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3ID veterans reunite in Savannah

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Veterans, Soldiers and family members of the 3rd Infantry Division gathered in Savannah to celebrate the 85th Annual Society of the 3rd Inf. Div. reunion Aug. 27 through 31.

Veterans and Soldiers got the chance to exchange stories at banquets, dinners, presentations and participate in a Fort Stewart tour which included Soldier demonstrations, a museum tour, Warrior's Walk and the 3rd Inf. Div. painting unveiling.

"The combat veterans of the 3rd Infantry Division past and present are the reason that this division has such a great strong heritage, said Col. Karl R. Horst, assistant division commander __ maneuver. "They forwarded the division's high standards through their blood, sweat and tears."

The Society of the 3rd Inf. Div. was organized in 1919 and is the oldest continuous Army veterans association.

"There is a lot of history in the division and it gives you a lot of pride to be a part of it," said Jim Tiezzi, new society president.

Both veterans and current Soldiers got to visit with each other during the weekend events and share experiences.

"Our Soldiers are very proud to be able to mix and mingle with the veterans and their families," said Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr., 3rd Inf. Div. commanding general. "For the veterans, it gives them reassurance that their sacrifices were worth it, and that our Soldiers of today are carrying on those traditions."

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Pfc. Nicholas Harvey, B Co., 2/7 Inf., shakes the hand of Ludwig Schneikel, a World War II veteran at Marne Gardens Aug. 29 during the Society of the 3rd Inf. Div.'s reunion tour to Stewart.

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Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr., 3rd Inf. Div. Commander and Col. John M. Kidd, Fort Stewart Garrison Commander, fill out pledge cards at the CFC kickoff Sept. 8 at Club Stewart. Donations are being accepted through Dec. 1.

Coastal Empire kicks off CFC

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Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield kicked off the Combined Federal Campaign Wednesday at Club Stewart a day after the Coastal Empire's CFC kickoff held Tuesday at The Hunter Club.

Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, 3rd Infantry Division commanding general and Col. John M. Kidd, Fort Stewart garrison commander filled out pledge cards to officially kick off the Stewart/Hunter campaign where Webster encouraged every Soldier and federal employee to contribute.

The CFC allows federal employees and military personnel to support and contribute to international, national and local charities of their choice during the annual charity drive, which runs from Sept. 1 through Dec. 1.

Its mission is "to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all," according to the CFC Web site, **www.opm.gov/cfc/**.

"Our objective is to ensure that every Soldier and civilian employee has the opportunity to contribute to the campaign," said Jake Umholtz, Stewart and Hunter CFC co-chairman.

There were 50 local organizations in attendance at the Hunter event, which

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HURRICANE IVAN UPDATE

As of 11:50 a.m., Sept. 8

Hurricane Ivan was moving in a west-northwest direction at 14 knots. The center of Ivan was 12.7 N and 66.2 W or about 800 miles east-southwest of Jamaica. Maxium sustained winds were about 140 mph with higher gusts keeping Ivan a Category 4 hurricane. Hurricane force winds extended 70 miles out from the center with tropical storm force winds extending 160 miles out.

The full impact to Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will be known on Friday. The next 48 hours are mapped out but the steering flow becomes less evident afer the 72 hour point. No impact is expected for the next five days in association with this system.

Tune in to Marne TV (Cable Channel 16) for weather updates.

Weather Forecast

	High	Low
FRI	88°	70°
SAT	88°	69°
SUN	88°	69°

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Donald Daly pauses to read the name on one of the Operation Iraqi Freedom memorials at Warriors Walk Aug. 29 during the reunion tour of Fort Stewart.

Dog face Soldiers old, new swap experiences

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President's Reception and Dinner

The first major function of the reunion was the President's Reception and Dinner in which Webster and Jerry Manly, the outgoing society president welcomed everyone to Savannah.

"I sincerely hope the society will continue to be made up of members who share common bonds and have a common interest in looking out for each others' welfare," Manly said. "We must never forget that we are members of the best division in the best Army of the best country in the world."

Webster spoke of the reorganization of the division, how high Soldiers reenlistment statistics currently are and of the training Soldiers are receiving in preparation for the deployment back to Iraq.

"Our Soldiers will do incredible things for this nation if they feel like they are a part of a good team and feel appreciated for doing something noble," Webster said.

Symposium

The next day began with the 3rd Inf. Div. symposium and a video of Dog face Soldiers during the Thunder Run through Baghdad during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Then Col. Glenn L. Burch, 3rd Inf. Div. chief of staff, showed a slideshow to veterans explaining the division's mission, the Marne communities, Soldier and equipment numbers, future training and deployment map and about reorganization and how it is going to benefit the division in Iraq.

The 3rd Inf. Div. chorus then sang a medley of songs which included the "*Star Spangled Banner*," "*God Bless America*" and "*Viva La Company*."

Then Soldiers from 3rd Battalion ,15th Infantry Regiment showcased the current combat equipment and weapons that are used in the Army today.

"We are giving them a familiarization of the weapons systems now and give them a feel of how warfare has changed," said Spc. Randall Swallows, B Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment.

Veterans and Soldiers were also given the chance to meet each other and share their experiences.

"I have a vast appreciation for all the veterans," Swallows said. "Hearing their stories gives you a good base of respect of what they went through and by sharing experiences we have a certain connection."

Fort Stewart Tour

The Fort Stewart tour began at Marne Gardens in which Soldiers from B Company, 2nd Battalion 7th Infantry Regiment were brought in by UH-60 Blackhawks, tactfully maneuvered to the stage area, and performed combative training for the veterans and their families.

Soldiers and veterans then got the chance to shake hands and thank each other for what they did and what they are doing now.

"It's tremendous listening to these Soldiers' experiences and visiting with them," Manly said.

After meeting and taking a group photo with Webster and Soldiers, veterans visited the Fort Stewart museum to view memorabilia and history that they are a part of and many told stories of their past experiences.

After the museum, a group of 3rd Inf. Div. veterans greeted Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans at Warrior's Walk and read the names of Soldiers who lost their lives fighting for their country.

"Warriors Walk means so much to us," Webster said. "It is our connection to our fallen comrades who couldn't make it back from combat, and it reminds us all of the sacrifices that we have made."

The tour then made its way to Club Stewart for the unveiling of the 3rd Inf. Div. painting.

"All of you know the traditions of the 3rd Inf. Div. and a painting can only go so far in being a part of that tradition," said Jim Deats, painter. This painting is of 3rd Inf. Div. Soldiers in Iraq, and in

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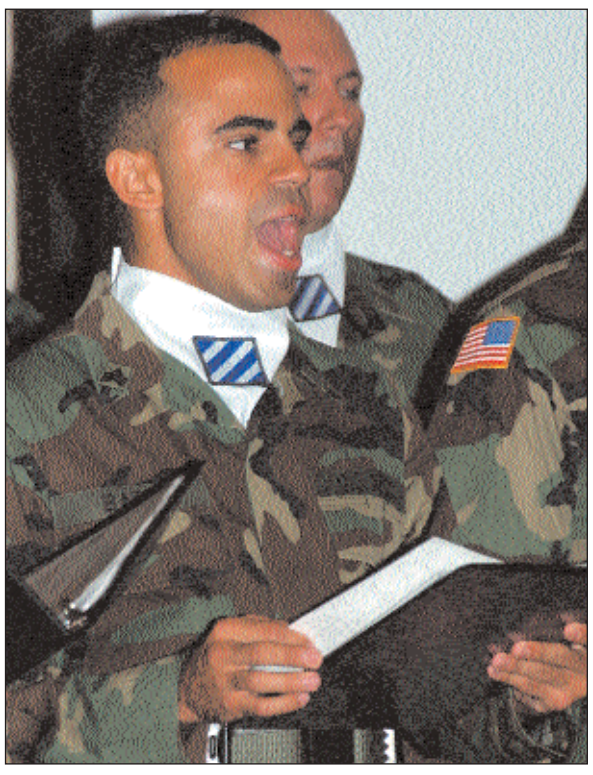
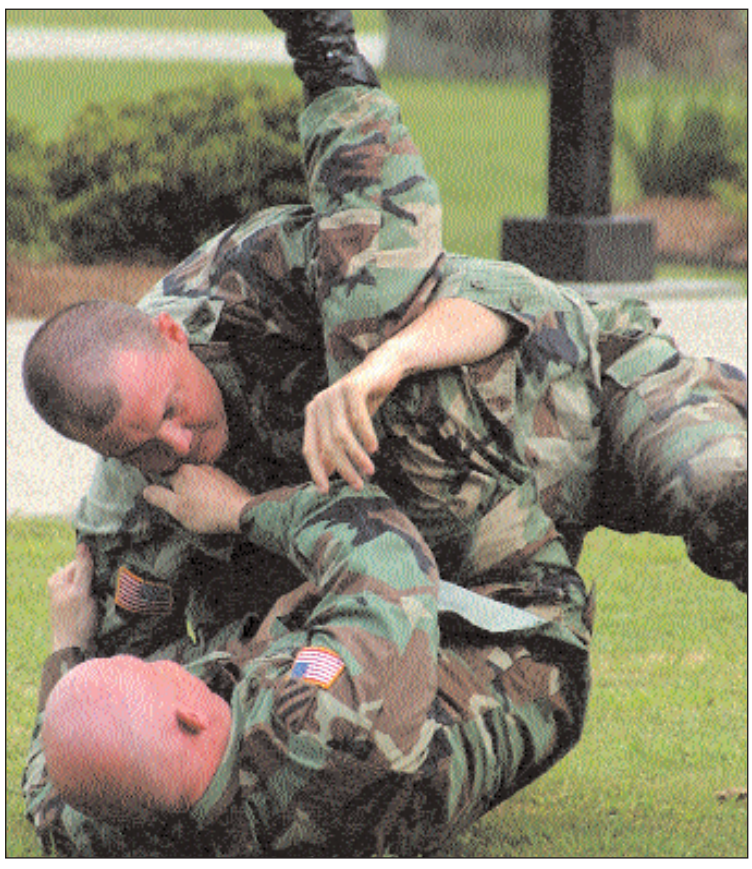
Bill and Eileen McChesney dance the night away at the banquet dinner Aug. 30 in Savannah.



