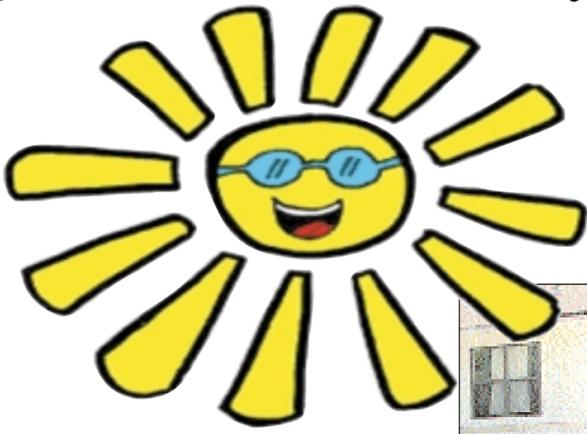


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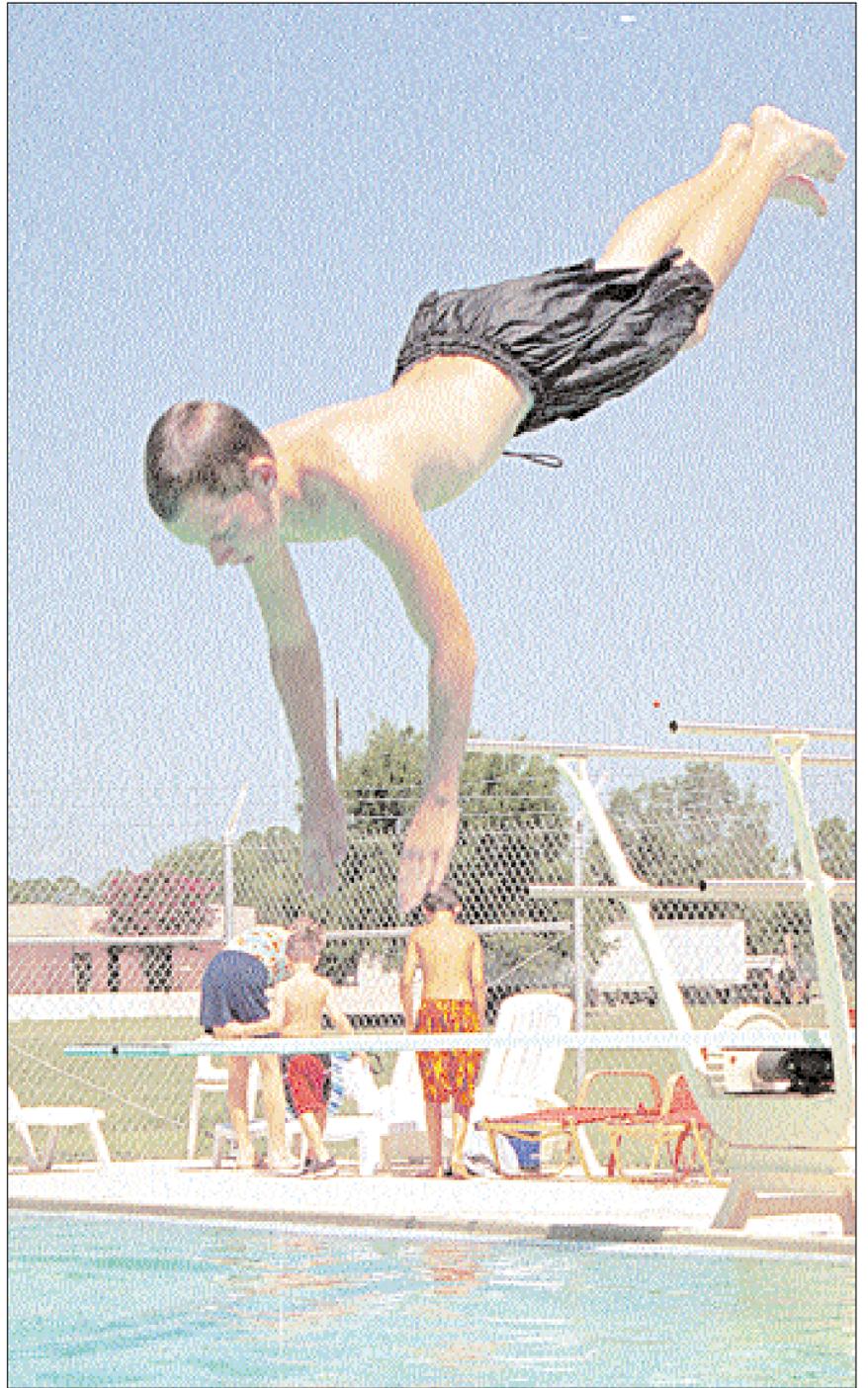
SpC. Nathaniel Davis, A Btry., 1/3 ADA, shows off his bowling skills at Marne Lanes July 24.