Sgt. William Baez, 3rd Inf. Div. Chorus member, sings *"God Bless America"* to veterans during the symposium.

Pfc. William Witten, B Co., 3rd Bn., 15th Inf. Regiment, shows Richard Rhoades, 7th Infantry Regiment association president, the monocular night vision device at the 3rd Inf. Div. symposium Aug. 28 in Savannah.



Staff Sgt. Billy Harris and Staff Sgt. Charles Heard of 1st Brigade Headquarters, perform combatives training for 3rd Inf. Div. veterans at Marne Garden Aug. 29 during the reunion Stewart tour.

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said Jim Deats, painter. "This painting is of 3rd Inf. Div. Soldiers in Iraq, and in many years Soldiers of today will be able to view this painting and what it signifies and realize something about their service."

Banquet Dinner

A banquet dinner was held the final night of the reunion. It began by recognizing Tiezzi. He stressed the importance of recruiting new members and encouraged all members to give suggestions and ideas on how to improve the society.

"I am humbled and honored to be the new society president and I will serve to the very best of my ability," Tiezzi said.

Next the society awarded its outstanding members and the Soldier and noncommissioned officer of the year.

Horst ended the event with a thank you speech from all 3rd Inf. Div. Soldiers.

"We want veterans of the 3rd Infantry Division to know that they are our heroes," Horst said. "Over the past few days we have reacquainted you with your past, we have shown you the present, and we have afforded you a peek into our future."

He spoke of the many wars and battles the division has been a part of and of the sacrifices everyone has made.

"Through it all, the men and women of the Marne Division have always risen to the challenge and have fought and will always fight proudly to uphold the freedom and democracy that we as Americans enjoy today."

He then spoke of the current situation in Iraq and that every veteran there needed to keep spreading the 3rd Inf. Div.'s story.

"Those here in uniform tonight are your legacy and we are always ready to answer the nation's call just as you and your battle buddies did when the call went out to you," Horst said. "We will always endure that the heritage and reputation of the 3rd Inf. Div. remains second to none just as you established it many years ago."

Words from War Heroes

John Shirley, World War II, 15th Inf. Regt. received the French Legion of Honor Medal Aug. 15, which was given to nine representatives for their country's involvement in the invasion of southern France during World War II. It was given on behalf of all the servicemen who fought in that battle. He also has a Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, one Purple Heart and a Combat Infantry Badge. He spoke of his experiences during the war and the importance of that battle. "Being a part of the 3rd Inf. Div. was wonderful," Shirley said. He mentioned that the division had the most casualties, campaigns and invasions of any division in the war.

"It's wonderful to come back and be with fellow Soldiers for it was a big time in our lives and we formed many relationships," Shirley said. "There is quite a common bond among veterans and every year less and less of World War II veterans are able to attend."

William Herndon, 15th Inf. Regt. veteran from World War II was a former Prisoner of War. "It is something that stays with me all the time and not a day goes by that I don't think of what happened," Herndon said. He spoke of his experience, but expressed that he now enjoys attending the reunion and visiting young Soldiers.

"It is especially good when veterans can meet with the younger Soldiers and share experiences," Herndon said. "All of the Soldiers seemed to know their jobs very well and I am proud of the way the Army is today."

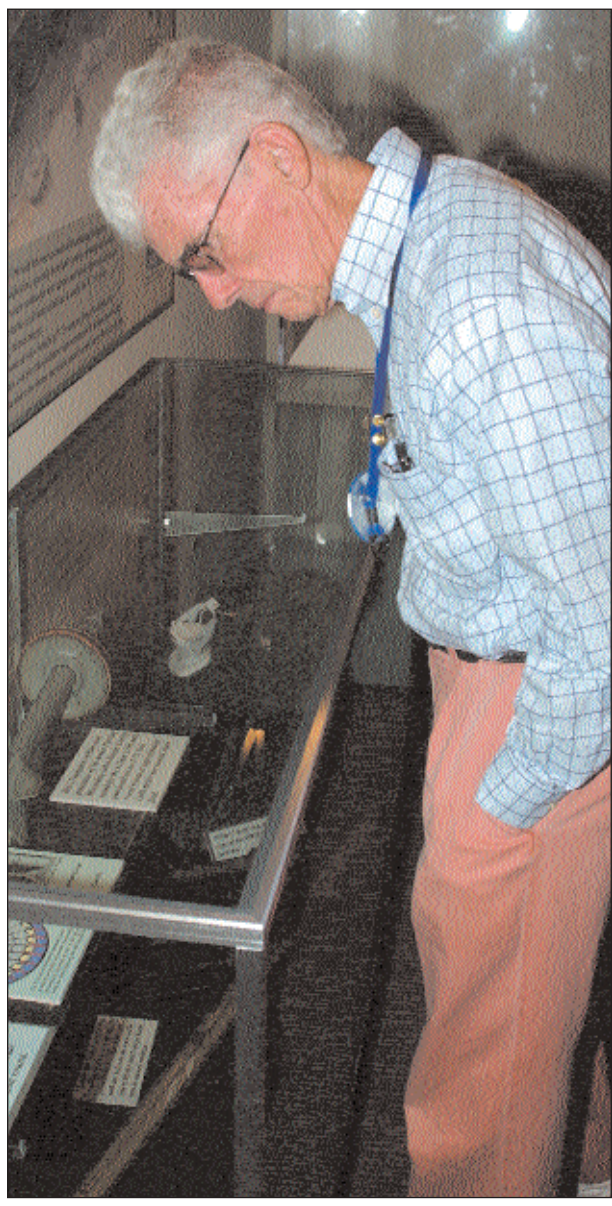
Donald Hotz, served from 1951 through 1952 during the Korean War with a medical company attached to 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment. He told stories of his time on the frontline and how he reminisces and meets many fellow war veterans at the reunions he attends. "My job included giving Soldiers a daily foot inspection, in which I would check for frostbite," Hotz said. "It is very important to change your socks and keep them dry."

Veterans from other divisions — like Ludwig Schneikel who served from 1942 through 1945 with the 37th Inf. Div. — made their way down to the reunion to share their story with other World War II veterans.

"I enjoy it when other veterans talk about their experiences and I have gotten to see many places and meet many people," Schneikel said.

Schneikel received two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star, and a Good Conduct Medal while defending his country.

"I feel good about what my husband has accomplished," said Phyllis Schneikel. "It was hard on all of the veterans who had to serve and fight and not knowing from day to day whether their life would be at stake."



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Donald Daly looks 3rd Inf. Div. artifacts inside the Fort Stewart museum Aug. 29.

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was held to encourage the donation of funds to the CFC, the largest and most successful workplace fundraising model in the world, said Karen Blackard, CFC coordinator.

"Federal employees created the CFC — one campaign, once a year," Blackard said. "In 2003, federal employees across the country raised more than $249 million for charitable causes."

Stewart and Hunter helped out the campaign last year by raising a record $377,000 and have the goal of reaching $378,000 this year.

"Our Soldiers and fellow workers have always had a strong sense of making contributions to charitable organizations to help support our communities and to help support each other," Webster said. "If every Soldier and fellow workers from Stewart and Hunter contributed two dollars a month, we could nearly double the amount we collected last year."

Every unit has a representative to inform Soldiers about the campaign and to pass out pledge cards for donations.

"Each unit will be given a goal of its own to contribute and we will keep track of the campaign weekly," Umholtz said.

Donors who contribute more than $100 will receive a gift for their support.

"Most of the contributions that charities receive will go unnoticed with the exception to the people who receive them," said Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Gallagher, 1st Brigade, 3rd Inf. Div. command sergeant major. "But these organizations are hard at work helping our community and it is important that we support them."

Some of the local charities and organizations in attendance at the Hunter kick-off were the Georgia United Service Organizations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Consumer Credit Counseling Service, Memorial Health Trust and the Effingham Victim-Witness Assistance Program — to name just a few.

These charities which serve the local area or adjacent counties apply directly to the Local Federal Coordinating Committee, which serves as a "board of directors" of the local CFC.

Speakers at the Hunter kick-off were Dan Drake, LFCC chairman, and Brig. Gen. Mark O'Neill, 3rd Infantry Division assistant division commander - support.

"What are the responsibilities of citizens of a democracy?" O'Neill asked those in attendance. "What is it that we can do, what positive action, to make a difference?"

"The CFC offers us an organized, straightforward and directed way to make a difference," he continued. "Fundamentally, citizens in a democracy must pull together for the common good … CFC gives us that opportunity."

Locally, federal employees raised more than $570,000 for the CFC in 2003. The goal for 2004 is $575,000.

"Many of our fellow Soldiers, civilians and family members have been significantly helped by organizations under the CFC umbrella," Webster said. "Our contributions do matter and they could impact somebody we know everywhere we go."

Webster said, "This year can be another record year for us if we put our heads together and talk to our Soldiers and coworkers and let them know about the massive change they can help execute around the region by a small contribution to the CFC."

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

Marne Six Sends

CFC provides opportunity to contribute

Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr.
3rd Inf. Div. Commanding General

Soldiers and federal workers have always had a strong sense of making contributions to charitable organizations to help support their community and each other. The Combined Federal Campaign provides us with an excellent opportunity to make a charitable contribution to a wide variety of choices each year.

With everyone's help, this year's campaign will beat our contribution record set in campaign 2003 of $377,000. If every one of us contributed just two dollars a month, we could surpass this record.

CFC as a fundraising effort traces its history back as far as 1948. To underscore the importance of the program every President since President Kennedy has been involved in determining the shape and scope of the program.

The first true combined campaign was conducted as an experiment in six cities in 1964. The result was a substantial increase in contributions and highly favorable response from the work force. In 1971 all campaigns became combined and the payroll deduction was introduced. As you can imagine, the payroll deduction significantly increased the size of contributions by making it easier to participate.

The Marne team has a great community in Fort Stewart and the Coastal Empire of South East Georgia. Our local Federal employee team (military and civilian) from Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield has consistently increased its overall contributions during the last four years by an average percentage of a little more than 9 percent a year. 2004 can be another great year for our team.

I encourage you to participate by contributing what you can to organizations of your choice.

Many of us know of fellow Soldiers or civilians who have been significantly helped by organizations under the CFC umbrella. Some of those who have been helped are right here in our own team and community.

Without efforts like CFC we would be hard pressed to help our teammates who have been helped to the same degree with which they have been supported...our contributions do matter...and can impact someone we know.

Our team's goal in this campaign is $378,000. Units will have a goal based on assigned personnel with a comparison of last year's contributions. Let's take on this annual challenge with the energy and enthusiasm that we attack every mission and in doing so I am confident that the Marne community team will exceed our goal.

Thanks for your support! Mission ... Soldiers ... Teamwork!

Marne Six Out.

Hurricanes: how bad are they, really?

Spc. Emily J. Wilsoncroft
Staff writer

— Commentary —

Where I'm from, early September is about the time when the snow tires come out of the garage, the screens come off the doors, and the winter coats begin to appear.

The last thing on my mind, as a kid, was whether or not a giant rain- and windstorm would flood my house and knock it over.

We were more worried about a giant snowstorm dumping four feet on the city and keeping us prisoners in the kitchen until Easter.

Now I'm in the South, and although I've been able to say goodbye to my winter garb, since here it only gets down to about 40 degrees in January (beach weather!), I've learned that just because it's warmer, that doesn't mean that nature's any kinder.

When I first heard the term "hurricane evacuation," I thought of it as more of a concept, rather than an option for summer activities.

Even though Charley, Frances and Gaston didn't hit Savannah, I know now that I was naïve about the danger of hurricanes.

I'd like to issue this warning to any Northerners reading this who may have preconceived notions about the South and its weather issues:

STAY UP THERE! IT'S WAY, WAY, WORSE THAN WE THOUGHT.

Should a hurricane land in Savannah, my immediate reaction would certainly be to flee, but since that's what approximately all of the population will be doing, some might want to consider more constructive alternatives.

After a good night's sleep and a peanut butter sandwich, I came up with a few excellent ideas, and would like to offer them up for public consideration.

•Learn how to swim.
•Learn how to surf.
•Learn how to attract rescue vehicles.
•Learn how to fly.

Although these may seem obvious to more on-the-ball readers, there are some who — and I'm not mentioning any names — either might not have thought of them on their own, or might not have considered them as viable options.

Trust me, they are ... but do what you want; I'm already halfway to Canada.

Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

What are your tips for preparing for a hurricane?

"Be prepared. Have food, canned goods and water stocked up beforehand, and have an evacuation plan."

Sandy McNeal
Dependant

"Make sure you have something sufficient to eat. Keep watch and get ready to run, and have an escape route in case you do have to leave."

Spc. Jim Shiver
351st Postal Co. AG

"Get all important papers and picture albums together, and get flashlights and medicine. Make sure you have a full tank of gas and the basic items you need."

Barbara Hardeman
Concessionaire

"Prioritize. Take care of your family, then make sure your house and belongings are secure. Board up windows, get candles, lights and batteries."

Pvt. David Grega
D Co., 3/7 Inf.

"Have a practice drill. Make sure your family knows and has practiced the evacuation route. That way there's no confusion or getting lost."

Angela Knight
Dependant

"Get ready. When all else fails, take a knee and drink water!"

Spc. Scott Harrison
A Co., 4/61 Inf.

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CSM works to prepare brigade for Iraq

Pfc. Jacqueline Watson
Staff Writer

Many of us can probably look back and point out the leaders we've had in the Army who were nothing short of exceptional — those who stood above the rest simply because they knew what it was to lead.

Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Gallagher, who recently stepped into the position at 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, has led in many capacities since becoming a command sergeant major 26 months ago.

From leading troops in ferocious battle to dealing with day-to-day individual Soldier issues, Gallagher has seen and done a lot.

Since becoming a part of 1st Bde., Gallagher said he has been having a good time, even with the pressure of having somewhat different priorities than usual. With the Operation Iraqi Freedom 3 deployment right around the corner for 1st Bde., Gallagher has been juggling many different types of responsibilities.

One of these is "rapid field initiative," which means making sure Soldiers know how to use the new equipment the brigade gets, Gallagher explained. The Soldiers need to be thoroughly aware of what the equipment's purpose is before they leave to use it in combat.

Really, he continued, there is only one of two purposes the equipment can have: to kill faster, with more lethality, or to provide force protection.

"It's up to us to set the example of how and when to wear and use it," Gallagher said. "The equipment we're getting and all the technology we are adding on to our weaponry — we have to understand how to use these things. Leaders need to know how to teach the Soldiers to use it."

There are three basic areas Gallagher has been focusing on for 1st Bde. The first is increasing Soldiers' proficiency levels with small arms.

"We are working to improve marksmanship at all levels, from Soldiers to team leaders and squad leaders on up," he said. "Individual Soldiers need to have the responsibility to be a subject matter expert about their weapon system, and be able to employ it in any situation."

Secondly, Gallagher said he is putting physical fitness as a definite high priority for the Soldiers of 1st Bde. His focus is on increasing fitness levels as much as possible before deployment.

And thirdly, he wants each Soldier to completely understand how to take care of their buddies and themselves medically in the field, Gallagher said.

"I want to get you to the fight fast, I want you to get your shot, and I want you to be able to fix yourself," he said.

In preparing his new brigade for Iraq, Gallagher's experience as a leader plays a big part in the way he makes decisions.

Gallagher was command sergeant major over 1st Bde., 64th Armor Battalion during Thunder Run outside Baghdad about 14 months ago. Their mission was to secure the lines of communication on highway eight, providing a linkage between two armored battalions.

Along the highway, at three pivotal intersections, objectives were set up that were called by the names Larry, Moe and Curly. For most of the time, Gallagher stayed at objective Curly.

"We encountered a lot of resistance at all three objectives," he recalled. "We had a decent gunfight at Curly. The Soldiers were great at all three objectives. I lost two Soldiers who went to resupply for fuel and were engaged on the way to Curly. Overall, besides the losses, the mission went well," he said.

During the fighting, Gallagher was wounded in the calf by a rocket-propelled grenade fragment, but didn't sustain any other major injuries.

One memory that sticks out in Gallagher's mind above others was when, after his leg had been wounded, his battle buddy came to his aid and bandaged the injury.