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# Dive into Summer

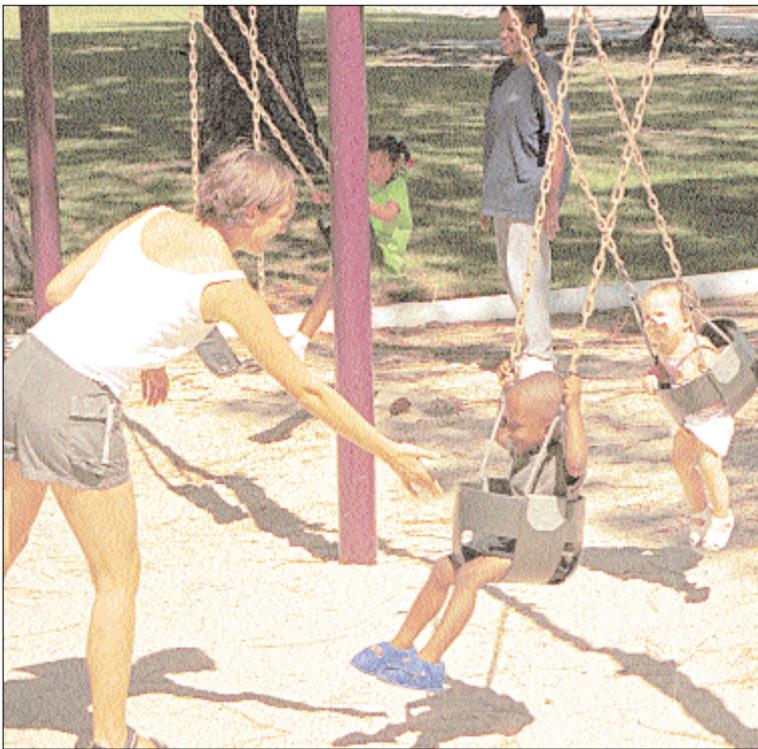


For children on post, Georgia's summer skies and warm temperatures can set the tone for many outdoor activities. Eight-year-old Sam Dickerson (left) Antonio Watson, 10 (center), and Anthony Felipe, 12, decided to get out and burn some energy by shooting hoops in the streets of Bryan Village Monday. When the boys were ready to cool off, they headed for the swimming pool (pictured in the background).



*Pfc. Natalie Schlotman*

Dennis Subject, 13, dives into summer with flawless form as he springs off one of the two diving boards at Corkan Swimming Pool Monday.



Carina Bulley (left) pulls double-duty as she pushes 3-year-old Myels Wilborn and her daughter, 14-month-old Jaymie at the Post Library Playground. In the background, Myels' mom, Kathy, and sister, Gabryel, enjoy some one-on-one bonding time.



With sunglasses, water and a golden tan, Lifeguard Jessie Miller keeps cool while she pulls watch at Corkan Pool. The pool is open Mondays through Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, 1 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There is a \$1 entry fee.