"It wasn't a medic. It was another Soldier. I think it's important to learn to practice self-aid and buddy-aid; it leaves the subject matter experts to deal with trauma cases," he said.

When a leader is out executing missions with his Soldiers, Gallagher expressed, the feeling is an awesome one.

"You're focused. You're in charge of these Soldiers and their performance is unflappable," he said.

That's how he felt in October of 1993, during the Battle of Mogadishu, in the Bakkarra district of Mogadishu, Somalia. Gallagher was a sergeant first class, and the mission was to seize key enemy personnel.

"It's still as clear as the day it happened, and not a day goes by that I don't think about one or all of those Soldiers," he said.

The battle was frightening, he continued, but giving up was never an option. The battalion secured 27 enemies, and Gallagher received a bronze star.

He was wounded three times at Mogadishu, with a gunshot wound to the hand and to the elbow, and a fragment to his upper back. But Gallagher said it was not his actions that stand out to him in his memory. It was the personal courage of the Soldiers he was with.

"They performed without thinking twice and without wanting recognition. They did things simply because they need to be done," Gallagher recalled.

In fighting situations, many times the enemy threat is not uniformed, and it uses the surrounding population to camouflage its intent, he said.

"It's the Soldier's mind that determines what is a threat," Gallagher said. "The professionalism of these young Soldiers who have been trained, it's incredible."

"Being out there was very rewarding. With the exception of the Soldiers who died, I'd leave everything the same. I wouldn't change anything," he said.

Gallagher spent six months in Kuwait, during the time Operation Iraqi Freedom began. He said he was looking forward to OIF3.

"If people are in the Army and are not willing to deploy, they need to find another profession. It's difficult to leave your family, but it is our job," Gallagher said.

He is proud of what he has accomplished, but Gallagher said he is more proud of his wife, Denene, his daughter, Kacy, and his Soldiers.

"My wife just completed firefighter academy, and was the only female to complete (the academy). She was one out of 22 to pass," he said. "And at age 12, my daughter was writing to West Point to see how to get enrolled. She's also involved in JROTC, and that's something that makes me proud. She's doing it for herself."

He is proud of the Soldiers whose family situations are very difficult, but who still come to work and put in 100 percent, he said.

"These things," Gallagher said, "are so much more courageous than anything I do."

Courtesy photo

Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Gallagher, 1st Bde., 3rd Inf. Div., poses for a picture while south of Al Fallujah in 2003.

He thinks of a buddy he had at Mogadishu, a noncommisioned officer who wasn't wounded during the battle, and went on to become an Army pilot. He later fought through cancer, and after recovering, fought to be able to deploy to Iraq. He died in combat there in January.

"That guy's career, the challenges he overcame — that's the kind of guy I look to and say I haven't done enough," he said.

After seeing all that he has during his career in the Army so far, and having known and led so many Soldiers, Gallagher has a definition of what it means to be a Soldier.

"It's the ability to do the right thing when no one is watching. As a leader, that gives me confidence in you. I can put you in any environment and have the confidence that you will do the right thing. You represent both the military and everyone in the country," Gallagher said.

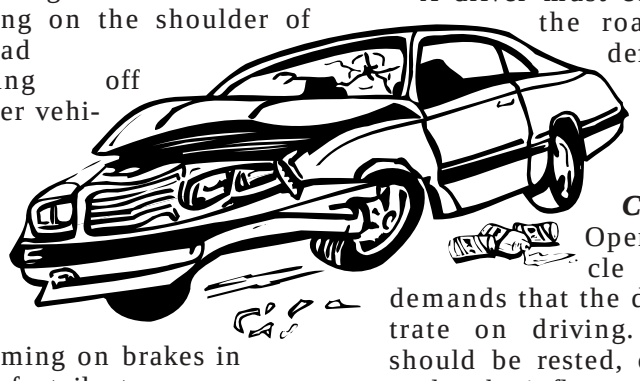
"Our profession is such a good one — everyone has the ability to make a difference. I didn't join the Army for money or opportunity. I joined it because as a young person I learned and understood my ability to have an impact on my community and my country," Gallagher said.

Steer away from road rage

Capt. Kevin Pugh
Provost Marshal Office

What is aggressive driving? Aggressive driving is the operation of a motor vehicle in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger people or property. Drivers doing any of the following may be committing acts of aggressive driving.

•Speeding
•Running red lights and stop signs
•Tailgating
•Passing on the shoulder of the road
•Cutting off another vehicle



•Slamming on brakes in front of a tailgater
•Improper hand or facial gestures at other drivers
• Yelling
•Repeatedly honking the horn
•Repeatedly flashing of headlights

Avoid aggressive drivers. Aggressive driving is a serious problem that continues to plague Highway 144 and is consequently responsible for many traffic accidents and fatalities. It is to your benefit to avoid aggressive drivers and potentially dangerous situations. If you encounter an angry or aggressive motorist:

•Do not retaliate or in any way engage the other driver. Get out of the way.
•Don't make eye contact.
•Keep your doors locked and your windows up.
•Keep enough space between you and the vehicle in front of you to pull out from behind.
•Do not underestimate the other driver's potential for aggression.

Don't become an aggressive driver. Anyone can become an aggressive driver. Don't let stress and frustration get the best of you while driving.

•Be patient and courteous.
•Do not drive when angry, overtired, or upset.
• Allow extra time to get to your destination.
•When possible, change your schedule to avoid congestion.
•Listen to relaxing music or books on tape.
•Give other drivers the benefit of the doubt - all drivers make mistakes.
•Avoid all conflict, even if you are right.

Alert Driving

A driver must concentrate on the road and drive defensively.

Concentration: Operating a vehicle safely demands that the driver concentrate on driving. The person should be rested, calm and not under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

One of the greatest hazards of roadway driving is drowsiness or "highway hypnosis." Lack of sleep or fatigue impact your ability to safely drive your vehicle. When taking a long trip, avoid drowsiness by stopping frequently to drink coffee, exercise or nap. Exercise your eyes by reading road signs or shifting the focus of your eyes to different parts of the roadway and the vehicle's mirrors. Make sure you are properly rested.

Defensive driving: Plan ahead for the unexpected. Always anticipate that other drivers on the road will make the worst decisions. Do not expect the other driver to do what you think he or she should do. Do not think you know what he or she is going to do. If you cannot avoid a crash, remain calm and try to choose the least dangerous situation. For example, running into a ditch is less dangerous than a head-on collision. Also, your chances of survival are greater if your vehicle is in good mechanical condition and all the safety mechanisms are in working order.

ASK THE JUDGE

Law of war training

Capt. Jacob Lilly
Staff Judge Advocate

Q: The unit training schedule lists the law of war as training for next month. What is the law of war? Where does it come from and who says it is law?

A: The law of war is the regulation of hostilities on land, sea or air. It was developed through the Hague and the Geneva Conventions which are international treaties which our country has signed. Under the constitution, these treaties are the supreme law of the land and must be obeyed. The secretary of the Army has published Field Manual 27- 10, which sets out these rules and requires American Soldiers to observe them. Many of the prohibitions in these conventions are also crimes under the Uniform Code of Military Justice to which every soldier is subject.

Q: This all seems really boring to me, so what can I expect the instructor to discuss?

A: The instructor will discuss several topics like your rights, duties and obligations under the Hague and Geneva Conventions and the customary law of war. These topics will include a discussion of forbidden targets, tactics, and techniques, treatment of enemy prisoners of war, other captured and detained personnel and civilians, and private property, caring for the sick and wounded, punishment for violations, and your duty to report law of war violations.

Q: A soldier in another unit, told me that they went to the field and conducted law of war/rules of engagement training. Why can't we just train in the classroom?

A: Guidance from the commanding general changed training requirements AR 350-1. Commanders will integrate law of war training (including guidance on Soldiers' rules) into unit activities. This will include leadership reaction lanes using realistic scenarios. A Judge Advocate will provide assistance as necessary including developed scenarios.

Q: That same Soldier also told me that he does not understand why we should obey the Hague and Geneva Conventions when the enemy does not obey them?

A: There are several reasons why we as Americans obey the law even if others do not. First, as Soldiers, we obey orders and the President, as Commander-in-Chief, has ordered all US forces to obey the law of war. Second; we hope that our obeying these rules will pressure the enemy into complying with the law of war. Third, complying with the Law of War helps us achieve our objectives more quickly and with less cost. An enemy is more likely to surrender if he knows he will be treated humanely than if he believes he will be tortured and an enemy nation will be more willing to negotiate if its religious and cultural property have not unjustifiably been destroyed.

Q: What is the difference between the law of war and the rules of engagement we are taught?

A: The Rules of Engagement are orders from the chain of command telling Soldiers when to use force. The rules of engagement you receive will have been reviewed by a judge advocate to ensure they comply with the law of war.

GMH wants to hear from you

Kelly J. Pack
GMH

In our continuing effort to improve our quality of service to our residents, we have started a new monthly forum for our residents to express their questions and comments. Our first GMH community meeting was held Sept. 1 at Club Stewart.

The meeting did not have an agenda; it was a question-and-answer session. Several GMH representatives were there to answer questions and listen to suggestions.

GMH is planning the next community meeting to be held on Friday Oct. 8 in the Marne Room at Club Stewart. We will be organizing the meeting differently this time improve efficiency. We will have a short form to fill out with your questions and will address these questions in the order they were presented to us. If you have a question or concern that you would like addressed, please be there at 9:15 a.m. to fill out the question form. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

GMH would like to have a great turnout for this next meeting. Please take a little time out of your day to help us improve our service to you.

Please contact our Management Office at 408-2460 on Fort Stewart or at 459-2140 on Hunter Army Airfield. If there is a question you would like addressed in our next article, please contact Kelly Pack at 408-2497. GMH is dedicated to quality service as we strive to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their families.

JRTC TRAINING

Sgt. R. James Piper

Spc. Jerry E. Thompson, a chaplain assistant with 3/3 Avn., sings "Lord I Lift Your Name" during Sunday's service.

Sermon at the airport ...

Services aid the spiritual well-being of Soldiers

Sgt. R. James Piper
Staff Writer

FORT POLK, La. — Soldiers have the opportunity to focus on their spiritual well being Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Dining Facility tent at the Joint Readiness Training Center.

"We are in a training environment, and we need to train not only our military skills but need to work on our spiritual skills also," said Aviation Brigade Chaplain (Capt.) Bill Kilmer.

The service provided the Soldiers the opportunity to come together and worship while training at the Joint Readiness Training Center. The Sunday service gave the Soldiers the chance to share in their faith through songs, scripture reading and a sermon.

"I believe spiritual guidance is essential to carrying out the mission," said Chaplain (Capt.) Kemperal J. Hinsley, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment chaplain.

Although the service wasn't held in a church or building, the Soldiers are also in an unorthodox setting, Kilmer said.

"Chaplains will go with the brigade and provide services no matter the setting," he said.

In addition to the weekly service, the battalion chaplains are offering bible studies throughout the week. If interested, Soldiers should contact their battalion chaplain for times and location.

This rotation at JRTC brings the brigade one step closer to its upcoming deployment to Iraq.

"As people prepare for the longer deployment, having a faith will keep us strong," Kilmer said.

Hinsley said that many Soldiers are concerned about what the deployment will be like and how it will be to leave their family, friends and homes behind.

He said that it's a wonderful feeling to provide spiritual guidance to Soldiers but also an awesome responsibility.

Hinsley said "People are looking to you (as a chaplain), from the commanders to privates, to give some sort of (spiritual) guidance or some type of condolence before heading into harms way."

Convoy last step to getting vehicles in place

Sgt. R. James Piper
Staff Writer

FORT POLK, La. — There have been many moving parts to get the Aviation Brigade's vehicles and equipment from Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., Fort Bragg, N.C. and Fort Campbell, Ky. to Alexandria, La.

From trains to commercial trucks, vehicles and equipment have been arriving at a steady pace before the Soldiers of the brigade can begin the training at the Joint Readiness Training Center.

There are about 350 pieces of equipment that were shipped by the brigade.

"We've been moving vehicles pretty fast off of the rail head," said Capt. Sean O'Connell, assistant brigade logistics officer. "We've been moving 25 or more vehicles off of the trains each day."

The vehicles are intermingled with 2nd Bde.'s so once everyone gets in a rhythm the pace will pick up, he added.

"Our main objective is to retrieve all of the vehicles off the railhead to prepare for the box," said Staff Sgt. Phillip Foster, maintenance manager for Headquarters Support Company, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion.

A driver pool made up of various Soldiers from the brigade offload the vehicles from the trains. Many are mechanics so a vehicle can be fixed on the spot.

"Sometimes the vehicles have to be coaxed mechanically to get them off the train," O'Connell said.

Once the team downloads a vehicle it's moved to a fuel point and topped off before being lined up for the convoy.

The battalions received estimates of when their vehicles would be offloaded and ready to be moved to the airport.

"The main thing is to get the troops to site and make sure they have everything they need for success," Foster said.

Once all of the drivers are assigned a vehicle, they line up and prepare to make the 40 mile drive to the airport.

Anytime someone moves a large piece of equipment there are safety concerns, O'Connell said.

To counteract the safety risks, the Soldiers keep a four-second interval between vehicles, have someone riding with them and are provided a strip map to the airport.

The passenger's role is to navigate and make sure the driver stays alert and awake, Foster said.

The lead vehicle and last vehicle both have contract cell phones so they can keep in touch or make an emergency phone call.

Foster said, "The main thing we're concerned about is the safety of the Soldiers and civilians on the road."

Sgt. R. James Piper

Vehicles from 603rd ASB convoy to the Alexandria International Airport from Fort Polk after being downloaded from the rail load site Sept. 4.

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Spc. Samuel O'Farril and Spc. Gary Ruiz, Armament and Aviation electronic repair specialists with A Co. 603rd ASB, tighten a safety line on hydraulics lines on an Apache. The two mechanics are attached to 3/3 Avn. for the rotation to provide maintenance support.

3/3 Avn. ready to take to the skies

Sgt. R. James Piper
Staff Writer

FORT POLK, La. — Soldiers need aerial support and the Soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment are ready to supply it.

The battalion has deployed to the Joint Readiness Center to hone their skills.

"My goals out here are to build a relationship with the ground commanders. We want them to have confidence that if they need us, we will be there," said Lt. Col. Morgan Lamb, 3/3 Avn. commander. "Also I want to build the team going into combat and build key training aspects ranging from TOC operations to maintenance."

"I hope this exercise will demonstrate what Apaches bring to the fight," he added.

An attack helicopter battalion has a variety of missions, ranging from engaging and destroying targets, providing convoy escorts, security during cordons and searches and providing a quick reaction force against enemy ground forces.

For example, two helicopters would accompany a convoy and call back potential ambush sites and improvised explosive devices.

"We let the convoy commander know what's in front of and behind him. If an enemy attacks, we will either engage to destroy or suppress the enemy so the convoy can make it pass," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Scott McCrosky, AH-64 Apache pilot with A Co. 3/3 Avn.

Equally as important as the missions the pilots fly is the maintenance the mechanics perform on the aircraft.

"It's a collective team effort for the battalion to maintain the helicopters," said Sgt. 1st Class Barry Pearson, shop supervisor.

Each company has about 35 maintainers in its maintenance platoon, while each line platoon will average 10 mechanics. There are four different specialties for an Apache unit.

"For every one hour of flight there is about five hours of maintenance for the aircraft," said Sgt. 1st Class Donald Carefoot, platoon sergeant for (A Co., 3/3 Avn). "About three hours of that is going through preventive maintenance checks and services on the helicopter.

"Not every bird is going to break after flying, but averaging it out, you'll end up with two hours of maintenance among aircraft," he added.

Pearson said missing one step in the maintenance process could be crucial on that helicopter maintaining its flight.

"Helicopter maintenance is very important to do right. A helicopter can't park on a cloud so you must make sure the work is done correctly and by the TM," he added.

Also, 3/3 Avn. excels at sports, and according to D Company, 1st Sgt. Harold Plattenberg, has the best athletes in the brigade.

This year they have won the Fort Bragg Intramural Softball tournament, took 1st place in both basketball and football while at Fort Hood, Texas, and have Soldiers who play on the Fort Bragg, N.C., basketball team.

He said, "We are ready to accept the challenge from anyone in the brigade. The battalion always come out victorious and takes the trophy back with them to Fort Bragg."

Food service specialists gain experience for deployment

Sgt. R. James Piper
Staff Writer

FORT POLK, La. — Feeding a brigade at the Joint Readiness Training Center is no easy task. With more than 1,000 Soldiers on the ground, the food service specialists of the Aviation Brigade cook up two hot meals a day.

"It's our mission to feed the Aviation Brigade and the 260th Quartermaster Battalion, and teamwork is key to our success," said Staff Sgt. Jamone Drummer, Headquarters Support Company, 603rd Aviation Support Bn.(food service noncommissioned officer).

The food service specialists are up at 3:30 a.m. to prepare the morning meal for the Soldiers using Mobile Kitchen Trailers.

"It's an early day so you have to love this job," Drummer said.

Preparations for the evening meal begin usually around 1 p.m., but depending on the meal it may take longer to prepare.

"It's a lot of work, but you get to see the benefits of your product," said Danny Parks, a food service specialist with HHC, 3rd Bn., 3rd Aviation Regiment. "It definitely gives you a sense of personal satisfaction at the end of the day."