The heat is no match for Spc. Ray Pollock, 133rd Military Police Co., as he plays tennis at the Newman Physical Fitness Center Tennis Courts. Pollock is returning the serve of his opponent, Sgt. Jonathan Springer, of the same company.

Fort Stewart residents aren't the only critters who head outside in the summer. Sand gnats, mosquitoes and other insects can put a damper on summer fun. Many people use bug repellent to keep the pesky insects from ruining their time outdoors.



The Stevenson sisters keep cool by eating snow cones in the shade. Miranda, left, 6, and Alexandra, 5, are both enjoying their icy treats in front of the Post Exchange.

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## Chaplain Corps has long history of service in combat, community

**Chap. (Capt.) Chris Edwards**  
26th FSB

The Army Chaplaincy is the oldest of the military chaplaincies, and predates the Declaration of Independence by almost a year. The second Continental Congress created the position of the chaplain on July 29, 1775 as recommended by Gen. George Washington. Later that year, on Nov. 28, 1775, the Navy Chaplaincy was created by the same congress. The Air Force Chaplaincy came into existence on July 26, 1949.

The Chaplain Corps is authorized four distinctive insignia. The cross, the tablet, the buddhist wheel and the crescent. The cross is a symbol of Christianity and is worn by all Christian chaplains with no distinction between protestant and Catholic. The cross was approved as an insignia in 1898. Jewish chaplains wear insignia symbolizing the tablets of Moses, which have Hebrew characters representing the ten commandments. Above the tablet of Moses is the six-pointed star of David. The Jewish insignia was approved in 1918 and was changed to incorporate the Hebrew characters in 1981. Buddhist chaplains wear the Buddhist wheel, symbolizing the perfectness and everlastingness of Buddhist teachings. The eight spokes of the wheel indicate the eightfold right path, the most fundamental teaching of

Buddha. The Buddhist insignia was approved in 1991. The Muslim chaplains wear the silver color crescent symbolizing the Muslim faith. The Muslim insignia was approved in 1993.

The Army Chaplain Corps comprises the largest military chaplaincy in the world. As of January 2002, there were 1280 active duty chaplains, 557 Reserve chaplains and 599 National Guard chaplains. Assisting these 2,436 chaplains were 2,550 chaplain assistants. Army chaplains and chaplain assistants have served in all areas of the world — from the battlefields of the Civil War, to the Bataan Death March, in the jungles of South Vietnam, to the sands of Southwest Asia. Since the foundation of the chaplain corps, more than 270 chaplains have died as a result of hostilities. More than 25,000 chaplains have served since 1775 in 36 wars and 242 major combat engagements.

From 1861 through 1975, six chaplains were awarded the Medal of Honor. More than 3,400 other chaplains received combat decorations including 27 Distinguished Service Crosses, 44 Silver Stars, 719 Bronze Stars and 109 Purple Hearts.

The Chaplain Corps and its components have and will continue to serve the United States Army in combat and the community. *Pro Deo Et Patria.* For God and country.

### Birth announcements

**July 15**  
**Christopher Landen Ray**, a boy, 8 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Zachary Ray and Spc. Patricia Mochel.

born to Spc. Andre Easter and Spc. Takice Stewart.

and Sharon Binion.

**July 22**  
**Daman Christopher McCool**, a boy, 7 pounds, born to Spc. Cody S. McCool and Jennifer O. McCool.

**July 23**  
**Matthew Scott Porter**, a boy, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Pvt. 2 Jared Randall Porter and Ann Porter.

**July 26**  
**Olivia Madison Miller**, a girl, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Robert Michael Miller and Deanna Marie Miller.

**Makenzie Renee Wallace**, a girl, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. William D. Wallace and Kimberly S. Wallace.  
**Anika Takice Stewart**, a girl, 6 pounds, 10 ounces,

**July 24**  
**Keelan Jacob Moss**, a boy, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Brennan M. Moss and Carrie Moss.

**Xavier Zhaquan Jackson**, a boy, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Darryl Jackson and Sherra Jackson.

**July 25**  
**Rysa Jo'nyce Binion**, a girl, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Pfc. Martin Binion

**Isaiah Tyreak Ibraheem**, a boy, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Eric Harleem Ibraheem and Spc. Rhonda Lee Ibraheem.

# Worship Opportunities

## Fort Stewart

	Location	Time
<b>Catholic</b>		
Daily Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.
Saturday Mass (2nd, 4th, 5th)	Victory	5 p.m.
Spanish Mass (1st & 3rd)	Victory	5 p.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	9 a.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	7 p.m.
Wednesday Mass	WACH	11:45 a.m.
<b>Protestant</b>		
Sunday Service	Heritage	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Liturgical	Heritage	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Matters	Vale	11 a.m.
Sunday Contemporary	Marne	6 p.m.
<b>American Samoan</b>		
Sunday Service	Heritage	1 p.m.
<b>Muslim</b>		
Friday Jum'ah	Bldg. 9182	1:15 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Bldg. 9182	5:30 a.m.
<b>Seventh Day Adventist</b>		
Saturday Sabbath School	Vale	9:15 a.m.
Saturday Divine Worship	Vale	11 a.m.
<b>Healing Service</b>		
Tuesday Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
<b>Lutheran</b>		
Sunday Worship	Heritage	11 a.m.
<b>Contemporary Service</b>		
Sunday	Marne	6 p.m.

## Hunter Army Airfield

<b>Catholic</b>		
Sunday Mass	Post Chapel	9:30 a.m.
<b>Protestant</b>		
Sunday Service	Post Chapel	11 a.m.

# A little piece of Heaven



*Pfc. Katherine Robinson*

**Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.), Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield commanding general (left), and Chaplain (Col.) Jeffrey Young, installation chaplain, cut the cake together at the Chaplain Corps' 227th Anniversary celebration at Marne Chapel July 25.**

## Center

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The centers are home to education counselors who help soldiers with personal and professional development, as well as trainers who supplement the soldiers' training in their military operational specialties.

At the learning centers, soldiers can receive counseling about their civilian educations, take Army correspondence courses, leadership classes and check out Army publications.

Other units may use the facility for

classes when it is not being used by DIVARTY or 1st Bde., Darsey said.

The commanders who approved the renovations have shown they support education and believe in education for the soldiers, she added. "I'm delighted that we are able to do this."

In his speech just prior to the ribbon cutting, Poltorak agreed.

"Education makes a good soldier better, and it makes us free."

## Day

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Quartermaster Battalion, 24th Ordnance and even the American Red Cross. We wanted everybody to have a hand in this," she said.

McMillan went on to say that the Hunter community grows stronger and closer by having events such as the National Kid's Day.

"It makes us a stronger community, it

allows people to get to know their neighbors, especially now when a lot of soldiers are deployed," she explained. "And, it gives families an opportunity to spend time with their children by doing something different."

For more information on National Kid's Day, call 352-6075.

## Mystery

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clues fit in," he added.

Davis, a Wednesday night league bowler at Marne Lanes, will have a year to use his vacation package that includes: transportation, eight days and seven nights at the Wyndham Palms Resort in a two-bedroom villa, a round of golf and cart at the Mystic Dunes Golf Club, a four-day pass to Disney

World, a one-day pass to Universal Studios and a one-day pass to Sea World.

"I'm excited," Davis said with a smile. "I haven't been down to that area yet. I'm hoping that my parents are able to go."

The Mystery Bowl promotion will continue through the end of August.



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a  
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# Volunteer Spotlight



**Jennifer Johnson**



**J**ennifer Johnson was a volunteer for the Red Cross Youth Program at Winn Army Community Hospital throughout the summer.