One aspect that helps get the meals to Soldiers is the kitchen patrol, better known as KP. Some of the things the KPs help with are loading and unloading the food onto the LMTV to transport the food, keeping the tables clean in the dining facility tent, helping serve the food and washing the mermite containers after the meal.

"The KPs are very valuable," Drummer said. "We wouldn't be able to complete the mission without them and the support of the battalions."

Although their day-to-day mission is to prepare food, the Soldiers will gain valuable experience that will aid them when the brigade deploys.

"The training for us will be just like real life where we will have to convoy to bring the food to the Soldiers," said Staff Sgt. Kenneth Andreas, senior food operations sergeant for 3/3 Aviation.

He said no one at JRTC will let them do the training halfway so the training is going to help prepare them for any situation.

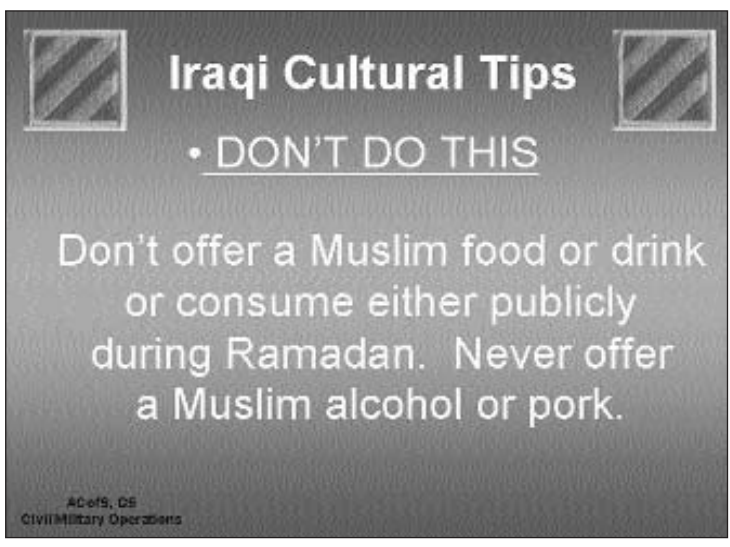
"Being a 92G (food service specialist), you tend to spend most of your time in a kitchen so this is something that will really prepare us for Iraq," Andreas said.

Sgt. R. James Piper

Pfc. Trenton Coley, HHC, Avn. Bde, pours macaroni noodles into a pot as he helps prepare the macaroni and cheese for Monday's dinner.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Georgia's Water Quality Control Regulation, and the Fort Stewart Sewage Spill Contingency Plan, notification is hereby made to the public of a release that occurred Sept. 7, 2004 from a Land Application System located at Wright Army Airfield. Due to heavy rainfall associated with Hurricane Frances, the system's lagoon was inundated by excess rain entering the system and exceeding its capacity. The highly diluted wastewater spilled over into an adjacent wetland. Upon discovery, installation personnel responded immediately, containing the wastewater from further release into Goshen Swamp. The spill was contained at approximately 3:00 p.m. It was determined that an estimated 30,000 gallons of wastewater was discharged to the Goshen Swamp. Fort Stewart has taken preventive measures to mitigate any additional spill over. Any questions can be directed to the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Branch at (912) 767-2010.



3ID IN BRIEF

Stewart

STOMP

Specialized Training of Military Parents is Sept. 15 and 16, 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Club Stewart. This training is sponsored by ACS and the Exceptional Family Member Program. For more information, call Laura Arisohn at 767-3032.

Spouse to Teacher Program

This briefing is sponsored by GA State Troops to Teacher in Bldg. 130, Sept. 22, noon to 1 p.m. For more information, call 767-8331.

9/11 Ceremony

Ceremony is Friday, in front of Brittin Elementary School, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. For more information, call Principal Tillman at 368-7516/14.

International Day

ACS is hosting "We Are The World" Sept. 20, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Club Stewart. Admission is free and open to the general public.

For more information, call 767-5058.

FEGLI

Federal Group Life Insurance has open season through the month of September. Questions and answers related to eligibility and the open season can be viewed at: **www.opm.gov/asd/htm/2004/04-203.asp**

Spend $1,000,000

Stewart and Hunter are the 2004 winners of Army Communities of Excellence Award. The posts received a formal recognition ceremony at the Pentagon, a trophy, an ACOE Flag and **ONE MILLION DOLLARS** to spend. The garrison commander needs help in deciding how to spend this money.

You can submit your suggestions several ways:

- Mail to
  Chief of PAI Office
  190 Stockton Circle (Bldg. T-25)
  Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314
- Call 767-6228
- E-mail the PAI Office through ICE System. Go to **http://ice.disa.mil**

Estate indebtedness

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of Sgt. 1st Class Jeremiah H. Barness, HHB, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31313, or contact 1st Lt. David Sherer, HHB, 1/9 FA, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31313, or call 767-8006.

Hunter

Comedians

Phatt Katz Comedy Show will be held at 8:00 p.m. The show will be held every first Sunday for the rest of the year. Each month will be a new set of comedians.

Spouses Club

Hunter Spouses Club September Luncheon and Membership Drive is Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hunter Community Club. Spouses of active duty military, retired military and DA Civilians should plan to attend the September luncheon and membership drive featuring "Hollywood Ron's Savannah Movie Tours".

Come meet other spouses and discover some of the exciting programs we have planned for the upcoming year. Cost $12 per year. Lunch is $10 a person.

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Free childcare and lunch is provided both days. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

For more information call Laura Arisohn at 767-3032.

Estate indebtedness

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of Air Force Airman Joshua M. Eason, 117th ACS. should contact Lt. Col. Byron K. King, 117th ACS, Comm (912) 963-6119, DSN 832-6119.

Winn /Tuttle

ER Remodeling

The Emergency Department will have minor disruption of services and space for remodeling. All emergencies and urgent care patients should still report to the ER.

Non-emergency patients are encouraged to schedule appointments with their primary care manager. Appointments, including same-day appointments, may be scheduled by calling 370-6633.

Full Service PX Pharmacy

The full service Satellite PX Pharmacy is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Free Screenings

Cholesterol screenings will be available 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, in the main lobby at Winn. Cholesterol and blood pressure screenings will be available 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the PX.

Update DEERS

Beneficiaries must keep their DEERS information up-to-date or they may not be able to receive referrals, schedule appointments or access TRICARE Online. Winn and Tuttle use DEERS information to contact you regarding referrals and appointments. DEERS information can be updated by calling 1-800-538-9552, visiting: **www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/default.cfm** or stopping by Bldg. 1209.

EDIS

Educational and Development Intervention Services is now located next to the main pharmacy in Winn. Military families with children up to 3 years old who may be at risk for developmental delays can call EDIS for a free screening.

For more information, call 370-6349.

TRICARE Phone Numbers

For general health care information, you can call the Humana Military Audio Library at 1-877-217-7946. If you have questions about TRICARE, you can call TRICARE at 1-800-444-5445 or the Health Benefits Office at 370-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Interested in volunteering

Volunteers are always welcome and needed to help in general administrative and clinical areas. For more information about becoming a volunteer at Winn, call Heather Conkle at 767-2197 or send an email to **redcross2@stewart.army.mil.**

Marne TV

September 2004 Schedule

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

5 a.m.	Army Newswatch
5:30 a.m.	**MARNE REPORT**
6:30 a.m.	Air Force News
7 a.m.	Navy News
7:30 a.m.	Army Newswatch
8 a.m.	**MARNE REPORT**
9 a.m.	Air Force News
9:30 a.m.	Navy News
11:30 a.m.	Army Newswatch
Noon	**MARNE REPORT**
1 p.m.	Air Force News
4:30 p.m.	Navy News
5 p.m.	**MARNE REPORT**
6 p.m.	Army Newswatch
6:30 p.m.	Air Force News
7 p.m.	Navy News
10 p.m.	**MARNE REPORT**
11 p.m.	Army Newswatch
Midnight	**MARNE REPORT**

POLICE REPORTS

• **Subject:** Family member, 30-year-old female
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to dim lights
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Family member, 45-year-old female
• **Charge:** Theft by shoplifting
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 26-year-old male
• **Charge:** Driving while license suspended
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old male, 4th Bde.
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, slower driver must stay in right lane
• **Location:** Effingham County

• **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, Div. Spt. Bde.
• **Charges:** Simple assault consummate by battery, damage to private property
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 33-year-old male, 4th Bde.
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, careless or reckless driving
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence of alcohol, speeding 55/45, failure to yield to emergency vehicle
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, altering of a military identification card
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charge:** Driving while license suspended
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 27-year-old male, 4th Bde.
• **Charge:** Wrongful use of amphetamines

• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charge:** Wrongful use of cocaine
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Civilian, 20-year-old female
• **Charges:** Altering identification card, operating a vehicle without a license
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charges:** Speeding 69/45, driving while license suspended or revoked
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 19-year-old male, Fires Bde.
• **Charge:** Failure to appear
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Family member, 32-year-old female
• **Charge:** Theft by shoplifting
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 24-year-old female, 2nd Bde.
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 43/30
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private , 18-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to stop at a posted stop sign
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Carrying a concealed weapon, driving under the influence of alcohol (underage), speeding 65/45, improper lane usage
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 19-year-old male, Avn. Bde.
• **Charges:** Speeding 73/45, racing on highways or streets
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, 2nd Bde.
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 67/45
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 88/70
• **Location:** Richmond Hill

• **Subject:** Private, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Failure to obey lawful order, disrespect to a non commissioned officer
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 23-year-old male
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, improper stopping in roadway, improper safety restraints for child four years of age or younger
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 4th Bde.
• **Charge:** Wrongful possession of steroids
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 19-year-old male, 1st Bde.
• **Charges:** Public intoxication, indecent exposure, underage drinking
• **Location:** Ludowici

• **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 24-year-old female, separate battalion
• **Charges:** DUI, failure to maintain lane
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old female, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Underage drinking
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

DRINKING & DRIVING DON'T MIX

Soldiers focus on home life in preparation for OIF3

Pfc. Jacqueline Watson
Staff Writer

We hear a lot about Soldiers preparing for deployment. They are learning to clear and enter buildings, honing marksmanship skills on the range, working to become more physically fit and taking on fifteen-mile ruck marches. But not all of the training for Operation Iraqi Freedom 3 is physical in nature.

The Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery Regiment (MLRS) spent time Sept. 1 focusing on increasing their understanding of domestic violence in preparation for Iraq.

Although it may not seem to some that these two subjects are related, in fact, they are, said Capt. Frazier Epperson, HHS Btry. commander.

The two greatest causes of stress in a Soldier's life, he said, are holidays and deployment. With their stress levels high and with so many uncertainties, home life can sometimes feel the brunt of it.

"The new way the Army handles missions has a lot to do with what goes on during non-deployment times," said Sgt. Maj. Chester Colbert, 1/39 FA command sergeant major. "Building up to deployment, there is a greater chance of domestic violence because of the stress."

The purpose of the domestic violence class, which was led by Pamela Cox, Army Community Service family advocacy program educator, was to make the Soldiers aware of the issue before it became a problem. Colbert called it "early education."

"I feel it can benefit me to learn to handle my stress and not take it out on my family," said Spc. Ricky Sosa, 1/39 FA. "It's important to learn how to balance work and home."

The training was done in an informal, conversational manner, with discussions about the definitions of domestic violence and child abuse. The Soldiers in attendance participated enthusiastically with comments and opinions.

"I feel strongly that those in law enforcement need to come down hard on domestic violence," said Pfc. San'Tore Mathis, 1/39 FA.

The four forms of domestic violence outlined Cox's class, explaining how abuse can be either emotional, sexual, physical, or done through neglect. She also shared vital statistics with the Soldiers.

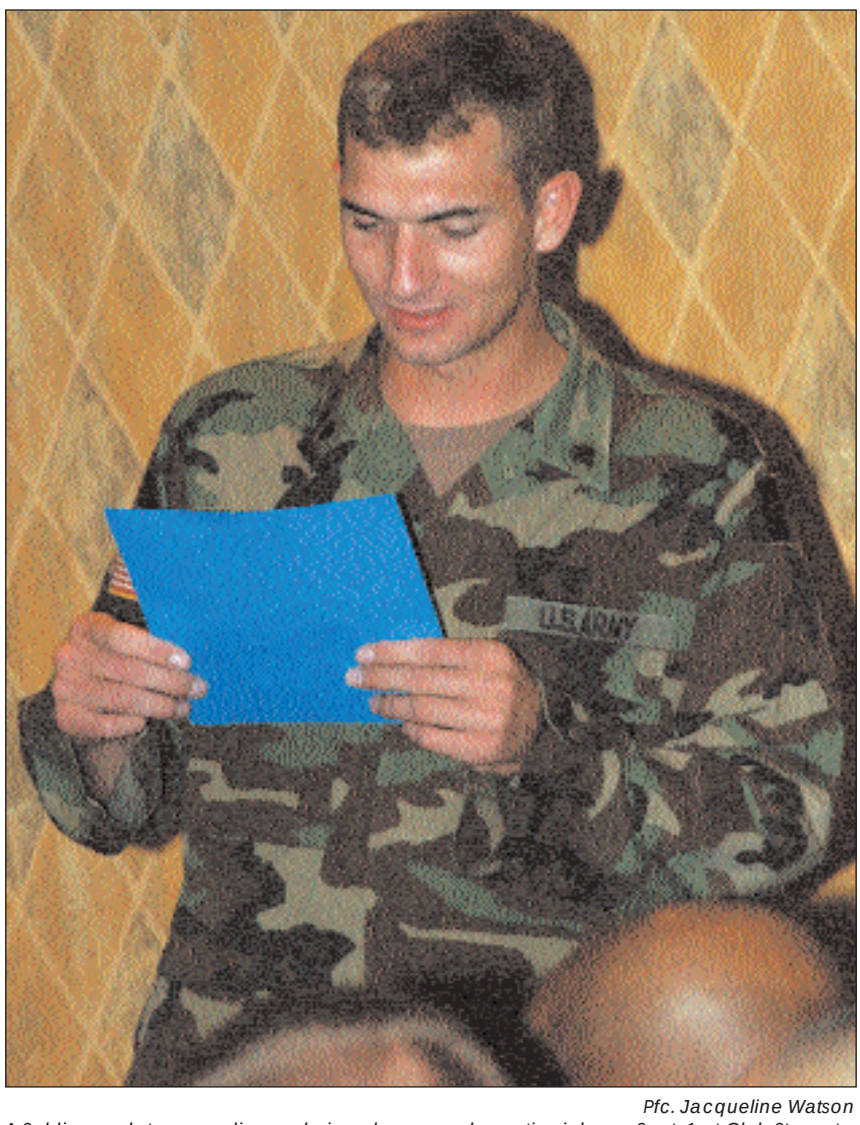
One by one, they worked through different true-to-life scenarios together, discussing whether or not each of them could rightly be called domestic abuse. The scenarios varied from a parent who punishes his child by beating him with a tree branch to a husband who takes the checkbook away from his spendthrift wife.

"We are a different world. The focus of America is different, and the focus of the Army is different," Colbert said. "There are more married people in the Army than there used to be, and many more young families."

He added that, when it comes to sensitive issues like domestic violence, Soldiers tend to listen more to outside agencies such as ACS than their chain of command.

"The training is important because it doesn't just affect the Soldiers; they take the info they learn here back to their wives and families," said Sgt. 1st Class Roderick Wilson, 1/39 FA.

"Classes like this help keep your eyes open," said Spc. John Thompson, 1/39 FA. "They let you know what to look out for when you're starting a family."



Pfc. Jacqueline Watson
A Soldier reads to an audience during classes on domestic violence Sept. 1 at Club Stewart.

CENTCOM News

1st Infantry Division detains twelve following indirect fire attack

Tikrit, Iraq — 1st Infantry Division Soldiers (2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment) detained 12 anti-Iraqi force members following an indirect fire attack on a Multi-National Forces base, near Balad, on Sept. 4 at about 10:30 p.m.

An OH-58D Kiowa helicopter followed a vehicle from the point where the attack originated and a Task Force 2-108 patrol conducted a search detaining the 12 individuals. The Soldiers transported the individuals to a Multi-National Forces base for explosives residue testing.

The patrol confiscated 11 AK-47 assault rifles, three bolt-action rifles, five grenades, two sniper scopes, four million Iraqi dinar (about $3,000), a large amount of drugs and drug paraphernalia. No Soldiers were injured in the original attack.

Tal Afar operations help bring stability, support

MOSUL, Iraq — The Iraqi National Guard, assisted by Stryker Brigade Combat Team Soldiers (3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division), entered Tal Afar Sept. 4 in search of Anti-Iraqi forces, beginning military operations to bring stability and security to the area. Soldiers detained 18 and killed two Anti-Iraqi Forces.

Stryker Brigade Soldiers in conjunction with Iraqi National Guard soldiers initiated operations at about 8 a.m., to capture or kill members of a known terrorist cell operating in the Tal Afar area, about 50 kilometers west of Mosul. The targeted terrorist was positively identified and detained. Three Iraqi National Guard soldiers were wounded when they were attacked with rocket propelled grenades. Two of the wounded Iraqi soldiers were evacuated to the military hospital in Mosul, and one was taken to a local civilian hospital.

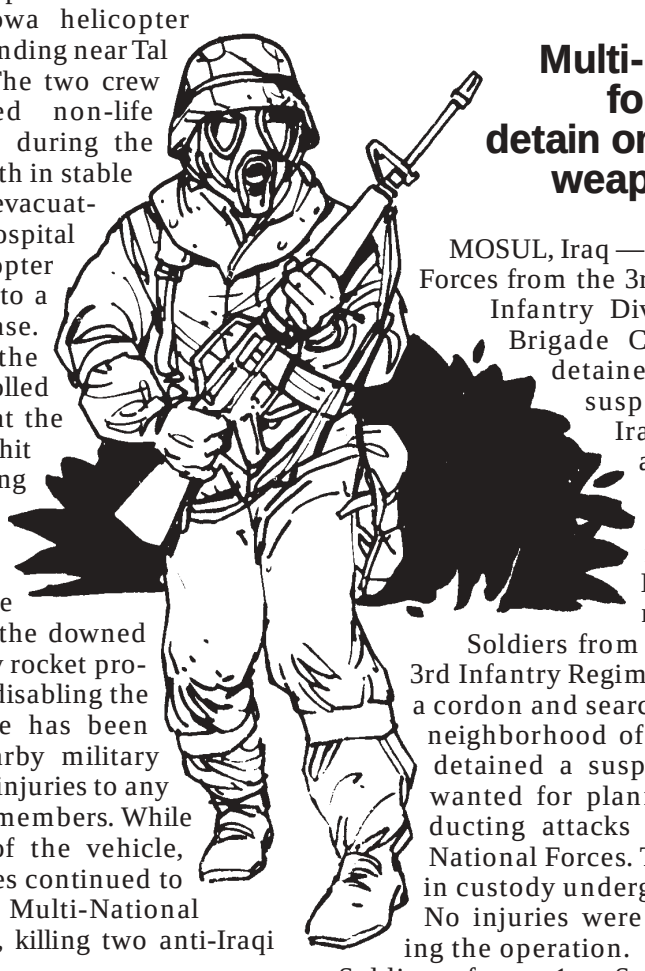
An OH-58D Kiowa helicopter made a controlled landing near Tal Afar about 9 a.m. The two crew members sustained non-life threatening injuries during the landing. They are both in stable condition and were evacuated to the military hospital in Mosul. The helicopter has been recovered to a nearby military base. Investigation into the cause of the controlled landing revealed that the helicopter had been hit by enemy fire, starting a fire in the engine compartment.

At about 9:20 a.m., a Stryker vehicle securing the site of the downed helicopter was hit by rocket propelled grenade fire, disabling the vehicle. The vehicle has been recovered to a nearby military base. There were no injuries to any of the Stryker crew members. While securing the site of the vehicle, Multi-National Forces continued to take enemy fire. Multi-National Forces returned fire, killing two anti-Iraqi forces.

In response to continued enemy fire, Multi-National Forces called in close air support at about 10:40 a.m. The aircraft dropped a bomb near the city.

Local hospitals are reporting 50 wounded and nine dead as a result of today's attacks on Iraqi National Guard and Multi-National Forces in Tal Afar.

The city of Tal Afar has been a suspected haven for anti-Iraqi forces crossing into Iraq from Syria. Multi-National Forces and Iraqi Security Forces have targeted the city to rid it of the anti-Iraqi forces conducting terrorist activities throughout the northern region and to bring peace and stability to the civilians who live in the city.



Multi-national forces detain one collect weapons

MOSUL, Iraq — Multi-National Forces from the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team) detained one person suspected of anti-Iraqi activities and discovered a variety of weapons and munitions Monday in northern Iraq.

Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment conducted a cordon and search in the Mosul neighborhood of Al Kahira and detained a suspected terrorist wanted for planning and conducting attacks against Multi-National Forces. The detainee is in custody undergoing questing. No injuries were reported during the operation.

Soldiers from 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment discovered a large weapons cache in the neighborhood of Al Magrab consisting of two-120mm mortar rounds, eight 105mm artillery rounds and 48 60mm mortar rounds. The Explosive Ordnance Disposal team destroyed the munitions and no injuries were reported.

Multinational Forces from Task Force Olympia continue to work together with members of Iraqi Security Forces, leaders and citizens of Iraq to make it a safe, prosperous, and democratic nation. Local citizens are urged to cooperate with security forces by providing information that leads to the capture and arrest of anti-Iraqi forces. Anyone with information is urged to call the Joint Coordination Center in Mosul.

Soldiers find four weapons' caches

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Coalition and Afghan National Army Soldiers found four weapons' caches Monday.

The first cache, which Coalition Soldiers found near Ghazni, included 80 120 millimeter mortars, 150 82 millimeter mortars, 20 122 millimeter rockets, 1,000 rounds 14.5 millimeter small arms ammunition, and 950 rounds 12.7 millimeter small arms ammunition.

That cache has already been destroyed.

ANA soldiers found a second weapons cache in a house in Shindand. The cache contained 734 anti-tank mines and fuses. They discovered the cache during presence patrols and searches of the area and have moved the cache to Shindand airfield. Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel will destroy it.

Coalition Soldiers discovered a third cache this morning near Tarin Kowt. The cache included two machine guns and one sniper rifle, an anti-aircraft gun, 20 boxes of hand grenades, three 82 millimeter mortar tubes, 300 AK-47s and AKM assault rifles, 12 to 14 anti aircraft tubes and a conex military shipping container full of rocket-propelled grenades and mortar tubes.

Most of the weapons are old and unserviceable. The serviceable weapons will be destroyed.

Coalition Soldiers found the fourth weapons cache near Orgun-E. The cache included 75 boxes of machine gun rounds, which the Coalition Soldiers picked up.

Tuskers pierce opposition during Marne Focus

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Photo by Pvt. Dan Balda

An M-1 Abrams tank lays down cover fire for infantry Soldiers while participating in a live-fire exercise Sept. 2 during Marne Focus.

As a part of Marne Focus, 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Soldiers practiced tactics recently learned during a live-fire exercise, Sept. 26, at two separate training areas on Fort Stewart.

For the purpose of training, the Soldiers were ordered to seize several objectives to enable the 4th Brigade to destroy forces in Macon, the epicenter of resistance in the 4-64's area of operation, said Maj. Shane Baker, operations officer.

The exercise began at the crack of dawn at the shoot house. The unit received intelligence that a terrorist training camp was in need of securing.

To remedy this situation, Bradley Fighting Vehicles moved in to get the D Company Death Dealers, as close to the objective as possible. The Soldiers exited the transports and ran towards the building with their weapons at the low ready.

Almost at the same time, the B Co. Bandits ran towards the objective from the opposite direction.

The lead Soldier kicked in the door as his fellow warriors ran in behind him to clear the room of any hostile forces, Baker said. Live rounds were fired at targets in rooms. Soldiers had to make sure they were as safe as possible by keeping their sector of fire clear so as not to injure anybody in the room.

After all the rooms in the 'training camp' were cleared the Bandits and the Death Dealers recieved the order to move out and secure a trench that held two bunkers with enemy role-players inside.

This time the Soldiers had a little more help to accomplish their mission.

They enlisted the help of M-1 Abrams tanks for this job.

The Abrams along with the Bradley's cleared the area of most hostile forces.

Ground troops then moved in from the wood-line to make sure the bunkers were clear of insurgents.

After successfully clearing the area of enemy role-players the troops gathered near their insertion point for an After Action Review.

"You guys did a fantastic job," Baker said. "I don't want you guys to get a big head but you deserve it."

"The troops have been working hard for two months with a lot of working weekends to get to this point," he said.

The mission was still important because the Tuskers still have to be ready for anything, even a high-intensity conflict such as this one, Baker said.

"Our guys did really well out there, but there are still some things we can tweak," Baker said.

Baker added, "We are right where we want to be for the next major training which will be at the JRTC (Joint Rediness Training Center)."

4th Battalion, 64 Armored Soldiers enter and clear a room while taking part in a Marne Focus exercise Sept. 2. Soldiers trained for the future deployment in support of OIF 3.

Iraqi phrases ...

Commands, Warnings and Instructions

For the next few issues, the Frontline will publish some Iraqi phrases which are extremely helpful and frequently used. This is the second in the series:

You are a prisoner — inta a-seer
We must search you — lazem in-fet-shek
Turn around — in-dar
Walk forward — im-shi li-gid-dam
Form a line — il-zam sereh
One at a time — waHid waHid
You are next — inta el-tha-nee
No talking — beleh Ha-chee
Do not resist — la-t-qa-wim
Calm down — ih-de'
Give me — in-Tee-nee
Do not touch — le til-zem / let-Tukh
Do not remove — le t-wa-kher
Keep away — ib-taa-id

Let us pass — khal-leena infuut
Don't be frightened — let-khaff
Don't be frightened (plural) — let-kha-foun
You can leave — tig-der teruuH
Go — ruuH
Go home — ruuH lil-beyt
Open — if-taH
Close — sid
Beware — deer-balak
Bring me — geeb-lee
Distribute — waz-ziaa
Fill — im-li
Lift — ir-faa
Pour into — Sub bil...