Not only did she give a helping hand to the hard workers in the OB/GYN Clinic, she never said "no" whenever help was needed in other parts of the hospital.

"I like volunteering because I get to learn new

things about the hospital and about the people who work there," Johnson said. She enjoys cheerleading, gymnastics, and shopping.

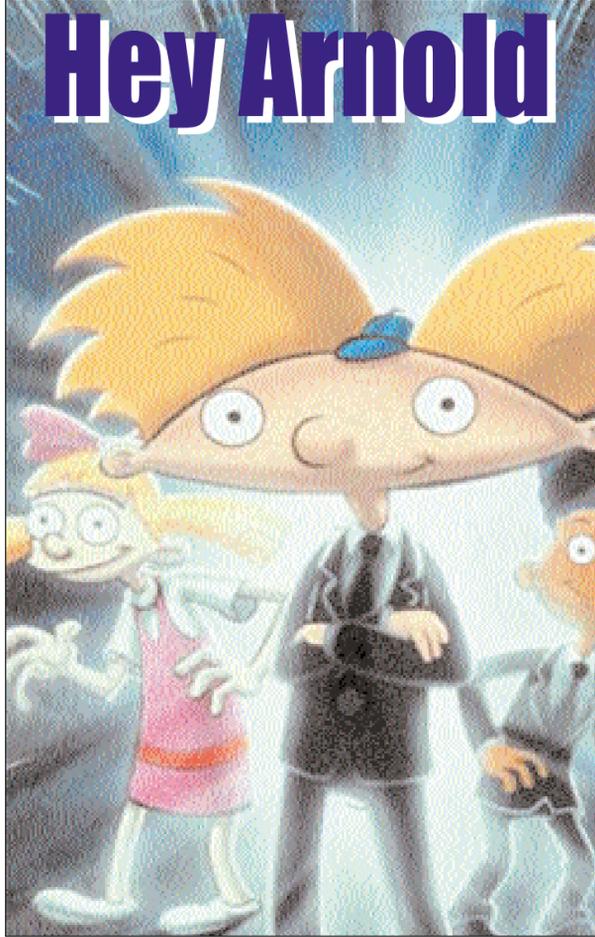
She also loves to chat with her friends, listen to music, and watch TV.

If you'd like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital, call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903 or e-mail [Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil](mailto:Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil).

# Pet of the Week

**S**ophie is a nine-week-old domestic short hair. She is very friendly and behaves well with other animals and children. All adoption fees at the Fort Stewart Vet Clinic cover the first series of shots.

If interested in adopting Sophie or any other dog or cat, call 767-4194 or stop by the clinic at 461 W. Bultman Ave., Building 1180.



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## Lost your pet?

Check out the Fort Stewart Vet Clinic. All stray pets found on post are taken to the facility.

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# WOODRUFF THEATER

August 1-August 7

**Admission for all shows is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.**

**Scooby-Doo (PG)**  
Starring: Matthew Lillard, Freddie Prinze Jr.  
**Tonight at 7 p.m.**

This first-ever, live-action adaptation of the beloved animated series catches up with Scooby-Doo and the Mystery, Inc. gang as they meddle their way into a bonafide mystery that leads them into murky and possibly supernatural waters.  
Run time: 87 minutes

**Hey Arnold (PG)**  
Animated  
**Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.**

Arnold is up against a powerful industrialist who invades the city and buys everything in sight so he can knock it down and erect a huge "mall-plex." Can Arnold and his best friend Gerald find the document that can stop the bulldozers?  
Run time: 76 minutes

**Juwanna Man (PG-13)**  
Starring: Miguel Nuez, Vivica Fox  
**Friday, Saturday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.**

When a bad boy ballplayer gets booted out of professional basketball, he wants so much to return to the game that he disguises himself as a female all-star, "Juwanna Man," and joins the Women's National Basketball League.  
Run time: 91 minutes

For more information, call The Woodruff Theater at 767-3069.

